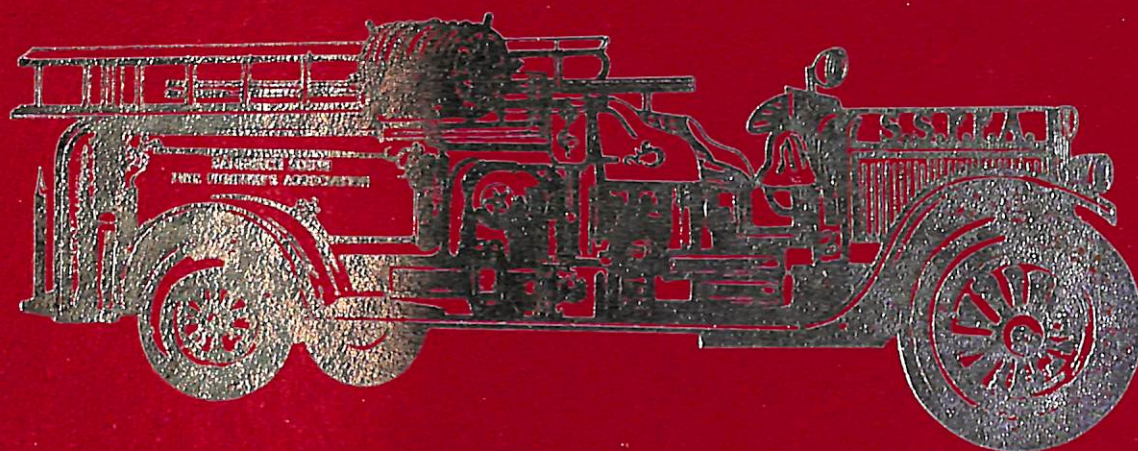


History of the Sandwich South Fire Department

"25 Years of Firefighting"



1965 - 1990

Township of Sandwich South



Fire Department

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to all of the past and present Volunteer Firemen of Sandwich South Township. We are grateful to these men who risk their lives to save people and property in our community.

INTRODUCTION

This book is a result of the 25th Anniversary of the birth of Sandwich South Fire Department. The challenge of researching and collecting information about the Department's past was found to be worthwhile and enjoyable. Much of my time was spent in the archives at the Essex County Library and the Windsor Public Library. Miss Judy Nostadt was a great help in assisting me in researching articles in which we found dating back to the 1950s. Information was also collected from past council minutes and reports which were obtained from the township's office and former Reeve Robert Pulleyblank. Hundreds of photographs were collected from Fire Chief Frank Nostadt, Deputy Chief Bruce Clark and Lieutenant Bill Burrows, and fire buff Ted Hanifan.

Unfortunately, I am sure there are some untold stories and forgotten pictures that are not captured in this book due to difficulty in obtaining unpreserved material. However, I come to realize while reading through these newspaper articles and council minutes that the Sandwich South Fire Department has a rich history, full of heroic deeds and achievements that need to be told. It was my aim to bring to light those past and present Fire Department members whose spirit of dedication will never be forgotten.

I extend my gratitude to all of those who generously assisted in this project. A special thanks to Fire Chief Frank Nostadt for his guidance and to my husband, Tim, for his support.

I take pleasure in presenting to you 25 years of Firefighting!

Wendy Halford

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WHAT IS A FIREMAN?

There are those men whom we all know,
Who'll answer calls in rain and snow
Whose dedication is unsurpassed
And any call could be their last.

Yet still they come, never turning back
It isn't guts these men lack
They've trained for fires, floods and more
Dedicated to the core.

I sometimes wonder what it takes
To want a job that's full of aches
To eat the forever endless meals
That once were hot, but now congealed.

To arise at midnight, half asleep
Into bunker gear they leap
No complaints, just dress and go
There may be life to save, you know.

Through smoke filled rooms they crawl until,
The fire is out and all is still
The job here is done, but does one know
Of the jobs that remain, like hanging hose.

Wiping down trucks, refilled air masks,
These are a few of the many tasks
Through tired and dirty they live for this day
When the help they give may in some way

Prolong a life, save a child,
The hours of training were then worthwhile
And daily I say this short prayer
Please God, protect them, everywhere

And if my man should lose his life
Please tell him I was proud
To be a fireman's wife.

WORD FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Sandwich South Fire Department

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On behalf of the Sandwich South Township Fire Department, it is my distinct pleasure to invite everyone in the celebration of our 25th Anniversary of our Department.

Over the past quarter century we have seen our Department develop and become recognized in our community and our Province. Through the volunteer firemen who have committed themselves in firefighting and in the prevention of fires, our Department has many accomplishments and awards to thank them for.

We take pride in our Department's achievements over the past 25 years and hope to continue this success in the future.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Nostadt".

Frank Nostadt, Fire Chief
Sandwich South Township



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of Ontario

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de l'Ontario

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May 3, 1990

On behalf of the people and the Government of Ontario, I am pleased to extend warm congratulations on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of volunteer service by the Township of Sandwich South Fire Department.

Over the past quarter-century, many individuals have given generously of their time and energy to the Sandwich South Fire Department. Indeed, the spirit of volunteerism is exemplified by the Department's firefighters who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to fire safety and prevention.

As you celebrate this special milestone in the history of the Township of Sandwich South Fire Department, I am pleased to extend sincere appreciation for your 25 years of community service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Peterson".

David Peterson



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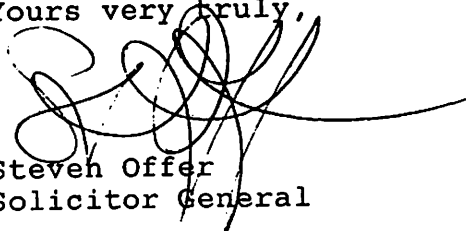
Dear Chief Nostadt:

On behalf of the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I wish to commend all of the members of the Sandwich South Fire Department, past and present, for 25 years of dedicated service.

I am aware that my Ministry, through the Office of the Fire Marshal, was involved in the formation of your department and this relationship is continuing today with the most recent milestone being the establishment of the Essex County Rescue Support System. The Sandwich South Fire Department houses and operates one of the three county response units which indicates your desire to be leaders in providing the best possible fire and rescue services to your residents.

Congratulations on your achievements to date and best wishes for the future.

Yours very truly,



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T O R O N T O

April 30, 1990

F. W. Nostadt, Fire Chief,
Sandwich South Fire Department,
5520 Walker Road,
OLDCASTLE, Ontario
N0R 1L0

Dear Mr. Nostadt:

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Sandwich South Fire Department on celebrating 25 years of volunteer service to the community.

The dedication over the past 25 years to protect your community is certainly recognized and respected on this special occasion.

Wishing you continued success in all your future endeavours knowing that your participation will be carried out with competence and enthusiasm - a service that is vital to your community.

Yours sincerely,


Jim McGuigan, M.P.P.
Essex-Kent



Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South

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May 1, 1990

Chief Frank Nostadt
Sandwich South Fire Dept.
5520 Walker Road
Oldcastle, Ontario
N0R 1L0

Dear Chief Nostadt:

It is truly a joy, on behalf of the council and citizens of Sandwich South Township, to extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Sandwich South Fire Department. It is difficult to express in words, the appreciation that is felt by all those living in Sandwich South, for this Department's 25 years of dedicated service.

In speaking of dedicated service, I am referring to untold hours of volunteer time spent in training; in maintaining equipment and servicing vehicles; and in acquiring and preparing a new rescue vehicle; and in working on future projects. This volunteer dedication means that we, as the members of this community, have one of the best fire departments anywhere.

Personally, I have the deepest respect for these men, who over and above their willingness to risk their lives in fighting fires, are also committed to doing whatever is necessary to be as fully prepared as possible. The operative word here is "volunteer". This type of giving not only goes a long way toward ensuring the safety and peace of mind of the people of Sandwich South, but it also continues to be an inspiring example to the young people of our community.

So once again, it is my privilege, on behalf of the people I represent as reeve of Sandwich South, to say congratulations, and also, my sincere thanks for your gift of 25 years of service to us. Our best wishes and continued support for the future.

Yours very truly,

Allan Parr
Reeve



Corporation of the County of Essex
Office of the County Warden

April 24, 1990

Sandwich South Fire Department
5520 Walker Road
Oldcastle, Ontario
N0R 1L0

Attention: F. W. Nostadt, Chief

Dear Chief Nostadt:

On behalf of County Council and the people of the County of Essex I wish to extend congratulations on the 25th Anniversary of your Volunteer Fire Service.

I have always felt that volunteerism represents the highest form of participation in our society. To offer to assist a community and to contribute to its betterment is a noble endeavour. This is particularly so in the case of the fire service, where the risk of injury or death is often involved.

Therefore I would ask you to extend to your volunteers my sincere gratitude for their service to our community. I wish you continued success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Gregory Stewart
Warden

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1990-03-24

Chief Frank Nostadt,
Sandwich South Fire Dept.,
5000 Howard Ave.,
Windsor, Ont.

Dear Chief Nostadt:

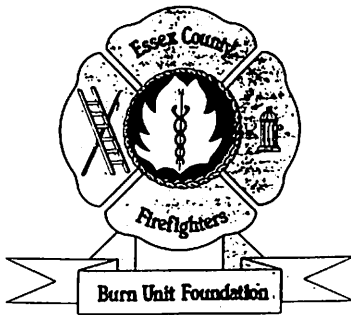
Congratulations on the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Sandwich South Fire Department. The dedication of the officers and firefighters of your department have, over the years, contributed to the present state of the art equipment and commitment to fire prevention and training that is evident today. Your department should be justifiably proud of its dedication and accomplishments.

I would be remiss also if I did not express thanks on behalf of the firefighters of Essex County for the active participation and support of your department over the years as related to the activities of the Essex County Fire Service Association.

Best wishes as you continue in the future in your public service.

Yours sincerely

Robert B. Kissner Jr.
Robert B. Kissner Jr.,
E.C.F.S.A.



Essex County
Firefighters
Burn Unit Foundation

April 23, 1990

Chief F.W. Nostadt
Sandwich South Fire Department
5520 Walker Road
Oldcastle, Ontario

Dear Chief Nostadt:

I wish to thank you and the members of the Sandwich South Township Fire Department for being members of the Essex County Firefighters Burn Unit Foundation.

I would like to inform you, as Fire Chief of Sandwich South Fire Department, that your contribution to the Essex County Firefighters Burn Unit Foundation is gratefully acknowledged.

As you are aware, the Burn Unit, located at Metropolitan General Hospital, and the Firefighters, see first hand, the tragic and life-disrupting consequences caused by fire. Your donation, along with others, will be used to enable us to keep pace with advances in medical diagnosis and treatment, plus continued education of physicians, nurses, technicians, and a burn awareness in the general public.

On behalf of the Essex County Firefighters Burn Unit Foundation, I would like to thank you for your continuing support of our great cause.

Sincerely,

Bill Burrows

Bill Burrows
President

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May 3, 1990

Fire Chief Frank Nostadt
Township of Sandwich South
Oldcastle, Ontario
NOR 1L0

Dear Fire Chief Frank Nostadt:

On behalf of the Sandwich South Goodfellow Club,
I wish to congratulate you and the firemen on your
25 years of volunteer service to our community.

The unselfish dedication of your Fire Department
is highly recognized in our Township. Your support to
our community needs have not gone unnoticed. We are
truly grateful for the contributions and efforts for
the annual Goodfellow Christmas Food Basket fund drive.

Once again, I extend our sincerest congratulations
and thanks for your contributions to our community.
We wish you continued success in the future.

Yours truly,

Clarence Lappan

Mr. Clarence Lappan
President
Goodfellow Club-Sandwich South



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May 3, 1990

To the Past and Present Members of the Sandwich South Fire Department:

On behalf of our fifty-two member agencies and special projects, the United Way of Windsor-Essex County wishes to extend our sincere congratulations to all those who have served the people of Sandwich South as fire fighters over the past twenty-five years.

We at the United Way, understand the value of volunteerism and truly appreciate the commitment it takes to serve our community in such a worthy manner. It takes a good person to be a fire fighter, however, it takes a great person to be a volunteer fire fighter!

Moreover, please be assured that your generous support of your United Way hasn't gone unnoticed. Many times over the last number of years we've called upon your Department to work with us in various endeavours. May it have been through participation in special events or your personal donations, you've always been there ready and willing!

We congratulate you on this special occasion celebrating your **TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY** and we salute you for your gift of time to the Township of Sandwich South and the County of Essex.

Wishing you continued success over the next twenty-five years.

Sincerely,

Tim Halford
Campaign Associate



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HISTORY OF FIRE FIGHTING IN CANADA

The history of Canada records no great fires previous to the year 1750, although it is to be assumed that there were destructive forest and prairie blazes. The first recorded fire of catastrophic proportions occurred in Halifax on July 11, 1750, and almost entirely destroyed it. As the town had been founded only in the previous year and there were no neighbouring communities to offer assistance, great hardship resulted.

Fire prevention in Canada began as an organized public activity in 1912, when a Canadian Committee of the National Fire Protection Association (U.S.) was set up. The Ontario Fire Prevention League was formed in 1913. In the following year a provincial fire marshal was appointed in Ontario and a Fire Prevention Association was established in Ottawa. In 1916 the Canadian Manufacturers' Association passed a resolution recommending that the Canadian Commission of Conservation be requested to participate in fire prevention, with the object of co-ordinating provincial, municipal and individual activities. A fire prevention engineer was engaged by the commission and a Fire Prevention Branch was established. In 1918, Fire Waste in Canada, a special report on conditions in Canada with respect to fire losses, was tabled in the House of Commons. As a result, a Fire Prevention Branch of the Department of Insurance was formed in 1919, under the supervision of a Dominion fire commissioner. In the same year, representatives of major financial, commercial and manufacturing organizations formed the Dominion Fire Prevention Association with the purpose of promoting education in fire prevention in all parts of Canada.

The Dominion Fire Prevention Branch, now a branch of the Department of Public Works, is responsible for applied research and engineering in fire prevention, for the administration of inspection services, for the maintenance of loss records and for the investigation of losses on federal property. Fire prevention activities in each of the provinces are under the jurisdiction of the provincial fire marshal or commissioner. His responsibilities include the inspection of premises (other than private dwellings) for fire hazards, the investigation of the cause and circumstances of all fires (which by law must be reported to him) and the dissemination of information which will aid in furthering the preventions of fires.

Fire protection services of two kinds: outside or public protection and inside or private protection. The former is generally provided by the municipality and the latter by the owner or occupant of the premises, though in many large industrial establishments both inside and outside protection are provided by the owner.

Outside protection involves the organization of fire departments, the development of water supplies and the maintenance of fire alarm circuits. The early volunteer fire departments have been replaced in all major urban

centres by full time professional staffs. In rural municipalities the volunteer fire department exist today. Equipment has shown a similar development. The bucket brigade was early superseded by horse-drawn fire pumps capable of drawing water from rivers or lakes; today most municipalities are equipped with ladder trucks, motorized pumpers to utilize municipal water systems connected to street-side hydrants, and tank trucks for use in areas where water supplies are inadequate. Municipal fire alarm systems that can be activated from widely scattered fire alarm boxes have proven one of the most effective means of transmitting an alarm to the protective staff, and systems of this kind are now in general use.

Inside protection is of two types: that provided by fixed (automatic or manual) extinguishing or alarm equipment, and that provided by portable hoses and extinguishers. The most important type of automatic equipment is the sprinkler. Automatic sprinkler systems are invaluable in manufacturing or mercantile premises, where the contents of the building are combustible, and in places of assembly - schools, hospitals, hotels - where the human factor requires that the risk be reduced to a minimum. It has been estimated that in 96% of fires in which sprinkler protection was available the fire was successfully extinguished or controlled. Portable extinguishers have been developed for use against three classes of fire: Class A fires occurring in ordinary combustible materials where water is the appropriate extinguishing agent; Class B fires in inflammable liquids where the extinguishing agent (such as bicarbonate of soda, foam carbon dioxide, carbon tetrachloride or chlorobromomethane) must be of such nature as to smother the fire; and Class C fires in electrical equipment where such non-conductive extinguishing agents as carbon dioxide, carbon tetrachloride or chlorobromomethane must be used.

In addition to extinguishing equipment, most large factories and warehouses and some places of assembly are equipped with alarm systems. These may be either manual or automatic in operation and may be connected either directly to the municipal fire department or in some larger centres, to a central station which transmits the alarm to the appropriate local department. Manual systems operate when a closed electric circuit is broken at one of the alarm boxes, which are located in strategic positions. Automatic systems are operated either by heat detectors which break the circuit and transmit the alarm when a fixed temperature is reached in the vicinity or by rate or rise detectors which break the circuit and transmit the alarm when an abnormal rise in temperature occurs. Fire protection is constantly improving with changes in technology. With these positive improvements many lives and properties are being saved.

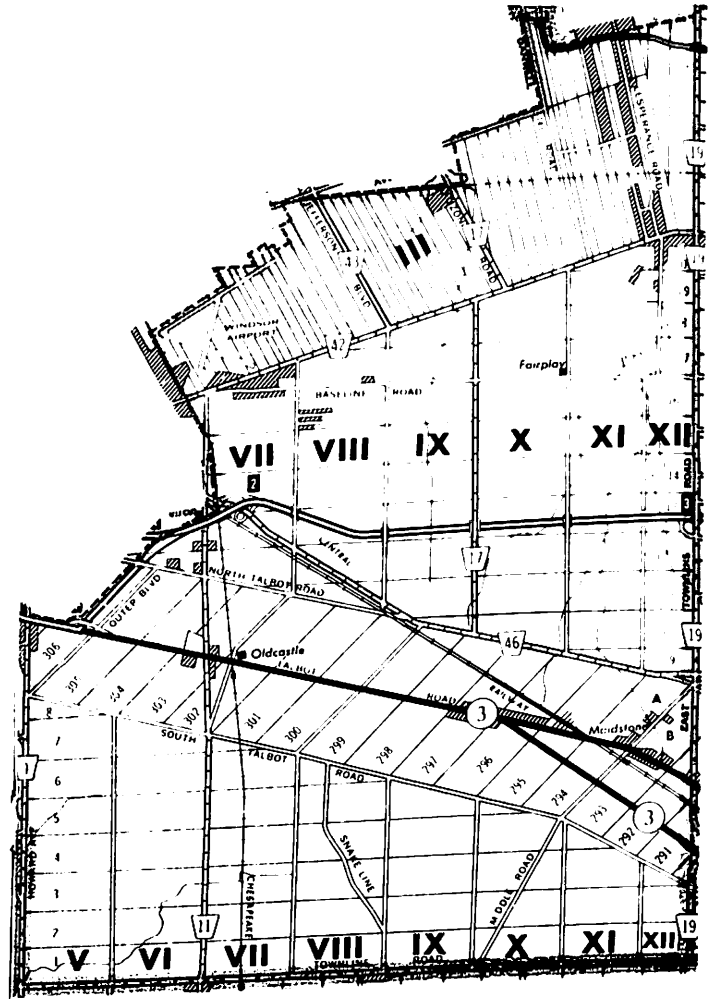
(Canadian Encyclopedia 1989 pp 140-143)

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH

In 1861 the Township of Sandwich, which had incorporated all of the area within this Township, was divided into Sandwich East and Sandwich West. In 1893, Sandwich East was further subdivided and Sandwich South was created. In 1966, Sandwich East was further subdivided being annexed into both the City of Windsor and the Township of Sandwich South. Today, the Township of Sandwich South covers 27,363 acres of agriculture, industrial, commercial, and residential growth.

The Present Council and Administration

| | |
|--|--|
| Reeve | Allan Parr |
| Deputy Reeve | Thomas Fuerth |
| Councillors | Murray Oliver James Gerard James McGuire |
| Clerk/Administrator | Gerald Sykes |
| Deputy Clerk | Ida Gee |
| Administrative Assistant | Yvonne MacPherson |
| Chief Building Official, By-law Enforcement, Drainage Superintendent | David Hobbs |
| Park Superintendent, Weed Inspector, Tile Drainage Inspector | Mark Shafer |
| Road Superintendent | Ron Dennison |
| Fire Chief | Frank Nostadt |



TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH

THE BIRTH OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT

Prior to 1965, the township of Sandwich South had been served by the Sandwich West and Anderdon township fire departments. In 1965, fourteen men were taken on as volunteer firemen for the new Sandwich South fire department, to be trained by the men of the other townships. The first 'fire chief' was Delbert Taylor.

The new fire department was located in the Municipal Garage on Highway #3, having been built only a year before, for that very purpose. The new equipment consist of helmets and boots supplied by council, and a new \$25,000 fire truck. In fact the men of the fire station were so busy trying out the new vehicle that they ran out of gas, and the men had to pilfer some gasoline from councillor Robert Pulleyblank's gas tank in the Suburban Landscaping yard in order to get back to the garage.

In June of 1965, Anderdon and Sandwich West townships were notified that their services would no longer be required following the summer months. Also at this time a Bylaw, No. 1513, stated an agreement wherein the Department of Transport 'cash tender crew' at the airport could be notified in case of a large petroleum fire.

On December 3, 1965, 400 people attended an open house at the Fire Hall and municipal garage. On December 13, the township council voted to purchase a tank truck, an additional pumper and more equipment.

However, with the annexation of Sandwich East in 1966 and the ensuing addition of 935 persons to the population of the township, the fire department created only a year earlier, was already insufficient. In 1967,

the township was granted permission by the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) to construct a 30' by 36' Auxiliary Firehall on the west side of St. Alphonse Street to house one of three fire engines, rest-room facilities, and a fire training area. Firehall No. 2, or the Auxiliary Firehall, was opened on August 15, 1967. There were now three fully equipped pumpers, and special rescue equipment, available to protect the growing number of residents in Sandwich South. In February of 1969 the township purchased another four ton truck, and a 1,500 gallon water tank for almost \$9,000 total. And in October of 1969 all men showed their colours by winning the 'King-Seagrave' award as the over-all champion team from the Essex County Firefighter's Association.

In 1980 the new fire hall No. 1 situated on the east side of Walker Road was constructed to serve as the headquarters for the fire department.

"The new facility includes the Fire Chief's office, staff quarters and meeting rooms, a light-duty workshop, and the maintenance area for the fire fighting vehicles." *102

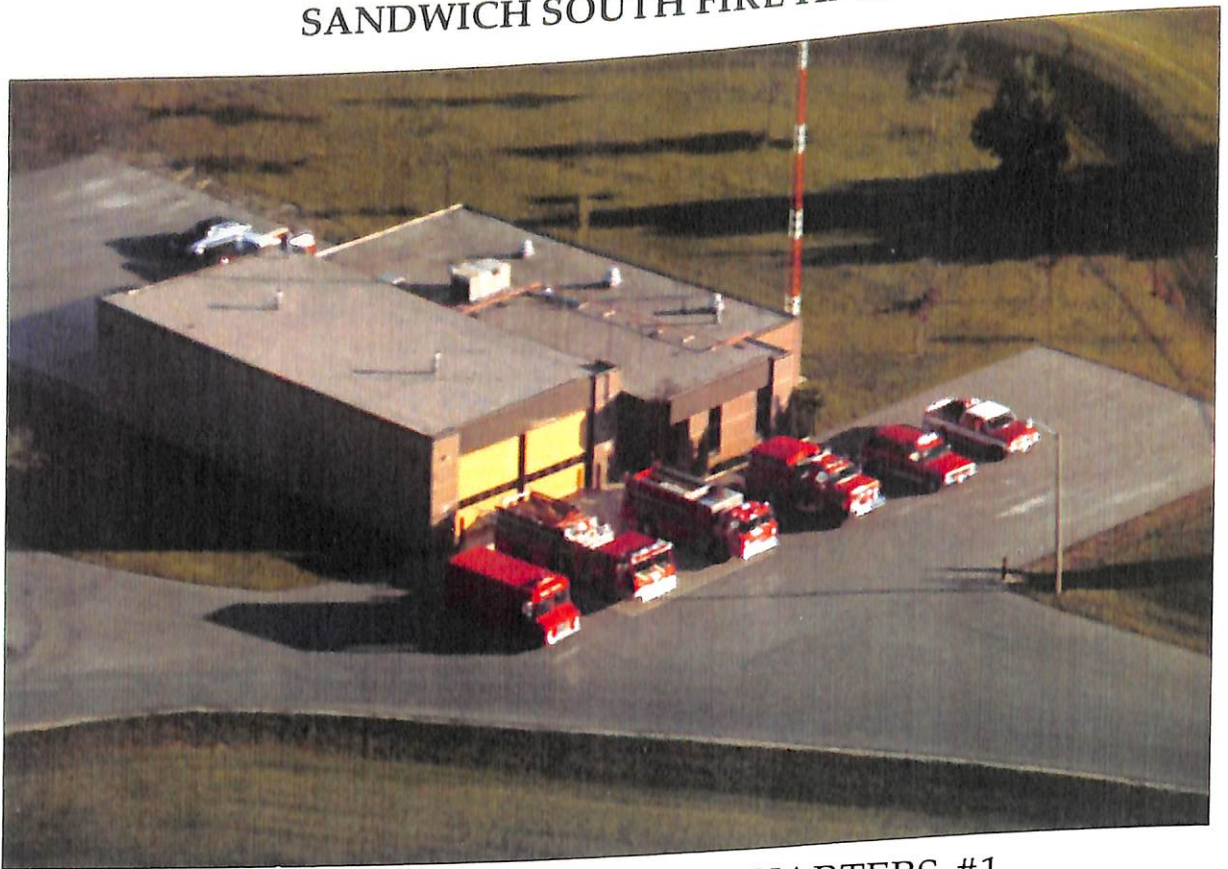
The fire department presently contains the following equipment:

- Tanker Pumper
- Rescue Vehicle
- Tanker Truck
- Mini-Pumper
- and a brand new Engine purchased in 1984

The fire department presently includes 26 part-time members and four officers, under the direction of Fire Chief Frank Nostadt.

(History of Township of Sandwich South
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SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE HALLS



FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS #1
located on Walker Road at Highway #3

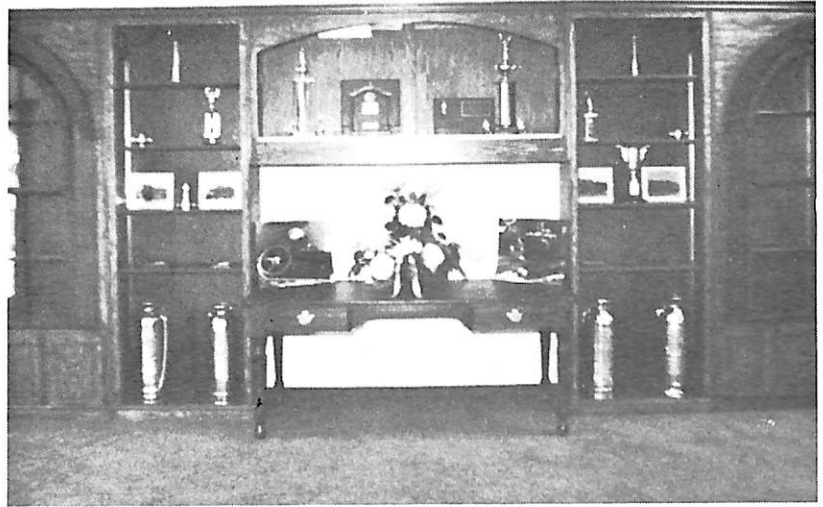


FIRE DEPARTMENT HALL #2
located on St. Alphonse Avenue

TROPHY CASE AND TABLE

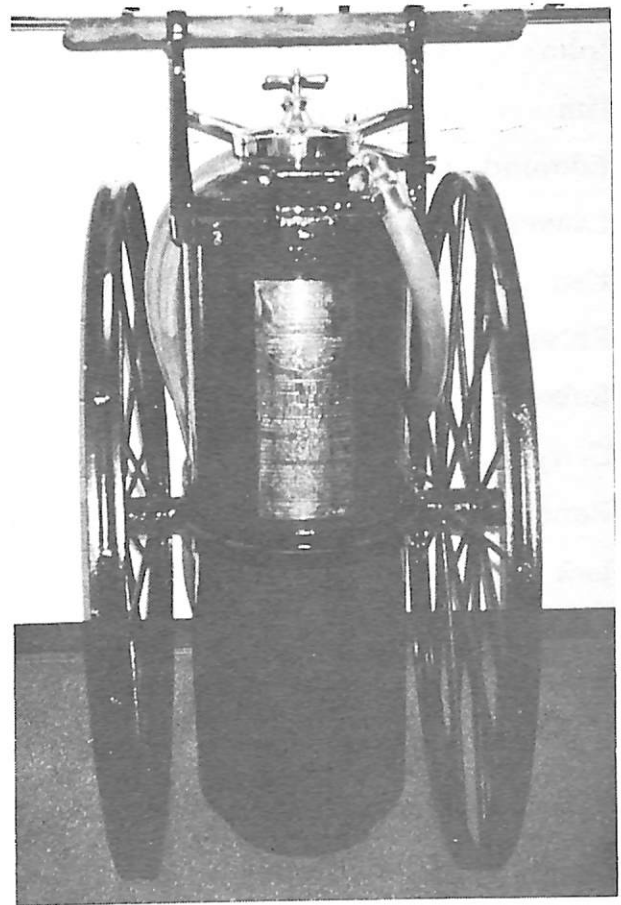
This custom built case was donated by Reeve Allan Parr in 1980 for the new Fire Hall. The glass doors of the case are the original windows saved from the first Township Hall in Sandwich South (1927-1981).

The leather top hand-made antique table was donated by former Clerk Bert Bedford. This table was one used in the early days of Township Council meetings held in the old Township Hall.



ANTIQUE SAFE

This safe was purchased from Sandwich East Township when it was annexed to Sandwich South in 1966. The safe was stored in the Township municipal offices until 1982 when it was transferred to the Fire Hall. The Fire Department had it restored to its original condition. Story has it that while the safe was at the old Township Hall the police called former Clerk Bert Bedford to report it stolen. Bert immediately went to the Hall and noticed the thieves hauling the safe down the railroad tracks next to the Hall. Bert chased the thieves down the tracks in his car, thus the thieves escaped and abandoned the safe behind on the tracks. Bert's heart and soul was always in the best interest of the Township and its property.



ANTIQUE FIRE HOSE

This fire hose was donated by a former City of Windsor Public Works employee. The fire hose is dated back to the early 1900's and was last serviced to be used in 1929. This fire hose was used primarily for factory fires and was pulled by hand to fires. In 1989 the Firemen restored it to its original condition.

PAST SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

(with two or more years service)

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|----------|-----------|------|---|------|----------|-------------|------|---|------|
| John | ALLEN | 1967 | - | 1969 | Randy | KLYN | 1980 | - | 1985 |
| Allen | BANWELL | 1965 | - | 1967 | Paul | LAFORET | 1966 | - | 1983 |
| Roger | BAUER | 1973 | - | 1979 | Henry | LANKIN | 1966 | - | 1990 |
| Gerard | BEAULIEU | 1970 | - | 1978 | William | LAPAIN | 1970 | - | 1974 |
| Norm | BELLEMORE | 1966 | - | 1970 | Len | LASSALINE | 1969 | - | 1978 |
| John | BENNETT | 1978 | - | 1980 | Sidney | LEACH | 1966 | - | 1970 |
| Dave | BROSSEAU | 1985 | - | 1988 | Clarence | LESPERANCE | 1968 | - | n/a |
| Perry | BURFORD | 1976 | - | 1984 | Willis | LOUNSBURY | 1974 | - | 1980 |
| John | BURFORD | 1981 | - | 1985 | John | MARSHALL | 1972 | - | 1976 |
| Jim | CREAMER | 1980 | - | 1984 | Joseph | McCARTHY | 1980 | - | 1985 |
| Edmund | CURTIS | 1965 | - | n/a | Frank | MELNIK | 1970 | - | 1974 |
| Lawrence | DAME | 1969 | - | n/a | Jack | MERRIFIELD | 1965 | - | 1969 |
| Ken | DUROCHER | 1981 | - | 1984 | William | MOGYORODY | 1964 | - | 1970 |
| Robert | FLEMING | 1969 | - | n/a | Ronald | MOIR | 1978 | - | 1982 |
| Robert | GAMMON | 1974 | - | 1979 | Kevin | NOSTADT | 1978 | - | 1985 |
| Gerry | GAUTHIER | 1967 | - | 1970 | Jeff | O'NEIL | n/a | - | 1986 |
| Ronald | GAUVIN | 1968 | - | 1973 | Denny | PELOQUIN | 1967 | - | 1969 |
| Jack | GIBBONS | 1976 | - | 1985 | Earl | PULLEYBLANK | 1980 | - | 1986 |
| John | GILL | 1970 | - | n/a | Ed | PUPULIN | 1968 | - | 1971 |
| Kurt | GOSSEN | 1970 | - | 1974 | Donald | RENAUD | 1965 | - | 1970 |
| Jack | GUANT | 1967 | - | 1969 | Tim | ROBINSON | 1984 | - | 1988 |
| Bennie | HANSEN | 1965 | - | 1970 | Ronald | ROBSON | 1975 | - | 1984 |
| Hugh | HEBERT | 1977 | - | 1984 | Mark | TAYLOR | 1984 | - | 1989 |
| Charles | HEBERT | 1978 | - | 1981 | Andrew | UJJ | 1967 | - | 1987 |
| Ronald | HOLLAND | 1967 | - | 1972 | David | WASHBROOK | 1965 | - | 1974 |
| Robert | KETTLES | 1964 | - | 1975 | Hal | WELLWOOD | 1972 | - | 1984 |
| Floyd | KING | 1975 | - | 1978 | Rick | WELLWOOD | 1976 | - | 1984 |
| Ken | KIRKMAN | 1965 | - | n/a | Elmer | YOUNG | 1969 | - | 1973 |

1990 SANDWICH SOUTH TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS



| | |
|--------------|---|
| FIRE CHIEF | Frank Nostadt |
| DEPUTY CHIEF | Bruce Clark |
| CAPTAINS | Art Lounsbury David Chapman |
| LIEUTENANTS | Barry Martin William Burrows Ron Pageau |



1990 FIRE CHIEF
Frank Nostadt

1990 FIRE CHIEF - Frank Nostadt

Frank Nostadt has provided outstanding leadership in the Township of Sandwich South and its Fire Department since its conception twenty five years ago. His years of service have been characterized by extreme dedication and exemplary leadership of the highest professional quality.

Frank's career with the Fire Department began in 1964 when he was approached by the Municipality of Sandwich South to help form a volunteer Fire Department. In October of that year, Frank and 11 men started training in conjunction with the Anderdon Fire Department under the direction of Chief Ernie Dupuis. Nine men successfully completed that initial training program.

In 1965, Frank became a first class firefighter and shortly afterwards, was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief and Chief Officer of Training. Since 1970, Frank has served as the Fire Chief of the Sandwich South Fire Department.

Chief Nostadt has received many certificates and awards during his years of service. The following is a summary of his accomplishments:

1. Basic Firefighting Evolutions - Ontario Fire College (1966).
2. Fire Chemistry and Teaching Methods - University of Windsor (1969-1970).
3. Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs - Active Member (since 1971).

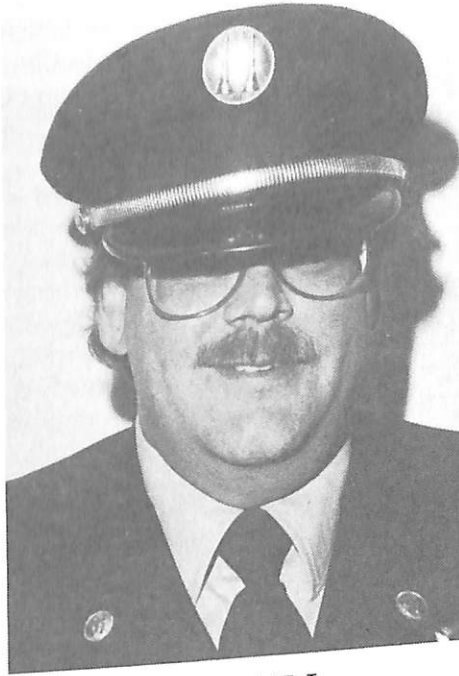
4. Basic Fire Fighting and Fire Techniques - Ontario Fire College.
5. Certificate of Membership - Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.
6. Essex County Fire Service - Active Member and President in 1978.
7. Essex County Fire Chiefs' Association - Active Member
8. Assisted in the formation of the Essex County Burn Unit headed by Dr. Lau (1977).
9. Awarded the Exemplary Service Medal by the Government of Canada (1987).
10. Awarded the Long Service Medal by the Province of Ontario (1989).
11. Recently completed a course on Dangerous Goods Procedures, as well as numerous other courses sponsored by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.

Chief Nostadt was born in a small Prairie town called Kendal, Saskatchewan on April 4, 1935. While growing up, he attended Sibel Plains School and worked on his parent's farm with brothers Jack, Joseph, and Raymond and sister Delene. At the age of 17, he decided to move to Sandwich South Township where he continues to reside today.

For the past 37 years, Frank has worked for Chrysler Corporation as a skilled welder. Frank and his very supportive wife Marion have been married for over thirty years and have raised four fine children: Karen, Kevin, Susan, and Judy. For some time Frank's son Kevin was a firefighter in the S. S. Fire Department.



DEPUTY CHIEF
Bruce Clark



CAPTAIN
Art Lounsbury



CAPTAIN
David Chapman



LIEUTENANT
Barry Martin



LIEUTENANT
William Burrows



LIEUTENANT
Ron Pageau

1990 SANDWICH SOUTH FIREMEN



Back Row: Chris Revenberg, Rick Labonte, Greg Hawkins, Jason Suchiu,
Chris Rimillard, Derek Chapman, Tom McGuinness

Seated: Norm Jobin, Pete Hormann, Frank D'Alessandro, Russ Bechard,
Tony Revenberg

Absent: Mike Coppola, Ken Dame, Al Nurmi, Mike Schertzer, Ray
Simard, Ray Simard Jr., and Al Wickett



SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1990

| | | | | |
|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|------|
| Chief | Frank | NOSTADT | - | 1965 |
| Deputy Chief | Bruce | CLARK | Nov. | 1966 |
| Captains | Art | LOUNSBURY | Oct. | 1974 |
| | Dave | CHAPMAN | Nov. | 1976 |
| Lieutenants | Bill | BURROWS | Sept. | 1970 |
| | Barry | MARTIN | Sept. | 1976 |
| | Ron | PAGEAU | Feb. | 1977 |
| Firefighters | Russ | BECHARD (Jr.) | Sept. | 1987 |
| | Derek | CHAPMAN | Nov. | 1989 |
| | Mike | COPPOLA | Feb. | 1989 |
| | Frank | D'ALESSANDRO | Dec. | 1986 |
| | Ken | DAME | May | 1988 |
| | Greg | HAWKINS | Nov. | 1989 |
| | Pete | HORMANN | Sept. | 1980 |
| | Norm | JOBIN | Jan. | 1971 |
| | Rick | LABONTE | Jan. | 1985 |
| | Tom | McGUINNESS | Dec. | 1984 |
| | Al | NURMI | Sept. | 1981 |
| | Tony | REVENBERG | Nov. | 1986 |
| | Chris | REVENBERG | Sept. | 1988 |
| | Chris | RIMILLARD | Jan. | 1989 |
| | Mike | SCHERTZER | Nov. | 1986 |
| | Ray | SIMARD | Mar. | 1985 |
| | Ray | SIMARD (Jr.) | Mar. | 1989 |
| | Jason | SUCHIU | Jan. | 1989 |
| | Al | WICKETT | Oct. | 1974 |

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT

In 1965, under the direction of municipal council, the fire department received its first fire engine. This was a 1965 Custom built GMC with a Thibault fire package at a cost of \$35,000. This unit was designated a County mutual Aid number of 102. After the 1965 Annexation, Sandwich South acquired two additional trucks. These were a 1946 Ford pumper from the Walker Homesites Association and a converted 1956 Dodge 1000 gallon street washer from the Township of Sandwich East. They were designated unit numbers 104 and 106 respectively.

In 1969, a new 1500 gallon water tender replaced the 1956 Dodge. This was later replaced by a 1982 Ford with a Superior fire package which included a midship pump.

In 1977 the Sandwich South Firefighters Association purchased and retrofitted a Rescue truck on a 1973 GMC chassis. It was originally built for the Detroit Fire Department but never saw service in Detroit. The Firefighters made an arrangement with council to defer their wages for one year in order to purchase this necessary piece of equipment. After completing the retrofit, the firefighters donated the truck to the municipality. Chief Nostadt was the main drive behind this endeavour. Unit 110 serves the rescue needs of the department today.

In 1983 a new pumper was necessary to replace the 18 year old unit 102. The new 102 was purchased from King Seagrave (1983 Ltd.) it included a 1250 GPM pump and was a diesel/automatic.

In 1989 a GMC "Suburban" vehicle was purchased to serve as a command unit and fire prevention use. This unit was designated #101.

In the spring of 1990 the Sandwich South Firefighters Association entered into an agreement with the fire department to purchase and retrofit a Curbmaster Step-Van into a "Hazardous Materials Response Unit". Under a county agreement, this unit (designated unit 105) will respond to hazardous incidents to the western half of Essex County (Windsor excluded) on a first response basis. It will contain chemical entry suits, breathing apparatus, associated rescue equipment, associated radio equipment and emergency lighting powered by a five kilowatt Honda generator.

THE FIRE HALLS

In those early years, the fire department functioned out of a one-bay garage leased from the Sandwich South Road Department. The township was completely

served from the Highway #3 and Walker Road area at this time.

In 1972, a satellite Fire Hall was built to service the Tecumseh hamlet area. This station is located at McAuliffe Park at the North East Part of the Township. This was the first truck, 1946 Pumper, that ran out of this station. Later replaced with a 1973 King Seagrave built pumper on a Ford chassis was purchased to replace unit 104 and presently runs out of this station.

In 1972 the fire department was allowed to convert the vacated township clerk's office into a general office and training hall. The Sandwich South Firefighters Association provided the manpower, flooring, paneling and furniture for this conversion.

1979 saw the building of a new headquarters station at 5520 Walker Road. Although there was some strong opposition, at the time, most will agree today that it was money well spent. Today, some eleven years later, it looks as splendid as when originally occupied, thanks to the close scrutiny of Chief Nostadt. This station consists of two double deep bays with complete training facilities, office space, sleeping quarters, radio/dispatch room, kitchen facilities. The appliances and furniture being donated by the firefighters association.

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

In 1966 a telephone relay system was developed to relay fire calls from one fire fighter to the next through a "fan-out" mode. In 1968 Deputy Chief Nostadt was able to secure the first remote radio alerting system in the Essex County volunteer sector. Later the old Motorola M.1.'s were replaced with Motorola paging monitors. Presently, the Department uses these along with Motorola Expo Transceivers.

Up until 1980, dispatching services were purchased from the Sandwich West Township. In 1980, dispatching was moved to the City of Windsor.

PERSONNEL

In 1965, just prior to annexation, eleven volunteers were trained at the Anderdon Fire Department under the direction of the late Chief Ernie Dupuis. These original eleven were later increased to sixteen and then to twenty-one volunteers. Presently the department has a roster of twenty-seven volunteer firefighters. With continued industrial development, it was necessary to become a composite fire department and in April of 1988 the first full-time fire prevention officer was hired.

1965 GMC

1954 DODGE

1946 FORD



FIRST FLEET OF FIRE TRUCKS AND APPARATUS 1965

1926 REO-BICKLE FIRE ENGINE

Year: 1926

Chassis: REO Speedwagon Fire Engine

Pump: BICKLE

Owner: Sandwich South Firefighters' Association

History: Originally designed in 1925 for the town of Sandwich. Upon delivery it was found to be too small, and in 1927 it was sold to the town of Harrow. Harrow's first motorized fire truck was retired from service in 1965.

The Sandwich South Firefighters' Association purchased this vehicle in 1978, dismantled it, then completely restored it to its present condition.

Specs: 6 cyl
239 cid
150 wheelbase
33 x 5 tires

Fire Truck Specs: 300 gpm
triple combination pumper

1926 REO BICKLE FIRE ENGINE



(Before)



(After)



ANTIQUE FIRE HOSE



UNIT 102 FIRE ENGINE



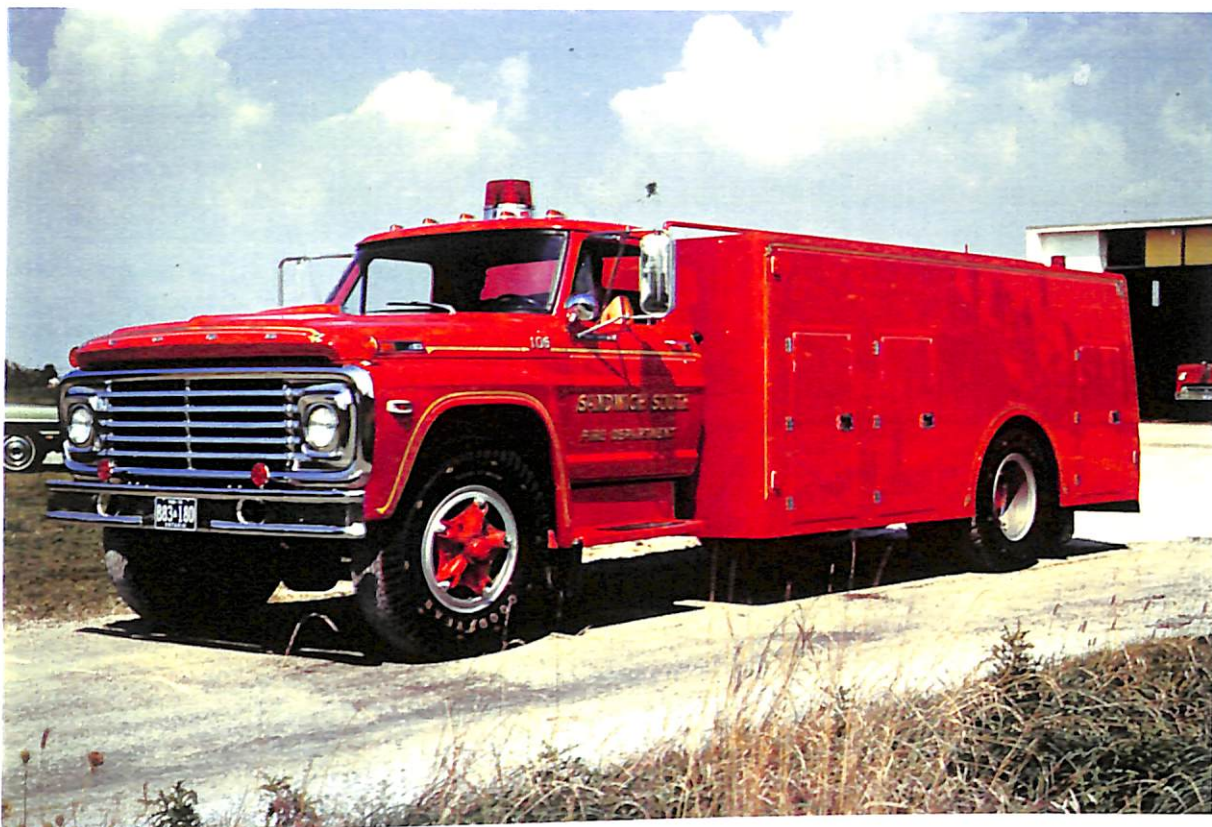
UNIT 108 FIRE ENGINE



TMS 110 SAFETY RESCUE SQUAD



UNIT 104 FIRE ENGINE



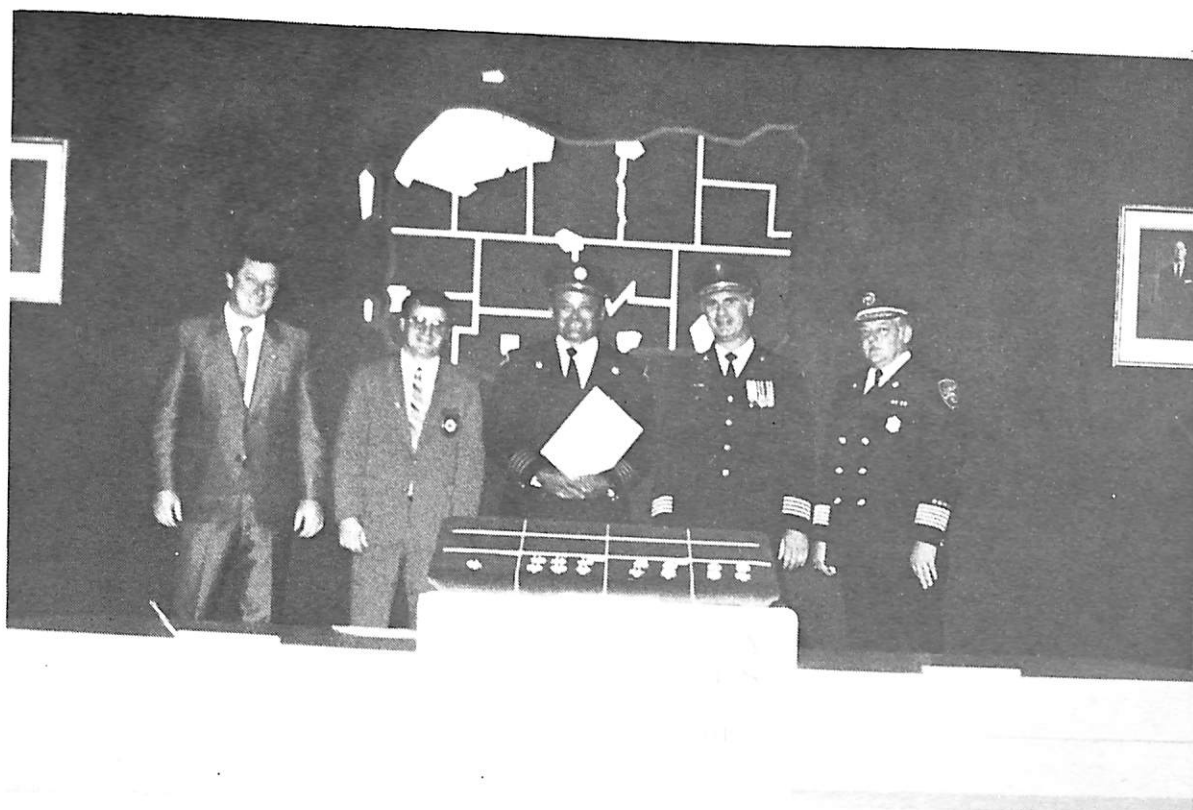
TANKER TRUCK



UNIT 105 HAZMAT TRUCK



UNIT 101 FIRE PREVENTION SUBURBAN TRUCK



PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR GENERAL AWARD

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Frank Nostadt | 1985 |
| Bruce Clark | 1986 |
| Andy Ujj | 1986 |
| Henry Lankin | 1989 |
| Bill Burrows | 1990 |

* This Provincial Governor General Award is presented to the individual fireman who is a good standing citizen and has served 20 years on the fire department.

FEDERAL GOVERNOR GENERAL AWARD

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Frank Nostadt | 1989 |
|---------------|------|

* This Federal Governor General Award is presented to the individual fireman who has 25 years on the fire department. This award is called Long Service Award.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Roger Bauer

Randy Klynn

Rick LaBonte

John Marshall

Barry Martin

Mike Schertzer

William Burrows

The Fire Fighters Association activities include: organizing the Annual Firemens Banquet, organizing the Annual Firemens Summer Barbecue, collecting donations for Sandwich South Goodfellow Christmas Fund, organizing the Children's Christmas Party, contributions towards the Essex County Burn Unit, sponsoring Township Parks Youth Baseball teams, donating their time and money towards purchasing the Rescue Squad TMS 110 truck and also the Hazmat truck. The Fire Fighters Association is credited for their contributions to the community as a whole.



FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



GOODFELLOW SANDWICH SOUTH FIREMEN



Sandwich South firemen sold papers Friday and Saturday at the Highway 3, Walker Road intersection as part of the army of volunteers selling the papers on the weekend. Allan Nurmi gets a donation from Janie Stefanovitch. Proceeds from the drive buy Christmas food baskets. Pledges to CKWW's radio-thon went over the \$8000 goal. Goodfellows aim is to raise \$150,000. Bob Pulleyblank, of Oldcastle, organized the Sandwich South drive, helped by the area firemen.

PAST HONOURARY SANDWICH SOUTH FIREMEN

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Mr. Edward Dumouchelle | 1984 |
| Mr. Tom Lavin | 1985 |
| Mr. Bert Bedford | 1986 |
| Mr. Robert Pulleyblank | 1987 |
| Mr. Luigi Tosti | 1988 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howe | 1989 |

This award is given at each Annual Fire Fighters Banquet. It is given to an individual(s) in recognition of their service to the Sandwich South Fire Department.

ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER'S BANQUET



Former Reeve, Mr Edward Dumouchelle - First recipient of the Honourary Fireman Award



Back Row:

Mr. Bert Bedford (former Clerk)
Mr. Robert Pulleyblank (former Reeve)
Mr. Ray Robinet (former Reeve)

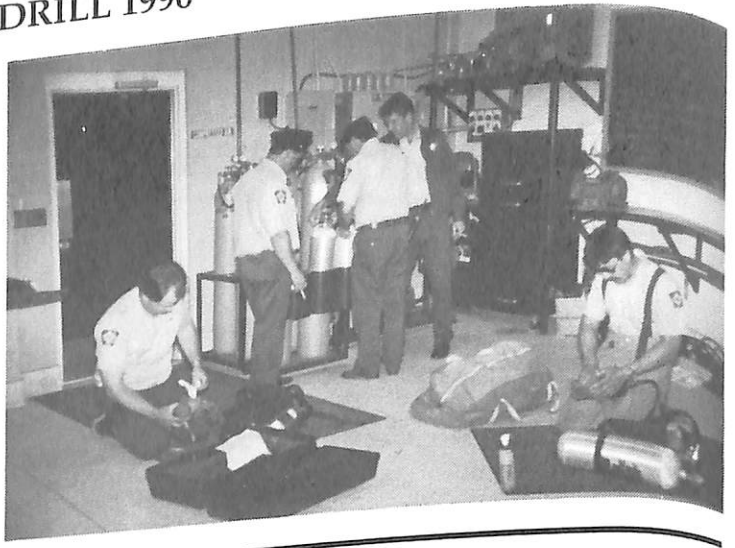
Seated:

Chief Frank Nostadt
Honourary Fireman Mr. Ed Dumouchelle (former Reeve)

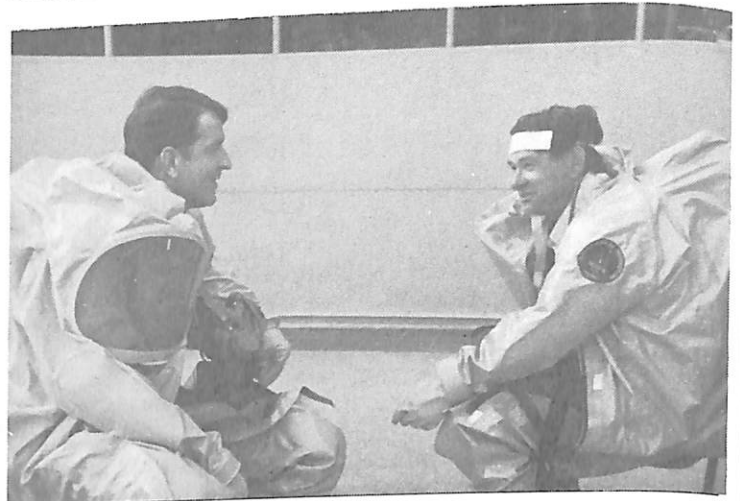
STATISTICS

NUMBER OF FIRE RESPONSE CALLS

| | |
|------|------------------------|
| 1965 | No formal records kept |
| 1966 | No formal records kept |
| 1967 | 32 fire calls |
| 1968 | No formal records kept |
| 1969 | No formal records kept |
| 1970 | 61 fire calls |
| 1971 | 81 fire calls |
| 1972 | 52 fire calls |
| 1973 | 74 fire calls |
| 1974 | 89 fire calls |
| 1975 | 62 fire calls |
| 1976 | 77 fire calls |
| 1977 | 73 fire calls |
| 1978 | 81 fire calls |
| 1979 | 86 fire calls |
| 1980 | 97 fire calls |
| 1981 | 118 fire calls |
| 1982 | 84 fire calls |
| 1983 | 96 fire calls |
| 1984 | 66 fire calls |
| 1985 | 73 fire calls |
| 1986 | 97 fire calls |
| 1987 | 97 fire calls |
| 1988 | 121 fire calls |
| 1989 | 82 fire calls |



HAZARDEOUS MATERIAL TRAINING



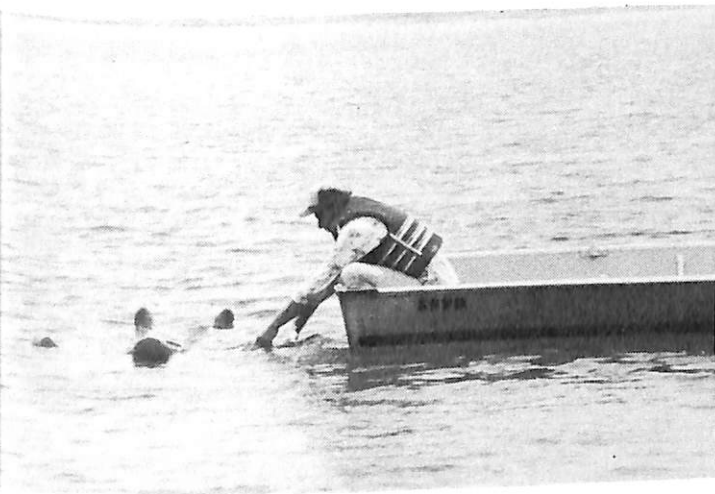
Hazardeous Material Training Session

Sandwich South Fire Department is one of three Hazardeous Material Teams in Windsor - Essex County.

WINDSOR AIRPORT DISASTER TRAINING



WATER RESCUE TRAINING at Horseshoe Pond



TEAMS PARTICIPATING WITH THE SMOKE HOUSE

Township of Colchester North Fire Department
Town of Tecumseh Fire Department
Town of Essex Fire Department
Town of Kingsville Fire Department
Town of Harrow Fire Department
City of Windsor-Essex County Jail Guards
Royal Oak Township Fire Department - Michigan
Valenite Modco
Township of Maidstone Fire Department
Township of Sandwich West Fire Department
Township of Gosfield North Fire Department



SMOKE HOUSE TRAINING

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE THERE'S FIRE!

As part of their training, your Emergency Response Team participates in the Sandwich South Fire Department's "SMOKEHOUSE" training program along side Fire Fighters from Colchester North and Royal Oak Fire Department.

The object of this particular exercise is to find the baby. A baby doll is placed somewhere inside the house filled with smoke. Rescuers must don Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and search the building for the baby. Visibility is nil and the Rescuers must draw a picture in their mind of the building lay out as they travel through the building feeling for walls, windows and doorways.

The two storey "SMOKEHOUSE" building is specifically designed for this type of training. All of the internal walls and stairways are capable of being moved to any location. The layout of the building is a surprise each time a training session is held.

Your Emergency Response Team consist of the following members:

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Mario Avila | Paul Turnbull |
| Eric Bialkowski | Jeff Leblanc |
| Jim Cincurak | Shawn MacDonald |
| Frank Del Papa | Andy Mills |
| Dave Gee | Julio Valenzuela |



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Six of the nine people who participated in the Countdown Smoking Cessation program sponsored by the LINK committee have remained smoke free and the remaining three are that much closer.



HEADQUARTERS
MAIN STREET EAST

PHON
733-21;

KINGSVILLE AND GOSFIELD SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF - NEIL SUNDERLAND
1410 OXFORD AVE.
KINGSVILLE, ONTARIO N9Y 2S8

1990-04-24

Chief F. Nostadt,
Sandwich S. Fire Dept.,
5000 Howard Ave.,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Chief:

RE: Smoke House.

Please accept this letter as a sincere expression of our thanks for your generosity and co-operation in providing the smoke house for use in our recent recruit training program. The firefighters who participated have benefitted by being able to encounter live smoke conditions in a controlled and safe atmosphere. This will, without a doubt, increase their confidence as they encounter the "real thing" in the careers as firefighters.

We would also be remiss if we did not express thanks to the Sandwich South personnel who assisted. Your department must be experiencing a busy time with the implementation of the Hazardous Materials Response Team, yet your firefighters were willing to take of their own leisure time to help out. Their dedication did not go unnoticed.

Thanks again, fellows !

Yours sincerely



Robert B. Kissner,
Deputy Fire Chief.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WINDSOR

RENE C. CECILE
FIRE CHIEF

**ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE FIRE CHIEF**

ADMINISTRATION TELEPHONE -
(519) 255-6485-6
FAX (519) 255-6621



FIRE DEPARTMENT

**FIRE DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS**

**815 GOYEAU STREET
WINDSOR, ONTARIO
N9A 1H7**

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE -
"911"

November 2, 1989

Chief F. Nostadt, Barry Martin and
all Fire Department Personnel
c/o Sandwich South Fire Department
5520 Walker Road
Oldcastle, Ontario
NOR 1L0

Dear Sirs:

Once again, a successful presentation on fire safety for the
community at large, has been achieved by our Departments, during
the Fire Prevention Display at Devonshire Mall.

To those members who assisted in this endeavor, our sincere thanks,
as without your participation, this venture would not of attained
such good public response.

Yours truly,

Marcel L. W. Fields
Marcel L. W. Fields
Captain
Fire Prevention Division

MLWF/rg

"THINK FIRE PREVENTION"

ARTICLES FOUND PRIOR TO 1965

STAR DEC. 4/59

Roseland Fire Pact Due for Vote

OLDCASTLE - A proposed fire protection agreement for the Roseland area of Sandwich South Twp. will be put to a vote of the people, next Monday at the municipal election.

Residents in the northwestern corner of the township will be asked if they favor the township entering into such an agreement with Sandwich West Twp.

Bert R. Bedford township clerk-treasurer has estimated the annual cost for ratepayers within the defined area at \$2.90 per \$1,000 of assessment.

Fire protection has been offered the area by Sandwich West at \$2 per capita. Assessed population is 1,172 with the annual cost \$2,344 or 2.898 mills on an assessment of \$808,625.

The question will not be in the form of a money bylaw but merely an expression of opinion. Wording on the ballot will be: "Are you in favor of a fire protection agreement with Sandwich West?"

The area such an agreement would cover is described as that being bounded on the north by Cabana Rd., on the east by the centre line of the 6th Con. Rd., on the south by the centre line of the North Talbot Rd., and on the west by Howard Ave.

DEC. 4/59

Notice To Sandwich South Voters

The residents of the Township of Sandwich South in the north-west corner of the Township being more specifically defined as follows - in that area being bounded on the North by Cabana Road, on the East by the centre line of the Sixth Concession Road, on the South by the centre line of the North Talbot Road, and on the West by Howard Avenue.

The residents of this area are going to be asked to give an expression of opinion to this question on December 7th - "Are you in favor of a fire protection agreement with Sandwich West?"

Fire protection by the Township of Sandwich West Fire Department has been offered to this area at two dollars per capita.

The assessment of the above area is \$808,625.00, the number of persons residing in the above mentioned area is 1,172 as of September 30, 1959.

This means that if this agreement is negotiated on this basis, each \$1,000.00 of assessment will cost each property owner \$2.8987 in other words \$808,625.00 assessment at 2.8987 mills will raise \$2,343.96.

Bert R. Bedford
Clerk

STAR SEPT. 7/60

Council Burning Dump Nuisance Irks Sandwich S.

OLDCASTLE - Continued burning of garbage at a dump in the township and burning of corn cobs at a grain elevator has roused the ire of Sandwich South Council.

The dump is operated by Sandwich East Twp. on the property of Joseph Kozma and Mr. Kozma has previously been notified to stop setting fires there. Sandwich East has been ordered to move the dump.

Registered letters were ordered sent to Sandwich East and Mr. Kozma, noting that neither of them had listened to previous requests, and notifying "that we want this practice stopped immediately!"

At the same time Richard Walker, township solicitor, is to be asked what steps can be taken to "get rid of" the Sandwich East dump on the Kozma property and have it located in some other municipality.

A further letter is to be sent to R. C. Flood Grain Co. at Maidstone, requesting that a halt be made to the burning of corn cobs in the built-up area near the elevator.

STAR APR. 10/62

Fire Rate Set By Township

OLDCASTLE - A fire protection rate for most of Sandwich South Twp. has been set at 1.66 mills by council. Last year 1.5 mills was levied for the same area.

The area is one to which Anderdon Twp. provides fire protection and this year Anderdon is negotiating agreements so districts to which protection is supplied will pay on a mill rate. Previously a charge was made per individual fire call.

A small built up area of Sandwich West Twp. The rate last year for that area was 2.1813 mills.

STAR OCT. 22/64

Blaze of Glory

OLDCASTLE - Volunteer firemen in Sandwich South Township won't have to worry about being properly attired when fighting blazes in the municipality.

Township council has approved the purchase of new coats, helmets and boots for each of the men.

Down on the Farm - News, Sales, Fires, etc.

Jan. 10th, 1956 - HOME SAVED BY BRIGADE. - A 50 man brigade organized by an alert telephone operator, Mrs. Gladys Trimble, saved the home of John Frank LePain, R.R. 1 Oldcastle, located on Walker Rd., just south of No. 3 Highway 7 p.m. on Monday. The fire started in a pipe from an oil stove where it enters. Damage \$1000.

Jan. 1965 - ALL POSSESSIONS LOST IN FIRE AT OLDCASTLE - Fire destroyed small home and all belongings of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Drouillard. It started Saturday an overheated space heater with Betty Ann, 13 year old daughter, only one at home. Unemployed and no insurance, the family was practically destitute.

August 3rd., 1956 - The Municipal Telephone System with its fire alarm as it has so many times, came to the rescue of Russell Robinson on Saturday after brought out the surrounding neighbors with a bucket brigade when fire was discovered in his barns. His home was saved but loss of barn and buildings plus five acre standing wheat would amount to \$15,000. Only a small fire insurance was carried.

Sept. 26th, 1956 - A Sandwich South farm family of five was forced to their home, Mr. & Mrs. Vince McCann, who farm on Conc. 11, north of Hwy. 98. Fire started on the roof. The upper floor was badly damaged, including furniture in bedrooms.

April 22nd, 1957 - \$40,000 farm fire levelled three barns, of Joseph Con. 9, Sandwich South Township, Sat. night, April 20th. One barn was 67 years old. Fire Marshall to investigate. Praise was given Gordon Jobin who managed to save several thousand dollars worth of implements and machinery.

During the height of the blaze, Mr Jobin backed a tractor beside the building and hitched a chain on a 150 gallon tank of gasoline which he managed to clear. There were almost 2000 persons on hand with motorists bumper to bumper nearly three miles along Conc. 9.

June 7th, 1957 - Residents along Hwy. No. 3, east of St. Josephs Church are happy with the gas pipeline laid this week.

Sept. 30th, 1957 - 47 cattle burn to death in \$35,000 barn fire - Sandwich South dairyman loses crop, costly implements on farm of Thomas Croft, Conc. 11, Sandwich South Township, between Highways 98 and 401. Mr. Croft had left the farm 20 minutes previously. A pure bred Jersey bull, 14 heifers and 32 milk cows were burned together with a tractor, combine, hay baler, forage blower and milking machine. Of the crop went with the barn and also the income from 560 lbs of milk daily, was some insurance but the loss is great. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Feb. 10th, 1958 - FIRE LEAVES SANDWICH SOUTH FAMILY OF 7 HOMELESS - The home of Chas. Dame, at Hwy. 2 and Lesperance Rd. at 11 a.m. Saturday. Fire started in the attic - wiring seen at fault - most of the furniture was saved.

April 24th, 1959 - George Weir's home on the 8th Conc. in the Robinson Subdivision in Sandwich South Township was lost when fire destroyed it early Wednesday morning. The fire had broken out in the early evening and the Anderdon Fire Dept. put it out and watched it for an hour. The Weir's retired after midnight, only awakened later with the fire out of control.

Jan. 14th, 1966 - The Oldcastle Garage owned by Bob McCord was saved from burning to the ground this past week. Executive members of the Fire Dept. were with the Township Council - just a few minutes run from the fire - at the local township office when the alarm came in. The short run by the Fire Dept. prevented a serious loss to the McCord business. It was believed sparks from a cutting torch ignited escaping gasoline fumes and started the building in flames. Damaged the roof and interior structure - \$5000 damage. Extinguished by pressure hoses and Carbon Dioxide Extinguisher.

May 13th, 1966 - The upper portion of the home of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Harding was destroyed by fire on Conc. 9, Sandwich South. The fire broke out about 10:00 while the family was not at home. Bedding and furniture were a loss.

Feb. 10th, 1967 - An early morning fire Monday at around 8:00 a.m. destroyed the home of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hildenbrand, just west of Walker Road on Talbot Road.

Sept. 27th, 1967 - Two large barns on the farm of Raymond O'Keefe, Conc. 9 were destroyed by fire - blaze remains a mystery. Believed to have started from the floor of one structure. It had spread to the second building before it was reported. Firemen from both Sandwich South & Sandwich West fought the blaze for more than five hours, to keep flames from spreading to the farm house and nearby shed. Total damage, \$15,000.

Nov. 7th, 1967 - A \$100,000 fire razes Mill - R. C. Flood Facilities Destroyed by flames 200 feet high were battled by over 20 firemen as the R. C. Flood Grain Co., Ltd., mill at Maidstone, on Hwy. 3, burned to the ground. Firefighters saved the office long enough for owner James Flood to rescue records. They kept the fire from destroying nearby house, restaurant and some small buildings. The large grain elevator a few hundred feet from the mill was not threatened. Essex, Maidstone, Sandwich West and Anderdon Fire Departments assisted Sandwich South Dept. but the mill burned to the ground in less than two hours about midnight. The mill was emptied of grain

just a week. A fire destroyed a mill on the same sight in 1933. Fire Chief, Wm. Mogyorody, said a dairy truck hit by a train at the level crossing nearby, almost beside the mill this Spring, landed in flames against a storage bin and nearly set the area ablaze. The 225 x 40' mill was valued by its owners at about \$80,000 and the contents, mostly machinery, at about \$20,000. The Flood's started work on Tuesday to rebuild on a site some distance north in the M.C.P. Spurline.

Nov. 13th, 1968 - Ontario Provincial Police were investigating the theft of 110 stapling guns from the Windsor Pellet Manufacturers valued at \$400.00 each.

June 10th, 1968 - Mrs. Robert Bennett groped her way through dense smoke to lead her three pre-school aged children to safety as fire destroyed the family's two-storey Baseline Road home. The blaze broke out in an attached garage. The family lost its clothing, furniture and an automobile. They had a family of 12 ranging in age from 1 yr. to 16 and is expecting again soon, six children attend school. The house had some insurance on it but none on the contents.

Nov. 18th, 1968 - THE BENNETT FAMILY CAN MOVE INTO ITS NEW HOME NOW. Robert and Carmella Bennett and their 11 children have been living in a 25' x 7' bus waiting for Mr. Bennett to finish building their new home, on the Baseline Rd., Sandwich South. Their old home there burned in June. One of the children had Pheumonia and now Mr. Bennett has it. The Bennett's invest \$5000 of their own money for a new 5-bedroom home, but to get it built he had to quit his job as a truck driver. Money ran out and there was no insurance on the burned furniture and personal effects. Mortgage funds were unavailable since he didn't have a job. Then the South Windsor Lion's Club heard their plight. They bought \$500 worth of insulation and plywood and went to the home and worked on it, 16 members showed up. In 2 1/2 hrs. they had completed the insulating, except for under the floor which was too wet, and put in temporary plywood ceilings. Next weekend they hope to finish the job. It's no place yet, the walls aren't up, it's chilly and there's not much furniture but it's better than the cramped bus. The have 1 1/2 acres of land. Assistance in food, clothing, furniture, became available to the family back in June, first through a depot set up by the Oldcastle Women's Institute and then by many other kindly folks throughout the whole county and city of Windsor.

July 23rd, 1969 - Paul Lafleur, age 20 of Sandwich South Township and Michael Reaume, age 18, were attendants at the Beaver Gas Station, 2525 Howard Ave., when two armed men held it up and escaped with \$161.00. During the holdup a shot was fired. The station had been robbed July 7th, seventeen days before, when a lone bandit scooped up \$200 from the till.

Sept. 11th, 1969 - The OPP have arrested a man in connection with the assault and robbery of a Walker Road woman, Mrs. Donald Borrowman (Patricia) in Sandwich South Township. Her children had told her a man had entered their house and gone upstairs. When she investigated she found a man going through a dresser drawer. She confronted the man but was knocked to the floor, but was not seriously injured. The home is the first house south of Beaver Pool Motel and only a small amount of money was taken. About 2 1/2 hrs. later, Constable Wm. Evans and Rod Campeau of Essex OPP arrested a man on North Talbot Rd., about 1/4 mile east of Walker Rd. Wm. Watson, 48, of London, they are arraigned in Prov. Court, remanded to Sept. 18th on \$1000 bail.

THE McCLOSKEY FAMILY - INVENTORS, FARMERS, ETC. - Their activities along the farm line were many and varied - were one of the first Irish families of the Hamlet of Maidstone Cross in the early pioneering days. March 3rd, 1899 - The Canadian Wire Fence Co. was formed with John A. Auld as president to manufacture fence, using "Weave patented by Wm. McCloskey of Maidstone Cross. July 1st, 1904 - An expert from one of Canada's leading farm implement companies,

visited Wm. McCloskey's farm at Maidstone, examined Mr. McCloskey's new cultivator invention, and pronounced it practical in every way. Sept. 24th, 1909 - Charles L. McCloskey of Maidstone Cross purchased the first automobile to be owned in Sandwich South. May 1st, 1914 - Leo McCloskey started to build a new home on Middle Road at Maidstone Cross.

MORE EARLY NEWS:

Mar. 31st, 1911 - The Strauss Land Co., of Liginie Indiana, were busy purchasing farms in Essex County, many in Sandwich South Township.

April 4th, 1919 - Wm Moynahan sold 25 acres of Lot 4, Conc. 10 Sandwich South to Lindsay Farough for \$2,200. Mr Moynahan handled 103 auction sales this same year, he was an auctioneer by trade and worked mostly selling farms.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

February 1, 1964 - Township Minutes

Mr. H. Bastien, Reeve, Mr. Evans, Deputy Reeve and Mr. Eric Hooper, Fire Chief of Anderdon Township were present at the meeting. Mr. Hooper presented a report to the Council relative to the activities of the Anderdon Fire Dept. in that part of the Township that they give services to and Mr. Hooper suggested that a bylaw be passed to have setting of fires outside be prohibited.

Moved by Robert Pulleyblank, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the Council form a volunteer Fire Department and start a training program for the proposed Fire Department. Carried

September 28, 1964 - see attached Township Minutes

October 19, 1964

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the Council of the Township of Sandwich South hereby agrees to purchase the coats, helmets and boots for the volunteer firemen that have joined our department. Carried

November 16, 1964

Mr. Fred Bull of Chatham came to the Council meeting to explain some of the details relative to fire equipment that would be satisfactory to meet the requirements of a fire truck that would be satisfactory for use in the township of Sandwich South.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Held on Sept. 28th, 1964

The meeting was held at the Township Hall and opened at 7 p.m. It was attended by Mr. Edward Dumouchelle, Mr. Clyde O'Neil and Eric Hooper, Fire Chief of the Township of Anderdon.

The following men were present and signed forms to become members of the Sandwich South Fire Brigade - Richard Hartley, Harold Wellwood, Gerald O'Neil, William Mogyorody, Frank Nostadt, Wallace St. Louis and Donald Renaud.

Mr. Hooper explained that each man will need approximately \$50.00 worth of equipment in the form of helmet, coat and boots. He stated that he has a staff of 27 men. If a member is sick or at work, it is an excuse for being absent. Discipline is essential, must address men of superior rank as Captain etc. With equipment of our own, we are then eligible for mutual aid from adjoining municipalities. The men will attend training classes approximately 10 months in each year. Chief instructor is a member of the Fire Department and has been to the training classes at Gravenhurst. Joint training classes for Anderdon, Malden and Amherstburg are being considered. Two conditions relative to attendance at fires 1) If a fireman has had too much to drink - stay home.

2) No smoking at the fire, if you have to smoke get back in the crowd out of sight.

This is a brief resume of the discussion that took place at this meeting.

Bert R. Bedford,
Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1965



Township of Sandwich South
First Fire Chief
Mr. Delber Taylor

Mr. Delber Taylor was born on July 12, 1900. He lived in Sandwich South Township most of his adult life. Mr. Taylor became Sandwich South Township Fire Department first Fire Chief on September 4, 1965.

"Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that Delber Taylor be appointed Fire Chief for the Township of Sandwich South."

Twp. of Sandwich South
Council Minutes
September 4, 1965

Mr. Taylor retired as Fire Chief in January of 1966. He died on November 14, 1972. One of his grandsons, Mark Taylor was a Volunteer Fireman for Sandwich South.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1965

April 3, 1965

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Elmer Ure that a committee of Council composed of Edward Dumouchelle, John McAuliffe and Robert Pulleyblank be appointed to meet with the Sandwich South Fire Department for any matters to be discussed between the committee and Sandwich South Fire Dept. Carried

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement for aid in case of a large petroleum fire so that the Department of Transport Cash Tender with crew be made available. Carried

January 2, 1965

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that K. J. MacKenzie be contacted to see what can be done to include our volunteer firemen in our insurance program. Carried

March 15, 1965

Moved by Robert Pulleyblank, seconded by Elmer Ure that the members of Sandwich South Fire Dept. be covered with an accident and dismemberment insurance policy that will be in effect while they are engaged in fire department work of any kind. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Elmer Ure that three men from the Sandwich South Fire Dept. be permitted to go to the Ontario Fire College at Gravenhurst. Carried

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of several details relative to the Sandwich South Fire Dept. The meeting was attended by Chief Eric Hooper and Capt. Ernie Dupuis of the Anderdon Fire Dept. as well as several members of our Sandwich South Fire Dept. The members of our Dept. were concerned about what benefits they would receive in case of injury while performing their duty as a fireman. It was explained that they would receive compensation because of injury at a rate based on full time salary per year, and they also will be covered by an accident and dismemberment policy and that they will be covered while they are engaged in any type of activity connected with their services as a fireman. It was also decided that they should have identification cards. It was also suggested that a member of Council or a committee from Council be appointed to meet with members of the Fire Dept. to co-ordinate further policy between the Council and Fire Dept.

April 10, 1965

We were accompanied by Eric Hooper, Fire Chief of the township of Anderdon, to look at fire trucks in Anderdon, township of Anderdon, Harrow-Colchester South, Colchester Amherstburg, Harrow-Colchester South, Colchester North, Township of Maidstone, and the Town of Essex in order to get some idea what equipment would best serve the needs of the Township of Sandwich South.

May 3, 1965

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that Bylaw No. 1514, being a bylaw to establish a fire department in the Township of Sandwich South, be finally passed. Carried

June 7, 1965

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that the clerk be authorized to advertise for tenders for a chassis for the fire truck. Tenders to be received until 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 21, 1965. Carried

July 6, 1965

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that the clerk be authorized to notify the Township of Sandwich West that the fire agreement with Sandwich West be terminated when the new fire truck is received or as December 31, 1965. Carried

July 20, 1965

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the clerk advertise for tenders for equipment to put on a fire truck for the Township of Sandwich South. Tenders to be received until Monday, August 16th at 12:00 noon. Carried

August 17, 1965

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the contract for the supplying of a fire truck by C. E. Hickey & Sons for the sum of \$21,605.00 be accepted, said vehicle to have a 2 stage pump, a voice pack, truck to have 145" wheel base, the fully equipped vehicle to be delivered at Oldcastle, Ontario. The GVW of the truck shall be 25,000#. Carried

September 4, 1965

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that Delber Taylor be appointed fire chief for the Township of Sandwich South. Carried

September 13, 1965

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the amount of \$20,000.00 be transferred from surplus account into revenue for the purchase of the fire truck, and that \$40,000.00 of the surplus account be used to put stone base on South Talbot Road from Walker Road to Malden Road a distance of 3.7 miles. Carried

September 20, 1965

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that Radio equipment in the form of a Base Station and a F.M. 2-way mobile radio unit be purchased for the Fire Dept. and that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the application for aid from the Emergency Measures Organization. Carried

September 28, 1965

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that Delber Taylor be paid a salary of \$50.00 per month to be fire chief for the Township of Sandwich South. Carried

October 2, 1965

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that Bylaw No. 1526, being a bylaw to allow the Sandwich South Fire Dept. to participate in Mutual aid with other fire departments in the County of Essex be finally passed as read the third time. Carried

November 15, 1965

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the Township of Sandwich South Fire Dept. be included in the arrangements of the Sandwich West Fire Dept. for accepting fire calls and alerting the Sandwich South Firemen for the sum of \$500.00 per year. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that James Holden be requested to draw up an agreement with the Sandwich West Fire Dept. so that they will accept fire calls and dispatch fire calls and alert the Sandwich South Fire Dept. when fire calls are received. Carried

December 4, 1965

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the clerk be authorized to write a letter to the Township of Sandwich East and ask them to let the Township of Sandwich South have the two pieces of fire equipment in the Walker Road fire station and also the tractor with front end loader and back hoe. Carried

December 20, 1965

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the rates of pay for firemen officers be \$6.00 first hour, \$3.00 each additional hour and \$1.00 for car, regular men \$4.00 first hour, \$2.00 each additional hour plus \$1.00 for car. Drill pay is \$3.00 per meeting and that a bylaw to this effect be drawn up. Carried

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the clerk be authorized to submit a brief to the Dept. of Highways of Ontario relative to the use of the west bay of the garage for storage of fire trucks. The brief shall include 1) amount of space to be used. 2) heating unit will be installed and Fire Dept. pay heat. 3) Road Dept. will pay for lights. 4) Rent for west bay garage to be \$50.00 per month. Carried

December 13, 1965

Moved by Robert Pulleyblank, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the Council of the Township of Sandwich South purchase the safe from the Township of Sandwich East for the sum of \$250.00. Carried

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that the Council of the Township of Sandwich South purchase the tank truck and additional pumper and equipment as supplied in a list by the Township of Sandwich East for the sum of \$3,022.00. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the rate of pay for firemen of the Township of Sandwich South be paid at the rate of \$4.00 for the first hour and \$2.00 for each additional hour and \$1.00 for use of car and \$3.00 per fire drill. Carried

ON TO THE SIXTIES AND MAMMOTH GROWTH FOR THE TOWNSHIP

FIRE PROTECTION COMES TO THE TOWNSHIP

Supplying Fire Truck contract was let to C. E. Hickey & Sons for \$21,605 shipped to Oldcastle. The G.V.W. of the truck would be 25,000. Contract let in Sept. 1965. On Oct. 1st, 1965 radio equipment in the form of a Base Station and a F.M. 2-way radio unit was to be purchased for the Fire Dept., and that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the application for Aid from the Emergency Measures Organization.

Nov. 12th, 1965 - Sandwich South received its first fire truck the past week. Firemen gathered to marvel at the new engine as it arrived. When the lads decided to put the new engine away for the night, they suddenly found the new truck parked half-way in and half-way out the door and refusing to start. The tank was found to be empty of gasoline and no service stations open at that hour. In order to get their new baby wrapped up for the night the locals had to raid Councillor Bob Pulleyblank's gas tank in the Suburban Landscaping yard.

The Fire Department was organized with 14 volunteer firemen already trained in the skills and techniques of fire fighting. Sandwich South had hereto not been serviced by the Anderdon and Sandwich West Departments and the local lads had been getting some well needed training from them. New coats, helmets and boots for each of the men was approved by Township Council to be paid for by them. Delbert Taylor would be the first Fire Chief. It would be stationed at the new Municipal Garage on No. 3 Highway behind the old Township Hall, opened Feb. 8th, 1964.

In June, 1965, Sandwich South Township Council instructed Municipal Clerk, Bert R. Bedford, to give the Anderdon and Sandwich West Fire Depts. notice that their services would no longer be required after the summer. They were well satisfied with these services but felt township residents would be assured of even better protection when the Sandwich South Fire Dept. was established. A three man committee was appointed to plan future operation of the Dept. It consists of Reeve Ed Dumouchelle, and Councillors John McAuliffe and Robert Pulleyblank.

The fire committee appointed by Council attended a meeting in the Fire Hall and elected the following slate of officers: President - Frank Nostadt, Vice-President - Wm. Mogyorody, Secretary - Wallace St. Louis, Treasurer - Robert Kettels. Bylaw No. 1513 to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign the agreement between the Dept. of Transport and the Township of Sandwich South to permit the crash tender crew from the airport to come into said township in case of a large petroleum fire in the township.

Dec. 3rd, 1965 - The Open House held at the new Municipal Garage and Fire Hall at Oldcastle to view the new fire engine was resounding success with many

locals winning prizes at cards and door prizes donated by township merchants. The firemen's wives and ladies of the Oldcastle Women's Institute convened party refreshments. Approximately 400 attended.

Dec. 13th, 1965 - Sandwich South Council voted to purchase the tank truck, additional pumper and equipment as supplied in a list by the Township of Sandwich East for the sum of \$3,022.

Jan. 12th, 1966 - Sandwich South Council had accepted a bid of \$592 by Martin Sheet Metal Co., for installing a heating unit in the township fire hall.

Jan. 29th, 1966 - William Mogyorody of Maidstone was appointed to replace Delbert Taylor as Sandwich South Township Fire Chief. Mr. Taylor would join the township Police Force at the end of the month. Volunteer firemen were sought, about a dozen openings were available. Rates of pay for Firemen were determined. Officers would be \$6.00 for first hour; \$3.00 for each additional hour and \$1.00 for car, regular men \$4.00 per hour; \$2.00 for additional hour and \$1.00 for car. Drill pay is \$3.00 per meeting, a bylaw would be drawn up covering this. The purchase of 10 Motorola alerting units was authorized for the use of the fire Dept.

Mar. 30th, 1966 - Sandwich South Township was looking into the economies of providing a new fire hall for the northern half of the municipality. It asked Millard Warner, building inspector to prepare plans and specifications for a hall large enough to accommodate one of the municipality's two fire engines and a portion of its firefighting equipment. The township had been using a section of its municipal garage on Hwy. 3 at Oldcastle for the fire equipment but this was no longer considered adequate.

Following annexation in January, 1966, the township acquired a portion of Sandwich East Township including the Airport which became a new northern portion to Sandwich South Township and without adequate fire protection. In April, 1967 the township received permission from O.M.B. to construct an Auxiliary Firehall to be located on Lots #201 and #202 on the West side of St. Alphonse Ave. 30' x 36' in size and would house one of the three township fire engines. Rest room facilities and a fire training area would be a feature. Fire Chief Wm. Mogyorody reported it would mean no home in the municipality would more than a few moments distance from protection. Valenti Brothers Construction Ltd. of Windsor were awarded the contract for \$8,787.00 on April 24th, 1967.

Oct. 11th, 1967 - George Weir & Sons Ltd. of Sandwich South was awarded the contract for installing an overhead single blower unit in the new Sandwich South Auxiliary Firehall. The company's bid of \$522 was lowest received.

Oct. 5th, 1967 - The Sandwich South Fire Dept. has initiated a new type of fire prevention program. It was making all school children in the township junior firefighters and asking that they do their part to prevent needless fires in the community. Fire Chief, Wm. Mogyorody is seen in Star picture release with three of his new recruits, Mary Anne Andrews, Robert Shuttleworth and Cheryle Dean. The children are students of S. S. No. 1, Concession 8. The department has the fastest growing fire department in Essex County - 750 school children.

He said the children have been asked to make special note of rubbish and trash in attics, closets, basements and yards, frayed electrical wiring, loose connections defective appliances, loose matches or lighters left within reach of tiny tots, dirty smokepipes and chimneys and careless smokers.

Oct. 15th, 1967 - The new Sandwich South Township Auxiliary Fire Hall was officially opened on Sunday, Oct. 15th, 1967. In the Star picture release were Robt. Stewart of the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office, Fire Chief - Wm. Mogyorody, W. G. Alexander - Chief Fire Services Division, and Essex County Emergency Measures Organization head - Robt. Norwood. Afternoon program consisted of firefighting demonstrations and refreshments were served.

July 15th, 1968 - Kevin, 5, son of Frank Nostadt, Howard Ave., and Dale, 4, son of Edmond Curtis also of Howard Ave. fathers firefighters turned the tables on their dads and dressed up in the elders regalia to fight a fire, so says the Star picture caption. Fire Chief Wm. Mogyorody recommended a little more training. The Chief heads a 21 man crew and the Dept. has three fully equipped pumpers and special rescue equipment. The Chief said his men have done an excellent job for the township. Several are qualified in first-aid and others have completed Emergency Measures Organization courses.

The Dept. initiated a Junior firefighter's program for teenagers, young men between 16 and 19 years of age who were interested.

Feb. 2nd., 1969 - Tenders were sought by Sandwich South Township Council for a new 4-ton truck for fire Dept., also 1500 gal. water tank. On Feb. 5th, Truck was purchased from Essex Farmers with lowest bid of \$6,170.00. Debentures would be issued to cover cost. On Feb. 20th, council awarded A. C. McCrindle contract for constructing and mounting a 1500 gal. tank to hold water for the new fire truck obtained for the fire dept. for \$2,724.00 and the same firm authorized to fabricate and erect 12 gauge sheet metal compartments for fire engine (62 Dodge Truck) for sum of \$720.00.

Fire Trophies, Oct. 27th, 1969 - The Essex County Firefighter's Association held its annual awards presentation. Sandwich South Township Fire Dept. captured the "King-Seagrave" Award as over-all champion and also the "Mansell" barrel fighting Trophy.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH BYLAW NO. 1513

A Bylaw authorizing the execution of an agreement between Her Majesty the Queen, represented by the Minister of Transport for Canada, and the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South, the Corporation of the City of Windsor, the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich East, the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich West, the Corporation of the Township of Maidstone, the Corporation of the Township of Maidstone, the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh, the Corporation of the Town of Riverside and the Corporation of the Town of Essex.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to execute the attached agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South and Her Majesty, the Queen, herein represented by the Minister of Transport.

THEREFORE THE COUNCILS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:-

1. That the Reeve and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the agreement between Her Majesty the Queen, herein after represented by the Minister of Transport and the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South, the Corporation of the City of Windsor, the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich East, the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich West, the Corporation of the Township of Maidstone, the Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh, the Corporation of the Town of Riverside and the Corporation of the Town of Essex, dated the 14th day of April, 1965, hereto annexed, and to affix thereto the seal of the Corporation.

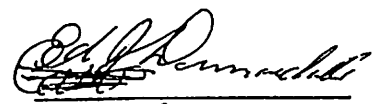
2. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

FINALLY PASSED this 19th day of April, A.D. 1965.

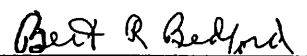
1st reading - apr. 19, 1965

2nd reading - apr. 19, 1965

3rd reading - apr. 19, 1965


Bert R. Bedford

I, Bert R. Bedford do hereby certify that this is a true copy of Bylaw #1513.


Bert R. Bedford,
Clerk-Treasurer

**THIS AGREEMENT made this
26th day of August, A.D. 1965**

BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN
(hereinafter called "Her Majesty")
represented herein by the Minister of
Transportation for Canada
(hereinafter called "the Minister")

OF THE FIRST PART.

-and-

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF
WINDSOR
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SANDWICH EAST
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
SANDWICH SOUTH
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MAIDSTONE
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
TECUMSEH
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERSIDE
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ESSEX**
(hereinafter called "the Corporations")

OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS in order to provide for adequate fire and aircraft craft protection at Windsor Airport (hereinafter referred to as "the said airport"), and within the limits of the Corporations, the parties hereto have agreed to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set out and contained.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the parties hereto hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

1. That in the event of a large petroleum fire within the limits of the Corporations adjoining the said airport, it is agreed, that upon request of the Essex County Fire Co-ordinator (hereinafter referred to as "the said Fire Co-ordinator") the services of the Department of Transport Cash Tender with crew will be made available for assistance at such a fire; provided however, that in no case shall the Cash Tender and crew be made available if such availability should interfere with the operational requirements of the said airport, as determined by the Airport Manager.
2. That the Minister will arrange through the Department of Transport for demonstrating to the fire fighters of the said Corporations, the use and application of foam in extinguishing petroleum fires and for training the fire fighters of the Corporations in the combined use of the fire fighting equipment of the Corporations manned by personnel of the said Corporations, with airport crast vehicles; it being expressly understood that such training program shall be

carried on within the limits of funds and materials allotted by the Department of Transport for that purpose.

3. That the Department of Transport will provide and maintain at each of the following locations, fifty (50) gallons of foam compound to be used for the purpose of extinguishing aircraft crash fires:

LaSalle Fire Station, Sandwich West Township;
Riverside Fire Department, Riverside, Ontario;
Tecumseh Fire Department, Tecumseh, Ontario; and
Essex Fire Department, Essex, Ontario.

4. That the Corporations shall replace all foam compound used by the Corporations for purposes other than for aircraft fires; it being expressly understood and agreed that any extinguishants used from the said Crash Tender in providing assistance to any of the Corporations, will be replaced by the respective Corporations.

5. That in cases of aircraft crashes where or when the operational requirements at the said airport will not allow the Airport Manager to dispatch the said Crash Tender, the Department of Transport will dispatch forthwith foam, an eductor and heat resistant helmets to the scene of the fire by the Airport Emergency Service.

6. That a pumper and foam eductor will be supplied to the said airport by the Fire Department of the City of Windsor while the said Crash Tender is being used by the respective Corporations.

7. That should a structural fire occur at the said airport, Fire Department of the City of Windsor will, upon request of the Airport Manager, dispatch one pumper, on City-Service Ladder Truck, on Chief Officer and a crew of seven (7) firemen and will make available further assistance if necessary; extinguishing of such structural fires shall be carried out under the direction of the Fire Chief of the City of Windsor.

8. That should emergencies or crashes of aircraft occur at the said airport, the Fire Department of the City of Windsor will, upon request of the Airport Manager, dispatch to the said airport one pumper having a minimum tank capacity of two hundred and fifty (250) gallons and equipped with a foam educator, on City-Service Ladder Truck, one hose and chemical wagon, on salvage truck with a total crew of twelve (12) firemen; such work in connection with aircraft emergencies or crashes shall be carried out under the direction of the Airport Fire Chief at the said airport.

9. That should aircraft crash fires occur within the Municipalities adjacent to the said airport or with the municipal limits of the said Corporations, the Fire Department of the City of Windsor will dispatch to the scene of the crashes such firemen and equipment as may be deemed necessary by the Fire Chief for the City of Windsor to extinguish such fires; it being understood and agreed that such work of extinguishing of fires shall be carried out under direction of the Fire Chief, until the

arrival of an officer of the Airport Emergency Service, and thereupon the officer of the Airport Emergency Service will direct the work of extinguishing of fires.

10. It is understood and agreed that the obligations imposed on the Fire Department of the City of Windsor in Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 hereof shall not be binding upon the said Fire Department in the event the fire fighting equipment and manpower referred to therein are required, in the discretion of the Fire Chief, to provide fire protection within the limits of the City of Windsor.

11. That should the Fire Department of the City of Windsor, in the opinion of its Fire Chief, be unable to comply with the provisions of Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 hereof as a result of providing fire protection within the City of Windsor as referred to in Section 10 hereof, the Corporations of the Townships of Sandwich South, Sandwich West and Maidstone and the Corporations of the Towns of Tecumseh, Riverside and Essex hereby agree to provide the services required under the provisions of Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 hereof to the extent possible with the equipment and the manpower available whenever called upon to do so by the Fire Chief of the City of Windsor.

12. That the said Corporations shall at all times indemnify and save harmless Her Majesty from and against all claims and demands, loss, costs, damages, actions, suits or other proceedings by whomsoever made, brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to the execution of these Presents, or any action taken or things done or maintained by virtue hereof, or the exercise in any manner of rights arising hereunder, except claims for damage resulting from the negligence of any officer, agent or servant of Her Majesty.

13. That notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, and in the interest of safety of the public and protection to property, the parties hereto agree to fully co-operate to provide the maximum efficiency of service to the public, subject as in this Agreement provided.

14. That this Agreement may be cancelled at any time by either party upon notice in writing one to the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed these Presents the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by Her Majesty in
the presence of

James F. Jones
for Minister of Transport.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WINDSOR

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by The
Corporation of the City of
Windsor in the presence of

John W. Hutton
Mayor.
[Signature]
Clerk.

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by The
Corporation of the Township of
Sandwich East in the presence
of

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH
EAST

Louis J. Pault
Reeve
[Signature]
Clerk

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by The
Corporation of the Township of
Sandwich South in the
presence of

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH
SOUTH

Ed. H. [Signature]
Reeve
[Signature]

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by The
Corporation of the Township of
Sandwich West in the presence
of

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH
WEST

L. [Signature]
Reeve
[Signature]

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by The
Corporation of the Township of
Maidstone in the presence of

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MAIDSTONE

Richard [Signature]
Reeve
Laurence St. Pierre

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by The
Corporation of the Town of
Tecumseh in the presence of

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF TECUMSEH

Walton D. Barilough
Reeve
[Signature]

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by The
Corporation of the Town of
Riverside in the presence of

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF RIVERSIDE

[Signature]
Reeve
Ed. Ballant

SIGNED, SEALED AND
DELIVERED by The
Corporation of the Town of
Essex in the presence of

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF ESSEX

Edmund [Signature]
Reeve
[Signature]

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON NOV. 4, 1965

The meeting was held in the Town Hall. Meeting opened at 10:15 a.m. with all members present. Members of the Fire Department present were Delber Taylor and Frank Nostadt.

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that Bryant Motors Ltd. be contacted and ask them to provide maintenance and service for the Sandwich South Fire Dept. truck. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the fire department be authorized to acquire the services of Captain Dupuis of the Anderdon Fire Dept. or some other instructor to provide instruction for the Sandwich South Fire Department for the balance of the year. Carried

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that a list of material be purchased for the Sandwich South Fire Department and a letter be given to Frank Nostadt and Delber Taylor to present to a wholesaler. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the meeting adjourn to Saturday, November 6th at 1:30 p.m. Carried

Bert R. Bedford
Clerk

SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 3rd, 1965 - Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Elmer Ure that a committee of Council composed of Edward Dumouchelle, John McAuliffe and Robert Pulleyblank be appointed to meet with the Sandwich South Fire Dept. for any matters to be discussed between the committee and Sandwich South Fire Dept. Carried

FEB. 5th, 1965 - Volunteers of the new Fire Brigade, being organized under the direction of Mr. Hooper of Anderdon Fire Dept. All enjoyed a free-from-business evening, especially the wives, at the delicious well served dinner.

SEPT. 20th 1965 - Carson Jessop's Column: Sandwich Southerners left from the recent Windsor amalgamation had much to hash over.

Sandwich South acquired the remainder of Sandwich East Township which included the Walker Airport and of all things a legal hotel which they cannot refuse.

Shawnee Tavern, one of the oldest clubs in Essex County which was situated in the former Sandwich East boundary was brought into the new Sandwich South boundary. Almost 50 years of dry vote broke the past

year in the township to give tipplers the right to sip if they supped also, now with the recent boundary legal right the Shawnee can be sipped at and supped at and Manager Paul Cecile has become a Sandwich Souther.

MAR. 15th, 1965 - Moved by Robert Pulleyblank, seconded by Elmer Ure, that the members of Sandwich South Fire Dept. be covered with an accident and dismemberment insurance policy that will be in effect while they are engaged in fire department work of any kind. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Elmer Ure, that three men from the Sandwich South Fire Dept. be permitted to go to the Ontario Fire College at Gravenhurst. Carried

The rest of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of several details relative to the Sandwich South Fire Dept. The meeting was attended by Chief Eric Hooper and Capt. Ernie Dupuis of the Anderdon Fire Dept. as well as several members of our Sandwich South Fire Dept. The members of our Dept. were concerned about what benefits they would receive in case of injury while performing their duty as a fireman. It was explained that they would receive compensation because of injury at a rate based on full time salary per year, and they also will be covered by an accident and dismemberment policy and that they will be covered while they are engaged in any type of activity connected with their services as a fireman. It was also suggested that a member of Council be appointed to meet with members of the Fire Dept. to co-ordinate further policy between the Council and Fire Dept.

JUNE 7th, 1965 - Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that the clerk be authorized to advertise for tenders for a chassis for the fire truck. Tenders to be received until 4:30 p.m. Monday June 21st, 1965. Carried

JULY 6th, 1965 - Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that the clerk be authorized to notify the Township of Sandwich West that the fire agreement with Sandwich West be terminated when the new fire truck is received or as December 31, 1965. Carried

JULY 20th, 1965 - Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the clerk advertise for tenders for equipment to put on a fire truck for the Township of Sandwich South. Tenders to be received until Monday, August 16th at 12 o'clock noon. Carried

AUG. 17th, 1965 - The following tenders were received for supplying the equipment for the fire truck.

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the contract for the supplying of a fire truck by C. E. Hickey & Sons for the sum of \$21,605 be accepted, said vehicle to have a 2 stage pump, a voice pak, truck to have 145" wheel base, the fully equipped vehicle to be delivered at Oldcastle, Ontario. The GVW of the truck be 25,000. Carried

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that

clerk be authorized to notify Aspinall Motors (D. Jenner) that they which to cancel the order for the 1965 GMC truck chassis to be used for a fire truck. Carried

SEPT. 20th, 1965 - Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that radio equipment in the form of a Base Station and a F.M. 2-way mobile radio unit be purchased for the Fire Dept. and that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the application for aid from the Emergency Measures Organization. Carried

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SEPT. 28th, 1965 - Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that Bylaw No. 1526, being a bylaw to allow the Sandwich South Fire Dept. to participate in Mutual aid with other fire departments in the County of Essex, be finally passed as read the third time.

OCT. 18th, 1965 - Moved by J.M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the clerk notify the members of the Fire Department and the members of the Committee of Council of a meeting to be held on Sunday, October 24th at 2 p.m. in the Town Hall. Carried

NOV. 4th, 1965 - Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the fire department be authorized to acquire the services of Captain Dupuis of the Anderdon Fire Dept. or some other instructor to provide instruction for the Sandwich South Fire Department for the balance of the year. Carried

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that a list of material be purchased for the Sandwich South Fire Department and a letter be given to Frank Nostadt and Delber Taylor.

NOV. 15th, 1965 - Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the Township of Sandwich South Fire Department be included in the arrangements of the Sandwich West Fire Dept. for accepting fire calls and alerting the Sandwich South Firemen for the sum of \$500 per year. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that James Holden be requested to draw up an agreement with the Sandwich West Fire Dept. so that they will accept fire calls and dispatch calls and alert the Sandwich South Fire Dept. when fire calls are received. Carried

NOV. 22nd, 1965 - Ted Dunn was present to give a demonstration of the Plectron Alerting equipment for use by the Fire Department. These alerting units would be used to provide notification for the firemen in case of fire. There were ten members of the Fire Dept. and the members of Council in attendance to take part in this demonstration.

DEC. 4th, 1965 - Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the clerk be authorized to write a letter to the Township of Sandwich East and ask them to let the Township of Sandwich South have the two pieces of equipment in the Walker Road fire station and also the tractor with front end loader and back hoe. Carried

DEC. 13th, 1965 - Moved by Robert Pulleyblank, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the Council of the Township of Sandwich South purchase the safe from the Township of Sandwich East for the sum of \$250. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the rate of pay for firemen of the Township of Sandwich South be paid at the rate of \$4 for the first hour, \$2 for each additional hour, \$1 for use of car and \$3 per fire drill. Carried

DEC. 20th, 1965 - Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the rates of pay for firemen officers be \$6 for the first hour, \$3 each additional hour and \$1 for car; regular men \$4 for the first hour, \$2 each additional hour, and \$1 for car. Drill pay is \$3 per meeting and that a bylaw to this effect be drawn up. Carried

MARCH 5/65

Coaching Offered

Fire Marshal To Help Township

OLDCASTLE - The Ontario Fire Marshall will assist Sandwich South Township to establish a municipal fire department.

Council has received word a qualified instructor will be made available to guide the municipality to matters concerning fire department training.

Sandwich South is one of the few remaining municipalities without its own fire protection in Essex County. It is now serviced by the Sandwich West and Anderdon departments.

Council has met with representatives from various fire equipment companies in the past and is apparently prepared to purchase a fully equipped truck as soon as qualified firemen are available.

Anderdon Township Fire Chief Eric Hooper is presently training a group of potential department members in firefighting skills and techniques. This training should be completed by early spring.

Sandwich South is well satisfied with the work of the Sandwich West and Anderdon fire departments, but it is felt township residents will be assured of even better protection if a municipal fire department is established.

JUNE 9/65

Independent Move Sandwich South Sets Fire Truck Deadline

OLDCASTLE - Sandwich South Township will have its own fire department.

Council has instructed Municipal Clerk Bert R. Bedford to give the Anderdon and Sandwich West departments notice that the municipality will no longer need their services after this summer.

It has also asked the clerk to advertise for tenders for a fire truck chassis. These will be accepted until June 21.

The township is one of the few remaining municipalities without its own fire protection in Essex County. It is well satisfied with the work of the Anderdon and Sandwich West departments, but it is felt township residents will be assured of even better protection if the Sandwich South fire department is established.

The township now has 14 volunteer firemen available. Many of the men have already completed courses in fire fighting skills and techniques.

The fire truck will be stationed at the township hall on Highway 3 at Oldcastle.

A three man committee has been appointed to plan future operation of the department. It consists of Reeve Ed Dumouchelle and Councillors Jon McAuliffe and Robert Pulleyblank.

FRI., NOV. 12/65

Volunteer Instructor

OLDCASTLE - Captain Ernest Dupuis of the Anderdon Township Fire Department has been asked to act as chief instructor for the Sandwich South Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The request was made by council at the suggestion of township Fire Chief Delber Taylor.

NOV 26/65



HOT STUFF - Sandwich South Township has established its own fire department. Delber Taylor has been chosen to head a 15-man volunteer crew. He is seen here examining the new township fire engine with Deputy Chief Frank Nostadt and municipal officials. From left Reeve Edward Dumouchelle, Deputy Chief Nostadt, Deputy Reeve Clyde O'Neil and Chief Taylor. (Star Staff Photo)

Form Fire Department Sandwich South Gets New Vehicle

OLDCASTLE - Sandwich South Township Fire Department has become reality.

The township's new \$21,000 fire engine has been delivered and Delber Taylor has been chosen to head a 15-man volunteer staff.

The township has been served by the Anderdon and Sandwich

West departments. As such it has been one of the few municipalities in the county without its own fire protection.

Frank Nostadt is the new township deputy fire chief.

Others on the force are captains Bill Mogyorody and Edmund Curtis and firemen Ken Kirkman, Robert Kettles, John Merryfield, Richard Hartley, Gerald O'Neil, Wally St. Louis, Donald Renaud, Benni Hansen, Thomas Markin, David Washbrook and Allen Banwell.

The new fire engine was purchased from C. E. Hickey and Sons, Hamilton. It is fully equipped.

The township has also purchased three complete Scott air packs, foam inductor apparatus for fighting petroleum fires, a portable pump for drawing water from ponds and ditches in rural areas, and voice packs similar to walkie-talkies.

"We're prepared for any type of emergency," Chief Taylor said, "All of our men have been fully trained by competent instructors."

The chief said there are openings for four additional firemen.

He noted that the township residents will be invited to see the new fire equipment and discuss future fire protection plans at an open house before the end of the year.

NOV. 27/65

New Engine To Be Seen

OLDCASTLE - The new Sandwich South Township Fire Department will hold an open house on the evening of Nov. 27, when the new fire engine will be on display.

The new department will officially go into operation Jan. 1. The township is now served by the Sandwich West and Anderdon departments.

Sandwich South received delivery of its new \$21,000 fire engine earlier this month.

Delber Taylor has been chosen to head a 15-man volunteer force. Frank Nostadt is the new deputy chief, and Edmund Curtis and Bill Mogyorody the new department captains.

NOV. 27/65

Oldcastle Highlights - Fire Engine Christened

People of Sandwich South christened a new baby in grand style last Saturday night at the municipal building here at Oldcastle. Of course, the new baby was the township's first fire engine and the locals, some two hundred or more, turned out to the firemen's card party and dance to see their engine and enjoy a real enjoyable friendly night.

Bill Mogyorody, acting as chairman of the night, introduced Rev. Ralph Bowman, pastor of St. Stephen's Anglican Church and St. Stephen's pastor performed a unique and timely duty in blessing the new engine and its crew.

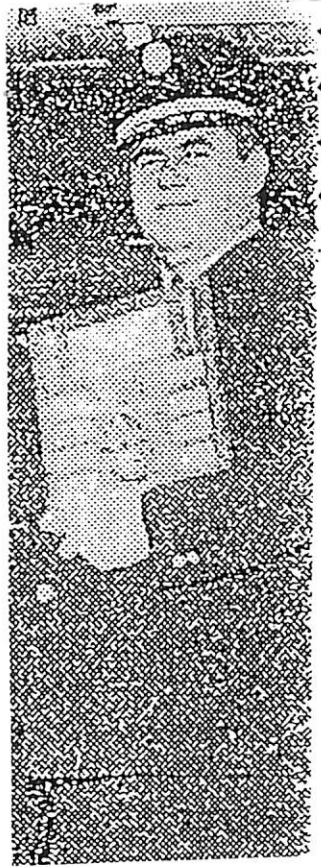
We are passing on the prayer used by Rev. Ralph Bowman, we believe it to be a most sincere act on his part towards the local township: "Almighty God, who has called us into neighbourly care of one another, be pleased to bless this engine and further its purpose of saving people and property from destruction by fire. Let Thy divine approval react on those who work with it and preserve them in whatever danger to body or spirit this duty may lead them. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen."

People danced to the "Quarter Notes", a fine foursome of youngsters which included two female musicians who could tickle a piano and blow a trombone that dancers enjoyed.

Following the cards, folks sat down to refreshments of tea, coffee and pastry served by the local ladies. Dozens of door prizes went to lucky ticket holders.

All in all, the Sandwich Southerners enjoyed themselves and are now asking, "Let's do it again, it was nice."

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1966



(picture from Windsor Star)

Township of Sandwich South
Second Fire Chief
Mr. William Mogyorody

Mr. Mogyorody became Fire Chief for Sandwich South Township in March 1966 until April 1970.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1966

January 4, 1966

The meeting was then turned over to discussion of several problems of the Fire Dept. Mr. Dumouchelle stated that there seemed to be some problems arising out of the operation of the Fire Dept. It was pointed out that a good machine had been acquired.

The general discussion that took place was interrupted so that the members of the Fire Dept. could go and take care of a fire that had started in the Oldcastle Garage.

January 10, 1966

The officers of the Fire Dept. made several requests for the Fire Dept. that they would like the Council to do for them. For further information see special page no. 5A.

January 17, 1966

Moved by Robert Pulleyblank seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that upon the recommendation of the Sandwich South Fire Dept. the council of the Township of Sandwich South appoints William Mogyorody fire chief after a probationary period of six months to become effective Feb. 1st, 1966.

January 24, 1966

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the Council of the Township of Sandwich South authorize the purchase of 10 Motorola alerting units for the use of the Fire Department. Carried

February 5, 1966

Mr. Mogyorody and Mr. Nostadt came to present some thoughts relating to the Fire Dept. They wanted to know how many men would be sent to the fire school that is to be held in Amherstburg and how many would be allowed to go to the Ontario Fire College at Gravenhurst.

March, 1966

Messrs. Mogyorody, Nostadt and Curtis were present representing the fire dept. Remuneration for Mogyorody in carrying out his duties as fire chief was discussed.

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Elmer Ure that the Sandwich South Fire Dept. be permitted to send one man to the Fire College at Gravenhurst to take some training that is provided at the Fire College. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Elmer Ure that the Sandwich South Fire Dept. be permitted to send two members of the Fire Dept. to the Fire School in Amherstburg, and they shall be compensated at the rate of \$30.00 per day for each day they attend the fire school. Carried

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by Elmer Ure that Mr. Wm. Mogyorody be paid a salary of \$50.00 per month until some further arrangements can be made to determine salary in some other manner. Carried

March 21, 1966

Mr. Mogyorody was present and explained some details about the fire department.

April 4, 1966

Moved by Clyde O'Neil, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe, that a Bylaw No. 1540, being a bylaw to authorize the execution of an agreement for fire protection and notification between Sandwich South and Sandwich West be finally passed as read the third time. Carried

April 18, 1966

Tenders were opened for the construction of a building to house a fire truck as follows: Fred Puppi Construction \$3,980 and door \$450, Scofan Contractors Ltd. \$5,300; Metro Builders \$4,685.

Moved by Robert Pulleyblank, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that no action be taken on the tenders received for the construction of proposed garage for the housing of fire equipment.

May 5, 1966

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that materials for truck maintenance be purchased for the fire department as per list submitted by Mr. Mogyorody. Carried

August 22, 1966

Mr. Frank Nostadt and Robert Kettles of the Sandwich South Fire Dept. attended the meeting. They submitted a list of items that were required and also the amount required to repair the mercury pumper.

September 9, 1966

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that the grant in the amount of \$1096.00 be paid to the Town of Essex for the Centennial Swimming Pool. Carried

October 1, 1966

Mr. Mogyorody and Mr. Nostadt came to the council meeting. Mr. Mogyorody, Fire Chief, gave an explanation of their work in school inspections and other training.

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that William Docherty of Riverside Construction be requested to give us a quotation on the construction of a building to be used to house fire trucks for the Sandwich South Fire Dept. on Registered Plan 1380, either on a basis to purchase by the Township or on an annual lease basis for a period of ten years. Carried

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH

MINUTES MEETING WITH FIREMEN

HELD ON JANUARY 10, 1966

A meeting was held with members of the Sandwich South Fire Department.

Mr. Dumouchelle explained to the officers of the Fire Dept. that we had a letter of resignation from Mr. Delber Taylor when a suitable replacement for Fire Chief could be found. Mr. Dumouchelle admitted things had not gone very well with the Fire Dept. The council suggested that the members of the Fire Dept. should make a recommendation for the new appointment. Wm. Mogyordoy said there had been some misunderstanding between the Chief and members. Mr. Taylor said he could not give full co-operation to members of the Fire Dept., police work made this impossible.

It was explained that radio equipment had been ordered. This includes a base station, a 2-way radio in the truck and 10 alerting units.

The following proposals were submitted by the officers of the Fire Department:

1. Officers pay - they were dissatisfied with the time that the officers pay commenced.
2. Unhappy because they could not use the Road Supt.'s office.
3. They asked that a phone be put in the storage room, where training sessions will be held.
4. A 50' length of 1 1/2" hose had two holes in it.
5. They pointed out that the tank truck needs to be repaired.
6. 36" ladder on fire truck not satisfactory.
7. They wanted to know what had taken place relative to the alarm system to alert firemen.
8. The alerting at the present time will be done by telephones.
9. New applicants for the Fire Dept. to be approved by the Sandwich South Fire Dept.
10. Meeting nights - \$3.00 per night, training will be sponsored by trained instructors.
11. They wanted to know about attendance at the Fire College at Gravenhurst. Three men were supposed to have been approved for attendance by the Anderdon Fire Chief.
12. It was requested that a stop sign be placed at the end of the drive-way on the north side of No. 3 Highway. Request not granted.
13. Rules by Department.
14. Time for training sessions was discussed. No decision arrived at except that Mr. Robt. Stewart of the Ontario Fire Marshall's office would be present on the 17th, the 24th and the 31st day of January for instruction classes for the members of the Fire Dept.

Sandwich South Council

NOV. 5/66 - The meeting was held in the Town Hall. Meeting opened at 1:30 p.m. with all members present.

Moved by John McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that the minutes of the meetings of October 17th and October 24th be approved as presented.

Mr. William Mogyordoy, Fire Chief, gave a detailed and lengthy report on the activities of the Sandwich South Fire Dept.

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that William Mogyordoy be paid a day's wage for time lost due to fires attended on October 31st, 1966. - Carried

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that a grant of \$150.00 be paid to the Sandwich South Fire Dept. Association to pay one-third of the cost of blazers purchased. - Carried

Fire Prevention Week is being observed in all the schools of Sandwich South. Beginning on Tuesday, the Sandwich South Fire Department checked the schools for fire hazards and thoroughly inspected fire equipment. The children were instructed to tell their parents that there is a 24-hour answering service coverage in the Fire Department Service which is fast and efficient.

Thus in educating the children how to prevent fires, we are instructing the parents also. Remember the fire number for Sandwich South 966-9720.

The Fire Department visited Percy McKee Public School. S. S. No. 4 and S.S. No. 10 on Tuesday.

Two fire engines and four firemen visited each school. The same routine was followed in each, the principal rang the fire drill bell and the children marched out in order. While the children were out, they were allowed to examine the fire engines and ask questions. Returning to the classrooms they were given literature distributed from the Fire Marshall's office and the Fire number, 969-9720, to take home. The firemen wish to thank the teachers for their co-operation.

fireman
Henry Lankin

fireman
Jack Merrifield



NOV. 10/66

Warehouse Blaze Loss \$70,000

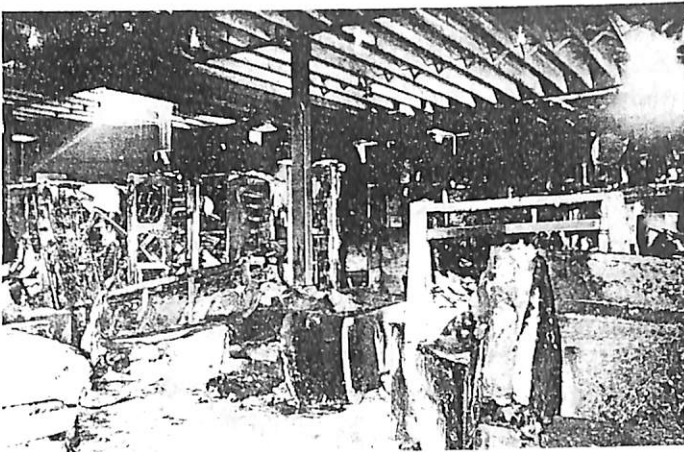
Police report burglar alarm ringing strong

An Ontario fire marshal has been summoned from Toronto to investigate a \$70,000 early morning fire that destroyed a warehouse owned by Highway Furniture in Sandwich South Township.

"There was a hole in the southeast section of the roof and a crowbar nearby," said Frank E. Neave, a fire inspector of the Windsor department. "Three or four empty containers were found in the warehouse aisle and we want to know whether they contained something sprayed about to start the fire or whether they are there by coincidence."

Essex OPP reported the store burglar alarm ringing when they arrived at the scene, on Highway 3 near Howard Ave. at 3:30 a.m.

Owner Joseph Berecz said it was the second major fire in the last six years. "The warehouse roof is gone, a lot of merchandise is ruined and there is heavy smoke and water damage."



He said his estimate at the scene this morning was \$60-\$70,000 damage. "It's a shock in my life but I would like to keep on the staff of 10 and rebuild as soon as possible."

Windsor firemen received the call from an unidentified truck driver who stopped his truck for repairs on Highway No. 3 near the store and spotted the blaze.

He called the fireman who dispatched three units and command car under District Chief Raymond Berthiaume, from Stations No.'s 5 and 4.

Although the fire was in Sandwich South Township, Windsor firemen, under an agreement with the township, aids the townships volunteer brigade.

The Windsor firemen were there for two hours until 5:30 a.m. During the two hours, extra air tanks and cellar nozzle were dispatched to help the men keep the fire under control.

Gordon Jones, general manager, told firemen the store at 9:30 p.m. Monday and at the time "everything appeared to be in order."

Sandwich South Township volunteer fire department assumed the cleaning up job at the fire 5:30 a.m. under Fire Chief William Mogyorody. The Essex OPP officers who attended the scene were Constable Gary Steeves and Cpl. William O'Rourke.



TRAGEDY SCENE - This was the scene at the intersection of Walker Rd. and Highway 3 at Oldcastle Wednesday afternoon, as rescue workers prepared to pry the crushed school bus and a heavy dump truck trailer apart. Most of the truck's load was hurled into the bus interior, burying many of the school children passengers in their seats. Tons of earth had to be removed before rescue crews could reach the last of the victims trapped in the bus. Here a crane is being used to move the trailer away from the wrecked bus. (Star Staff Photo)

Rescuers on scene in minutes Police, Fire, Ambulances Act Instantly

By LES MATHER

The tragedy which occurred when a sand truck and school bus smashed together brought an immediate response from two police departments, two fire departments, two ambulance services.

Officers from the Ontario Provincial Police and the Windsor Police Department responded, as did ABC and Suburban Ambulance services. Both Windsor and Sandwich South Fire Departments brought additional trained rescue personnel to the scene.

The first trained man to reach the accident site was OPP Constable Robert Day of the Essex Detachment. He sent out the first radio message which indicated the seriousness of the crash.

His radio call, broadcast at 3:32 p.m., brought in more than 70 other trained rescue workers, officers, doctors, and first aid personnel.

The immediate problem was the difficult job of extricating the children from the bus. Welders were quickly on the scene, some of them on their way home from work.

But police officers had another serious problem on their hands - traffic control. Walker Rd. carries a heavy burden of cars to and from such plants as Chrysler and the accident occurred close to a change-of-shift time.

Crowd control was still a further problem. Rope barriers helped here, however, and these were set up by officers at the scene.

ABC and Suburban ambulance officials estimate they made 11 trips to hospital each with victims.

The Windsor Fire Department responded with 11 men and five pieces of equipment including a rescue truck carrying hydraulic jacks, acetylene cutting torches, hack saws and other rescue gear that was used to free children trapped in the wreckage.

The Sandwich South Fire Department had 11 of its volunteers and an engine at the emergency within minutes.

Windsor's police department sent five cars and nine men while the Essex OPP detachment set seven cars and sixteen men to the scene. Police stayed until 6:30 p.m. when traffic returned to normal. Some OPP officers who were off duty reported to their office as soon as they learned of the emergency.

ABC had four cars and 11 men involved while Suburban used five units and 11 men.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1967

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1967

December 20, 1966

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that Bylaw No. 1563, being a bylaw to provide for the construction of an auxiliary fire hall on lot 201 and 202, Registered Plan 1380, on the west side of St. Alphonse Avenue was provisionally adopted and shall be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval. Carried

February 4, 1967

Mr. Mogyorody gave a report on the number of fires during 1966 and the breakdown of the 1966 expenditures.

April 3, 1967

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the clerk be authorized to advertise for tenders for the auxiliary fire hall. The following changes in specifications are requested. 1) The electric service panel be increased from 100 amp service to 200 amp service and a 2 inch conduit will be required. 2) That a 2 inch x 2 foot layer of plastic foam be installed on the inside of the outside perimeter and shall extend 2 feet below grade level. Tenders shall be received until Monday, April 24th at 5 p.m. Carried

June 3, 1967

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe seconded by Clyde O'Neil that Mr. M Valente be approached relative to leaving the four electric heating units out of the building in the new fire hall and find out how much he will reduce the contract. After the building is completed estimates will be obtained by the council to put a suspended gas heating unit in the building. Carried

August 5, 1967

Wm. Mogyorody explained to the council some of the equipment that was needed for the opening of the new fire hall.

September 21, 1967

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the contract for installing an overhead single blower unit in the Sandwich South auxiliary Fire Hall be awarded to George Weir & Sons Ltd. for the sum of \$522.00. One other tender was received from Martin Sheet Metal for \$534.00. Carried

November 4, 1967

Moved by Robert Pulleyblank, seconded by Clyde O'Neil that Bylaw No. 1586, being a bylaw to provide for the issuance of debentures in the amount of \$8,100.00 to pay for the construction of the fire hall No. 2 be provisionally adopted as read the second time. Carried



Farm Buildings Raged at Percy McKee Farm

Farm Fire Toll \$10,000 35 firemen battle to save house

Sandwich South firemen are continuing their investigation of a fire which caused an estimated \$10,000 damage Monday to the farm buildings and machinery of Percy McKee, on Howard Ave. about 1 1/4 miles south of Highway 3.

Three pumpers and three tank trucks from Sandwich South, Anderdon and Sandwich West were used to fight the fire which

broke out shortly before 5 p.m. About 35 firemen battled successfully to prevent the flames reaching the farm house.

The fire started in a wooden two-storey, combined corn crib and granary, destroying a quantity of dried corn stored there. Mr. McKee said he is not certain how many bushels of corn were burned.

A nearby corrugated iron machine shed caught fire minutes after and a combine, forage wagon and tractor burned with the building.

"I'm not sure of the damage but it might be about \$10,000 - that's a safe estimate," Mr. McKee said.

He said both the machine shed and the corn crib granary were destroyed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. McKee's grandson, 8 year-old David whose parents live on the neighboring farm, was killed in the Oldcastle bus disaster.

Frank Nostadt, deputy chief of the Sandwich South fire department, said he is not certain what caused the fire but added that a truck which was parked near the corn crib may have given off sparks.

He said about 35 firemen fought the fire between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Mr. Nostadt said employees of the nearby Green Giant of Canada Ltd. factory were "a great assistance to us by bringing loads of water to the scene and giving their time and help so willingly."

Mr. Nostadt said the Ontario fire marshal will not likely be asked to investigate.

JULY 21, 1967



AUXILIARY FIRE HALL - Fire protection in Sandwich South Township will be improved when the municipality's new auxiliary fire hall on St. Alphonse Ave. is complete. The \$8,000 plus structure is being erected by Valente Construction, Windsor. It is to be 30-by-36 feet in size and will house one of the three township fire engines.

Fire Protection Boosted

OLDCASTLE - The new Sandwich South Township auxiliary fire hall should be complete before the end of the month.

The \$8,000 plus structure is being erected by Valente Construction, Windsor.

Purpose of the fire hall is to ensure fast and efficient service to homeowners in the area of the township recently annexed from Sandwich East and those in the northeast corner of the municipality.

The structure is to be located on Lots 201 and 202 on the west side of St. Alphonse Ave. It is to be 30 by 36 feet in size and will house one of the three township fire engines.

The hall will include restrooms and a large training area. It will be large enough to accommodate a second fire engine if

necessary.

Township fire chief William Mogyorodt said the new hall will be of tremendous importance to his department. He said it will mean that no home in the township will be more than a few moments from protection.

AUG. 10/67

Stolen Auto Stripped, Fired

A stolen 1965 Pontiac was stripped of its parts and put to the torch early today, Essex OPP report.

The car, owned by John Lyons of Concession 6, Windsor, was found in flames early today at Baseline Rd. and Concession 9, Sandwich South Township, after an anonymous caller phoned police at 1 a.m.

When police investigated they found pools of gasoline around the car. Missing were a number of parts, including tires, bucket seats, transmission, driveshaft and some instruments.

The Sandwich South Volunteer Fire Department answered the fire call.

Fire Hall Nearing Completion

OLDCASTLE - The new Sandwich South Township auxiliary fire hall is slated to be in use within a matter of days.

The near \$10,000 structure is located on Lots 201 and 202 on the west side of St. Alphonse Ave. Purpose is to ensure fast and efficient service to homeowners in the area of the township recently annexed from Sandwich East and those in the northeast corner of the municipality.

It is 30-by-36 feet in size and will house one of the three township fire engines. It has rest rooms and a large training area and is large enough to accommodate a second fire engine if necessary.

Work was done by Valente Construction, Windsor.

SUN., OCT. 15/67

Sandwich South Opening Auxiliary Fire Station

OLDCASTLE - "There is nothing more important to a municipality than an efficient fire department," W. G. Alexander, chief fire services division, Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, said Sunday.

Mr. Alexander was speaking during official opening ceremonies for the new Sandwich South Township auxiliary fire hall.

He said a good fire department attracts industrial and residential growth, saves money in insurance rates and safeguards the community.

The fire prevention specialist described the Sandwich South department as "one of the best of its size" and congratulated the municipality for "having the foresight to push for its establishment."

Mr. Alexander was joined in the ribbon cutting ceremony by local, provincial and federal political officials, Sandwich South Fire Chief William Mogyorodt, Robert Stewart of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, and fire chiefs from surrounding municipalities.

The \$10,000 structure is located on St. Alphonse Ave. Purpose is to insure fast and efficient service to homeowners in the area of the township recently annexed from Sandwich East Township and those in the northeast corner of the municipality.

The 30-by-36 foot hall will house one of the three township fire engines. It has rest rooms and a large training area and is large enough to accommodate a second fire engine.

Work was done by Valente Construction, Windsor.

Chief Mogyorody said the new hall will be "of tremendous importance to his department." He said it will mean no home in municipality will be more than a few moments from protection.

Sunday's program also included fire fighting demonstrations. Refreshments were served.

The main township fire hall is on Highway 3 at Oldcastle. The township fire phone number is 969-9720.



NEW FIRE HALL - The new Sandwich South Township fire hall was officially opened Sunday. The near \$10,000 structure is located on the west side of St. Alphonse Ave. Purpose is to ensure fast and efficient service to homeowners in the area of the township recently annexed from Sandwich East and those in the northeast corner of the municipality. Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, from left: Robert Stewart of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office; Sandwich South Fire Chief William Mogyorody; W. G. Alexander, chief, fire services division; and Essex County Emergency Measures Organization head Robert Norwood.

Don Harris

OCT. 5/67

'Home Inspectors' Pupils Enroll as Firemen

OLDCASTLE - Sandwich South Township has the fastest growing fire department in Essex County.

It has enlisted the 750 school children in the municipality as junior fire fighters.

The youngsters have been given identification cards and fire safety checklists and entrusted with the responsibility of making sure that their homes are free of fire hazards.

They have pledged to do their part in preventing needless fires and to report all potential fire hazards in the municipality.

Fire Chief William Mogyorody said the program has proved "extremely successful." He said it gives the children a feeling of accomplishment and the fire department an eye in every part of the township.

He said the children have been asked to make special note of rubbish and trash in attics, closets, basements and yards; frayed electrical wiring; loose connections; defective appliances; loose matches or lighters left within reach of tiny tots; dirty smokepipes and chimneys and careless smokers.

The Chief cautioned parents against taking fire prevention measures suggested by their children "too lightly."

He said the youngsters are being schooled in protective inspection and predicted that their knowledge will "pay large

dividends."

Each young firefighter is given an opportunity to inspect township fire equipment. Senior members of the department are always present to answer questions and emphasize the importance of the part the children can play in the township's fire prevention program.



FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM - The Sandwich South Fire Department has initiated a new type of fire prevention program. It is making all school children in the township junior fire fighters and asking that they do their part to prevent needless fires in the community. Fire Chief William Mogyorody is seen with three of his new recruits. From left, Mary Anne Andrews, Chief Mogyorody, Robert Shuttleworth and Cheryle Dean. The children are students at S.S. No. 1 School, Con. 8.

MAR. 27/67



FIRE FIGHTER'S SCHOOL - Special instructions on new apparatus and scientific principle of fire fighting was given to about 65 firemen, members of the Essex County Fire Chiefs and Officers Association, Saturday. The class was part of a year-round course given by the association to Essex County firemen. Guest speaker was Robert Stewart of London, district instructor of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office. From left, Mr. Stewart; Frank Nostadt, Sandwich South deputy chief; Fernand Potier, Maidstone Area 2 fire chief; and Fire Chief L. J. Renaud of Tecumseh. The course will cover all features of fire fighting.

65 Represent 17 Departments County-wide Fire Meeting

About 65 firemen representing 17 fire departments in Essex County attended special instructions Saturday as part of the Essex County Fire Chiefs and Officers Association's bi-annual school program.

Robert Stewart of London, district instructor from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, briefed the group on the specific principles involved as well as the practice application of water in its various forms under any fire conditions.

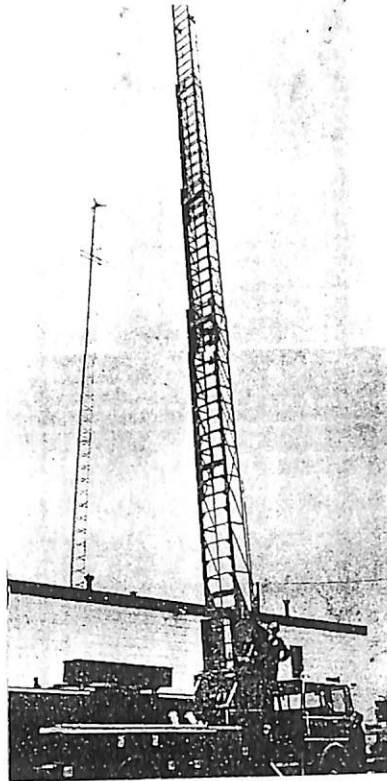
He said that well over 90 per cent of all fires are controlled and extinguished with water. No other extinguishing agent is available in such abundant and economical supplies and no other agent possesses the ability to control or extinguish even an average dwelling fire.

Special nozzles for certain circumstances were shown to the group as part of the demonstration.

The organization meets three times a year to keep up with the fast-changing aspect of fire fighting. Each meeting is held at a different hall throughout the county.

Saturday's classes were held under the auspices of the Tecumseh Fire Department at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Lesperance Rd.

SKY HIGH - New 100-foot Windsor ladder truck assisting Sandwich South firemen test radio communications. From left on the truck: Frank Nostadt Sandwich deputy chief; Melchior Koehl, superintendent of apparatus for the Windsor fire department. Arrow indicates antenna reaching up from the extended ladder.



Windsor Helps Neighbor Testing Role Played by New Fire Truck

Windsor's new fire truck saw action for the first time Tuesday - but not because of any emergency.

The 100-foot aerial ladder was used to help Sandwich South firemen test their radio communications system which has been suffering from interference.

The system is based at the Sandwich West Municipal building on Malden Rd. where seven other organizations also operate short wave radio networks.

The company which installed the Sandwich South equipment says the trouble stems from the other networks which use the same 68-foot antenna.

A test antenna was attached to the ladder and then raised to 70 feet. A mobile monitor then moved between points from Amherstburg and Belle River testing the strength of the signal.

A second antenna for Sandwich South firemen may be placed on the municipal building if the tests prove the problem is in the present hook-up.

In the past, some Sandwich South volunteers had to be notified about fire alarms by telephone.

\$100,000 Fire Razes Mill



FIREMEN PROBE RUINS OF R. C. FLOOD GRAIN MILL

R. C. Flood Facilities Destroyed Firemen Battle 'Mass of Flame' 200 Feet High

By MIKE KEATING

Firemen are combing the smoking ruins seeking the cause of \$100,000 blaze that levelled a Maidstone area grain mill early today.

Over 20 firefighters fought a 200-foot-high wall of fire as the R. C. Flood Grain Co. Ltd. mill on Hwy. 3 burned to the ground.

Sandwich South Fire Chief William Mogyorody said the frame and sheet metal building was "a mass of flames" when pumpers arrived about midnight.

Firefighters saved the office long enough of owner James Flood to rescue the records. They kept the fire from destroying a nearby house-restaurant and some small buildings.

Flames on wooden poles carrying high tension wires were put out and power was not interrupted. The large grain elevator a few hundred feet from the mill was not threatened.

Provincial police, who are also investigating the fire said Mr. Flood saw no traces of fire when he was at the office about 10 p.m.

The building burned to the ground in less than two hours.

Six vehicles were sent by Essex, Maidstone, Sandwich West, Sandwich South and Anderdon forces.

They drew water from tank trucks and a nearby well.

Police said the fire apparently started in the west section of the building. A police spokesman said there is no suspicion of arson.

The mill was emptied of grain last week.

A fire destroyed a mill on the same site in 1933.

Chief Mogyorody said a dairy truck, hit by a train at a level crossing beside the mill this spring landed in flames against a storage bin and nearly set the area ablaze.

The 225 by 40 foot mill was valued by its owner at about \$80,000 and the contents - mostly machinery - at \$20,000.

Water Lack Hampers Firemen



FIREMEN BATTLE BLAZE IN HAY BARN

Sandwich South Sends Tankers to Aid in Battle

Windsor firemen from two stations looked on helplessly for about 30 minutes Sunday night, while fire destroyed one of four barns at Walker Farms on E.C. Row Ave., near Walker Rd.

Firemen were called from stations at Walker Rd. and Richmond St., and Turner Rd. and Tecumseh Rd. to the blaze about 7:08 p.m. but found there was no water pressure in any of the three hydrants in the area.

"You couldn't get enough water for a garden hose, and we were helpless," said Windsor District Fire Chief Arthur Downey.

The building was completely destroyed.

An emergency call for assistance was sent out from the scene and Sandwich South Fire Department under the direction of Chief Jack Malott sent three water tankers to the scene.

No estimate of the loss is available, but Chief Malott said the building alone "would be worth at least \$15,000."

He said it is not certain who owned the buildings.

The Sandwich South tank trucks - one 1,300 gallon and two 500 gallon tanks - were used to extinguish flames which had spread to the roof of a second barn.

Chief Downey said he believed the building contained stored hay. He said the only sign of life around the barn was "two raccoons that ran out and across the field with their coats ablaze."

Cause of fire is under investigation. It is believed to have been caused by juveniles playing with matches.

Firemen said the straw within the concrete foundations will smoulder harmlessly probably until late today. Part of the Windsor contingent of two pumpers, a ladder truck, service car and command car remained at the scene until 2:15 a.m. today.

About 200 persons gathered around the flaming barn between 7:30 and 9 p.m. Sunday.

In addition to the barn fire, firemen had a series of minor calls over the weekend.

MAY 17/67

Firemen Probing Barn Blaze

The Sandwich South Township fire department is still investigating the cause of a fire early this morning that destroyed a large vacant barn on Highway 2 just west of the Star Motel.

The blaze broke out at about 2 a.m. Firemen used water

hoses to keep flames from spreading to nearby residence. The owner of the barn has not been located.

The following tenders were opened for the construction of a fire hall: Riverside Construction, \$8,950.00; Fred Puppi Construction, \$9,500.00; Clark Construction Co., \$10,669.00; M. Valente Construction Ltd., \$8,787.00 and Cor-Tes Contracting Ltd., \$9,575.00

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the contract for the construction of the Sandwich South Fire Hall be awarded to Valente Construction Ltd. for the sum of \$8,787.00 with the consideration that a 100% performance bond must be submitted by the contractor.

MAY 19/67

Fire School Here

Chief Bill Mogyorody, of the Sandwich South Fire Dept. informs us that an Essex County fire school will be held here at Oldcastle, Saturday morning, June 24th.

Instructor Art Shuttleworth, of the Windsor Fire Dept., will be on hand to instruct the county fire departments in ladder drills.

Chief Mogyorody claims some of the projects will be local area buildings that could be a problem in case of a dangerous fire and if the local firemen are instructed on the larger establishments here it would aid the men in fighting a possible fire.

JULY 17/67

Fire Strikes Machinery

Fire heavily damaged the interior of a boiler van of Marentette Brothers Ltd., on Highway 98 near Concession 10 of Sandwich South Township Monday.

The Sandwich South Township volunteer fire department had the fire under control within 30 minutes of their arrival at the asphalt plant at 4:30 p.m.

Deputy Chief Frank Nostadt said the construction firm has a mobile operation at the scene with a series of vans containing machinery.

The fire was in a van that houses the oil heating machinery and a small office. The interior of the van was destroyed. Deputy Nostadt said there is no estimate of the loss.

A neighbor, Mrs. Yvonne Hergott called firemen to the blaze. Firemen said there was no one on the scene when they arrived.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

AUG. 10/67

A number of road signs have been defaced. Others have been removed entirely.

In other business, a rash of false alarms has prompted council to warn farmers that they must take the responsibility of contacting the municipal fire department before setting any type of stubble fires.

Mr. Bedford has been instructed to send out notices warning farmers that false alarms not only endanger persons and property, but also add to the township tax roll.

The move was prompted by a complaint from the fire department.

MAY 2/67

Train Rams Truck, Driver Killed Vehicle Burns after crash

by DON HARRIS

A Silverwood Dairies employee was killed this morning when the milk truck he was driving was sliced in two by a fast-moving New York Central Railway passenger train at a level crossing just west of Maidstone on Highway 3.

Dead is: Linwood (John) Loop, 54, of 153 Park St., Kingsville.

Mr. Loop was west bound to Windsor with a load of empty milk crates and cartons when the accident occurred. The impact drove the truck about 100 yard down the track where it struck a grain storage bin owned by R. C. Flood Grain Co.

Fire Chief William Mogyorody of the Sandwich South Township fire department was one of the first persons at the scene. He said the sound of the crash was loud enough to waken him from a sound sleep. His home is about a quarter mile from the crash site.

Chief Mogyorody said the truck was blazing when he arrived at the scene. The driver was trapped inside.

The Fire Chief then raced to the nearest phone and summoned his men. They were at the scene within a matter of minutes.

Firemen and Ontario Provincial Police officers worked about 30 minutes to free the body from the cab of the truck. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene. The body was removed by ABC Ambulance, Windsor.

Constable Ron Griffis of the Essex Detachment OPP was investigating officer.

The crossing is a level and is protected by automatic signals.

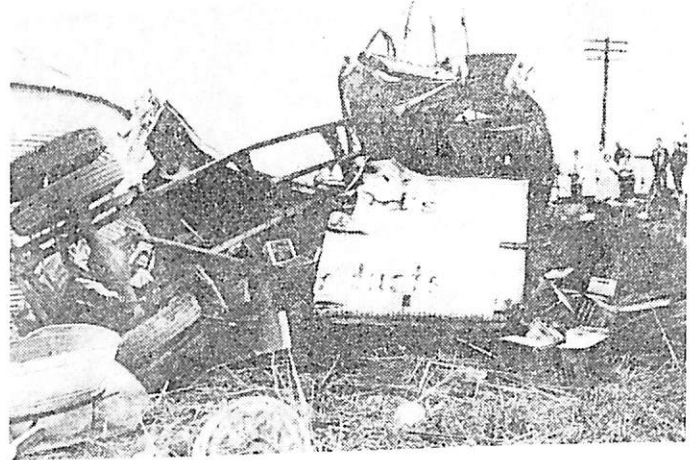
New York Central general yardmaster Mr. Petrie, Windsor, checked the signals following the crash and found them to be in proper working condition.

Mr. Petrie said the train was bound for Chicago. Harold Spry was engineer, George Curtis conductor and Russ Lessen fireman. All three are from St. Thomas.

There was minor damage to the front of the train but it was able to continue to its destination.

Traffic was blocked along Highway 3 for a short time following the crash, but the OPP managed to clear the roadway within minutes.

The train was travelling at near 80 miles per hour at the time of the crash.



Truck mangled by impact of train

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1968

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1968

November 20, 1967

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure that Bylaw No. 1586, being a bylaw to borrow through the sale of debentures \$8,100.00 to finance the cost of the auxiliary fire hall be finally passed. Carried

February 12, 1968

The meeting was held in the Town Hall. Meeting opened at 7 p.m. with all members present. Officers of the Fire Dept. present were Wm. Mogyorody, Frank Nostadt, Edmund Curtis and Robert Kettles.

The officers of the Fire Dept. presented their proposal for the 1968 expenditures of the Fire Dept. Mr. Mogyorody explained the budget very thoroughly. It was disclosed that the budget as presented, plus the added cost of the annual payment on the new fire hall would double the amount of money that was spent in 1967. Further consideration will be given to this budget by the members of the council at their next meeting.

March 2, 1968

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Robert Pulleyblank that the budget for the Fire Dept. be set at \$13,430.00 for the year 1968. Carried

May 21, 1968

Messrs. Mogyorody, Nostadt and Cheri were at the meeting for the purpose of explaining the requested change in the base station that is located in the Sandwich West Fire Hall. It was proposed to obtain a rebuilt 80-watt station that would have a three month guarantee, the same as a new station, and exchange this present base station for it. This would provide for other municipalities to be included in this operation to share the expense. Several other items relative to the operation of the Fire Dept. received lengthy consideration.

December 4, 1968

Moved by Ronald H. Moir, seconded by Elmer Ure that all materials purchased by the members of the Fire

Dept. be purchased in the name of the Township and all invoices and statements be mailed to the Township office, Oldcastle P.O. or the accounts will not be considered. Carried

Moved by H. A. Brian, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the clerk be authorized to advertise the dump box and the hoist from the 1962 Dodge dump truck. This material will be available after the truck is purchased by the Fire Dept. Carried

December 16, 1968

A letter was read from the Fire Department explaining the condition of the two old fire trucks. Discussion re the purchase of a new vehicle was entered into. No decision was arrived at.

Sandwich South Township Firefighters Keep Busy

By DON HARRIS

OLDCASTLE - The Sandwich South Township Fire Department has been called out nearly two dozen times to this date this year, about twice the total for the corresponding period in '67.

A report compiled by Chief William Mogyorody shows firemen answered two calls during January; eight during February; five during March; three during April; and five during June.

Largest fire was June 10 when the Bennett family, Baseline Rd., lost their home and belongs. Maidstone Shell Service, Highway 3, suffered the only other major loss.

The department has been called to six grass fires, five car fires, two false alarms and three garage and shed fires. Other calls were for minor occurrences at residential properties.

Last year the department was called out 32 times. There were six calls during June; four during May, July, November and December; three during September and October; two during October; two during February; and one during August and January.

Largest fire was at the R. C. Flood grain elevator in Maidstone. The department also lost one home and two barns.

Chief Mogyorody heads a 21-man crew. The township has three fully equipped pumpers and special rescue equipment.

The chief said his men have done an "excellent job" for the municipality. Several are qualified in first aid and others have completed Emergency Measures Organization courses.

The department initiated a junior firefighters program last fall and is giving thought to setting up a program for teenagers.

Young men between 16 and 19 years of age who might be interested in such a plan are asked to contact the chief.

MAY 13/68

An electrical short circuit is blamed for a truck fire that destroyed a transport and part of its contents and interrupted telephone service between Essex, McGregor and Maidstone for six hours at 11:50 a.m. Monday.

The fire started in a stake truck at Highway Furniture on Highway 3 at Howard Ave.

Truck driver Leonard Dymond, 32, of 719 Chilver Rd., managed to drive his vehicle away from the furniture warehouse but was forced to abandon it when it stalled below a Bell Telephone trunk line a short distance from the building.

Dymond, who was forced from the cab by the heat and flames, was assisted by a passing OPP constable and gasoline truck driver in battling flames from the tarpaulin and the load of toilet paper with hand fire extinguishers.

Unable to contain the flames, the men, assisted by others from the store, pulled part of the cargo - including furniture and fork truck wheels - from the vehicle. Loss of the truck and partial cargo was estimated by Direct Winters Co. officials in Windsor at \$4,000.

Dymond said he spotted smoke coming from the gearshift area and aimed the truck for an open field across the highway.

He said the electrical system apparently failed as he reached the highway.

Constable Peter Spurgeon of Essex OPP detachment, the first one at the scene, said by the time Sandwich South firefighters arrived the vehicle was a mass of flames. One of the lines fused by the fire leads to the Sandwich South Fire Department but the emergency line into the Sandwich West dispatching office was unaffected.



READY FOR ACTION - Kevin Nostadt and Dale Curtis heard Sandwich South Fire Department is made up of volunteer fire-

fighters and decided to lend a hand. Fire Chief William Mogyorody commended them for their civic pride, but recommended they get in "just a little" more training. Kevin, 5, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nostadt, 4420 Howard Ave., and Dale, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Curtis, RR 1 Oldcastle.

JUNE 10/68

Home Destroyed in Fire



LEFT HOMELESS - A Sandwich South family of 12 was left homeless when fire destroyed their home early this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett, Baseline Rd., lost all their clothing and furniture. Mrs. Bennett is seen comforting four of the children. From left, Walter, 4; Mrs. Bennett; Eric, 1; Virginia, 16; Oscar, 2. The family is staying with neighbors. Mrs. Bennett is expecting her 11th child within the next few days.

by DON HARRIS

An expectant Sandwich South mother groped her way through dense smoke to lead her three pre-school age children to safety as fire destroyed the family's two-storey Base Line Rd. home this morning.

Mrs. Robert Bennett, scheduled to have her 11th child within the next few days, went back into the flaming building when she learned the small children were still inside.

Her husband was at work.

The blaze broke out in an attached garage. The family lost its furniture, clothing and an automobile. Mrs Bennett said she tried to go back into the building to save the furniture, but decided against it when the younger children began to follow her.

The children range in age from one to 16 years. Virginia, the eldest, discovered the blaze.

She smelled smoke in the garage and was met by a wall of flame when she opened the door.

The Sandwich South Fire Department sent three units to the scene. The home was "one mass of flame" when they arrived and their main concern was to keep the fire from spreading to nearby homes

The blaze burned through telephone and hydro lines knocking out service in the immediate area.

Sandwich West was asked to send a pumper truck to the scene when the water supply ran low.

The Bennetts are staying with neighbors. A drive has been started to furnish clothing.

She said the house was insured, but not the contents.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1969

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1969

February 1, 1969

Chief Mogyorody and Dept. Chief Nostadt came to Council to explain the details required in the specifications for a new 4-ton truck for the Fire Department. It was also proposed to have a 1,500 gallon water tank constructed to put on the new vehicle. As a result of the discussion that took place, the following resolutions were proposed:

Moved by Ronald Moir, seconded by Elmer Ure that the clerk be authorized to advertise for tenders for a 4-ton truck for the Fire Department. Tenders will be accepted up to 5 p.m. Monday, February 17th. Tender form may be obtained at the Township office or from Chief Mogyorody. Carried

Moved by H. A. Brian, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the clerk be authorized to advertise for tenders for a 1,500 gallon water tank for a fire truck. Sealed tenders will be received until 5 p.m. Monday, February 17th. Tender form and specifications may be received at the Township office or from Deputy Chief Frank Nostadt. Carried

February 20, 1969

Moved by H. A. Brian, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that A. C. McCrindle be awarded the contract for constructing and mounting a 1,500 gallon water tank on the truck to be supplied by the Township of Sandwich South for use by the Fire Department for the total price of \$2,724.00. Carried

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by H. A. Brian that the tender submitted for the supplying of a 1969 4 ton truck, cab and chassis for the Sandwich South Fire Dept. by Essex Farmers Ltd. be accepted for the amount of \$6,170.21 as stated on the tender. Carried

March 1, 1969

Moved by Harry Brian, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that A. C. McCrindle be authorized to fabricate and erect 12 gauge sheet metal compartments for fire engine ('62 Dodge truck) for the sum of \$760.00. Carried

April 5, 1969

Messrs. Frank Nostadt and Andrew Ujj attended Council to ask for a donation to the Sandwich South Fire Fighter's Association so that they may carry out projects that will be of benefit to the community.

April 21, 1969

Moved by H. A. Brian, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the clerk be authorized to write to the reeve of Sandwich West stating that our reeve would like to have a meeting with him and the reeve of Anderdon and also the Mayor of Amherstburg in connection with the Fire Dispatching Service. Carried

May 20, 1969

The County Administrator re: fire protection.

Moved by H. Brian and seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that a grant of \$150.00 be given to the Sandwich South Fire Fighters Association. Carried

June 7, 1969

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Ronald H. Moir that the Council of the Township of Sandwich South are not interested in a central Fire dispatching to be operated by the county of Essex at this time. Carried

November 1, 1969

Moved by Elmer Ure, seconded by Ronald Moir that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to sign the maintenance agreement for radio equipment for the Fire Department to be supplied by the Windsor Communications Co. Carried

JAN. 17/69

Two men were injured Friday afternoon in a two truck head-on accident in dense fog outside Maidstone.

Injured were:

Louis Percy, 48 of 1489 Tourangeau Rd., Windsor admitted to Metropolitan Hospital with severe injuries to his head, hands, arms and legs. He underwent surgery and was termed in "serious" condition.

Harold Sweet, 39, of Maidstone, admitted to Metropolitan Hospital with chest and internal injuries.

Mr. Percy was trapped for more than a half hour in the wreckage of the 1968 Dodge car he had been driving. The front end of the van "came right in on him" according to police.

Five OPP officers from the Essex detachment and three unidentified men worked for about 45 minutes to free Mr. Percy from the truck. The three men held the door open while the policemen got in the wreckage and pried Mr. Percy loose with crow bars.

Suburban Ambulance sent two units to the scene. Sandwich South Fire Department sent a crew to the scene to assist.

The accident occurred on fog-bound Malden Rd., just south of the village about 3:30 p.m. Mr. Percy was driving the van, owned by Ontario Hydro, north on Malden Rd., Mr. Sweet was going south in his 1968 Ford pick-up truck. The impact spun the trucks around and they came to rest facing in the opposite direction. The van received an estimated \$2,000 damage and the pick-up about \$500.

Legal Notices

Township of Sandwich South WATER TANK FOR FIRE TRUCK

Sealed tenders clearly marked as to contents, will be received by the undersigned until 5 p.m. February 17th for building and supplying a 1,500-gallon tank for the Sandwich South Fire Department.

Specifications and tender forms may be obtained at the municipal office or from Deputy Chief Frank Nostadt, 4420 Howard Ave., Windsor, this 4th day of February, 1969.

BERT R. BEDFORD,
Clerk

STAR - FEB. 5/69

Bid-call Okay for Truck, Tank

OLDCASTLE - Sandwich South council has acted to improve township fire fighting equipment.

It has authorized Fire Chief William Mogyorody to call tenders for a new truck and 1,500-gallon tank.

Debentures will be issued to meet costs.

Specifications and tender forms are available at the township office building.

STAR - MAR. 6/69

Sandwich South Buys \$6,170 Fire Truck

OLDCASTLE - Sandwich South council has purchased a new fire truck from Essex Farmers Ltd. The company's \$6,170 bid was the lowest received.

Delivery is expected by early spring.

Firetruck for Sale

OLDCASTLE - Ever dream of having your own firetruck? Sandwich South Township has one for sale. Clerk Bert R. Bedford is accepting bids until 5 p.m. April 21.

MAY 13/69

Second Crash Death Victim Dies of Injuries

An 18 year old Quebec youth became the second fatality late Monday afternoon, resulting from an early morning crash on the Macdonald Cartier Freeway at Pike Creek.

Philip Lessard, a member of a highway survey crew from Malartic near Noranda, Quebec was pronounced dead at 4:30 p.m. nine hours after he was rushed to Metropolitan Hospital by Suburban Ambulance with head injuries.

Another survey crew member, Joseph Plamondon of Beloeil, Quebec near Montreal was dead on arrival at the hospital. He was the father of 10 children.

Mr. Lessard and Mr. Plamondon along with two other men were driving in a 1959 station wagon when it was hit from behind at 7:15 a.m. Monday. The men were all employees of Marentette Bros. Ltd., a Windsor construction firm.

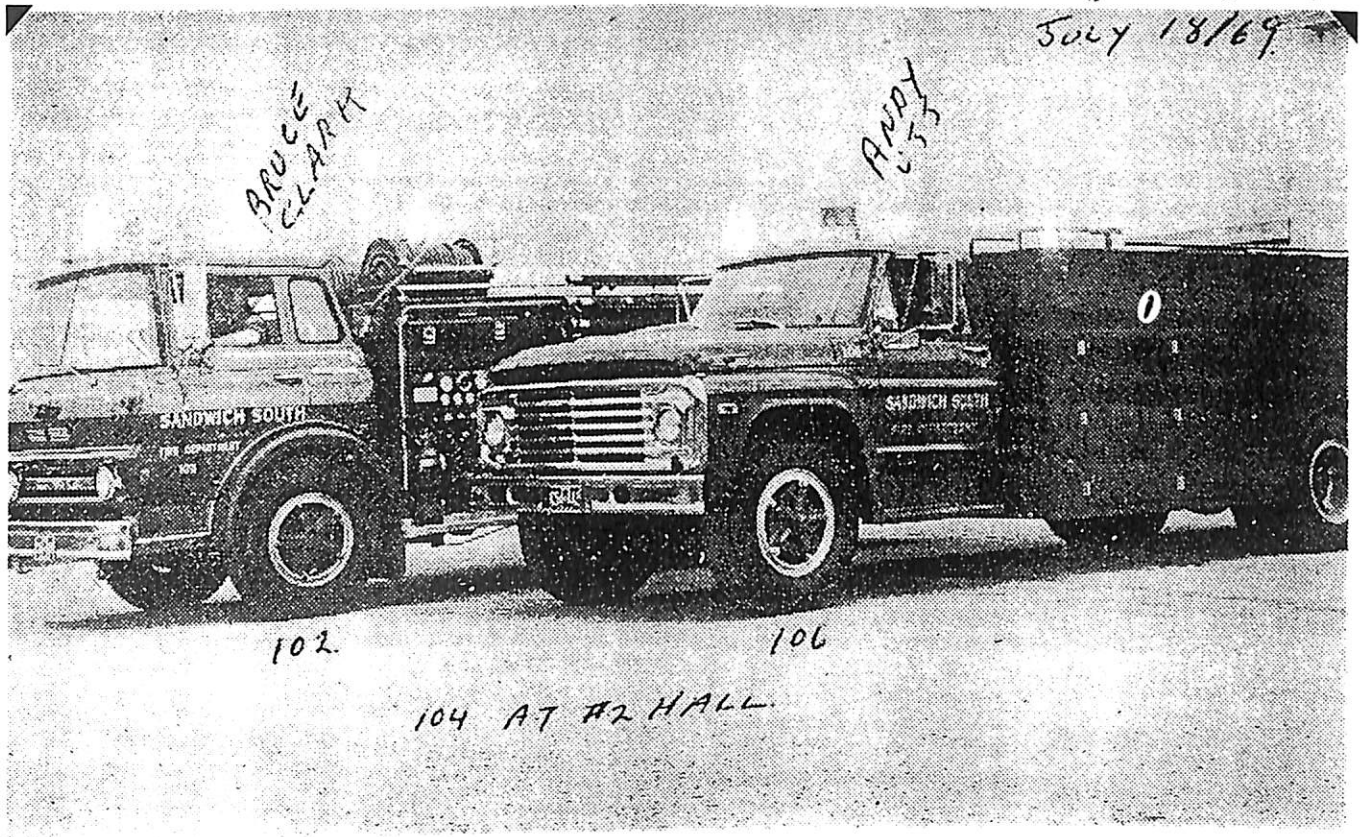
The force of the crash pushed the rear portion of the station wagon into the front seat Mr. Lessard was pinned in the wagon and was finally freed by Sandwich South firemen. He was in critical condition on arrival at Metropolitan Hospital.

The other two men, Neil McCallum of Kincardine, a bulldozer operator, and Gerald Dolan of 980 McEwan Ave., Windsor, an engineer, escaped with comparatively minor injuries.

Mr. McCallum is still in hospital but is in fairly satisfactory condition as is the driver of the second car involved in the mishap, Miss Arlene Arms, 23, of 1782 Kildare Rd. Mr. Dolan was treated and released.



FIRE AWARDS - The Essex County Firefighters' Assoc. held its annual awards presentation Sunday. Sandwich West Fire Chief Al Todd was master of ceremonies. Sandwich South Township captured the King-Seagrave award as overall champion and Mansell barrel fighting trophy. Tilbury took the Safety Supply portable pump trophy and Wheatley captured the Carling hose laying trophy. From Left: Chief Eugene Thibert, Tilbury; Captain Donald Harris, Wheatley; Captain Ronald Gauvin, Sandwich South; Chief Todd and Chief William Mogyorody, Sandwich South.



Sandwich South Fire Department has purchased a new pumper unit. The department was formed in 1964. Fire Chief William Mogyorody heads a 25-man volunteer brigade. The new pumper is shown at right.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1970



Township of Sandwich South
Fire Chief
Mr. Frank Nostadt

On May 5, 1970 the Township of Sandwich South Council passed a resolution to have Mr. Frank Nostadt serve as the Township's Fire Chief. Mr. Nostadt was the Deputy Fire Chief since the Fire Department was formed in 1965.

Fire Chief Nostadt is celebrating 20 years as acting Fire Chief and 25 years serving on the Fire Department.

(Please see Bibliography of Chief Nostadt on page 24)

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH BYLAW NO. 1734

A Bylaw to appoint a Fire Chief.


WHEREAS Sec. 378 (1) ss 25 and Sec. 394 ss 2 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1960 provides the Council with the authority to appoint a Fire Chief for the Township of Sandwich South;

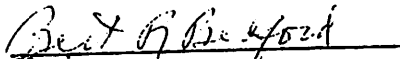
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Sandwich South deem it expedient to appoint a Fire Chief;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:-

1. That Frank Nostadt shall be appointed Fire Chief for the Fire Department of the Township of Sandwich South.
2. That this bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

Passed in open Council this 16th day of November, 1970.


Reeve


Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH BYLAW NO. 1695

A BYLAW to provide for salaries and expense allowances.

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South deems it advisable to provide for salaries and expense allowances for volunteer firemen of the Sandwich South Fire Department incurred in respect of, in the course of, or by virtue of the discharge of their duties.


THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:-

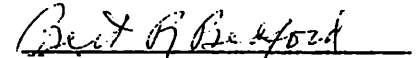
1. That the Chief of the Sandwich South Fire Department shall be paid an annual salary of \$420.00 and an annual allowance of \$300.00 for expenses incurred by him in respect of, in the course of, or by virtue of the discharge of his duties as a volunteer fireman.
2. That the Deputy Chief, Lieutenant and Captains of the Sandwich South Fire Department shall be paid a salary and an allowance for expenses incurred by them in respect of, in the course of, or by virtue of the discharge of their duties as volunteer fireman calculated as follows:
 - (a) As salary for each attendance at a fire, the sum of \$3.00 for the first hour of attendance and the sum of \$2.00 per hour for each hour of

attendance in excess of the first hour.

- (b) As an allowance for expenses incurred by them in respect of, in the course of, or by virtue of the discharge of their duties as volunteer firemen for each attendance at a fire, the sum of \$4.00 for the first hour of attendance and the sum of \$2.00 for each hour of attendance in excess of the first hour.
3. That volunteer firemen of the Sandwich South Fire Department other than the Chief, Deputy Chief, Lieutenant and Captains, shall be paid a salary and an allowance for expenses incurred by them in respect of, in the course of, or by virtue of the discharge of their duties as volunteer fireman calculated as follows:
 - (a) As salary for each attendance at a fire, the sum of \$2.00 for the first hour of attendance and the sum of \$1.00 per hour for each hour of attendance in excess of the first hour, and \$2.50 for each attendance at a fire drill.
 - (b) As an allowance for expenses incurred by them in respect of, in the course of, or by virtue of the discharge of their duties as volunteer firemen for each attendance at a fire, the sum of \$2.00 for the first hour of attendance and the sum of \$1.00 for each hour of attendance in excess of the first hour, and the sum of \$2.50 for each attendance at a fire drill.

Read a first and second and third time and finally passed this 4th day of April 1970.


Reeve


Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1970

February 16, 1970

Members of the fire department present were Messrs. Mogyorody, Nostadt, Kettels, and Lankin, and the 1970 Budget for the Sandwich South fire department was presented. After considerable discussion it was moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Harold Maenpaa, that the department budget be set at \$20,076.39 for the year 1970.

Carried

July 20, 1970

Frank Nostadt was present at the Council meeting to explain some of the financial aspects of the Fire Department's operation. He also recommended the Paul Laforet and Andrew Ujj be appointed Captains and that the order of office would be Paul Laforet and Andrew Ujj because Paul Laforet joined the Fire Department first.

November 2, 1970

Moved by Harold Maenpaa, seconded by Elmer Ure, that the fire department be authorized to purchase the necessary hose to provide service to the south end of the Little Nursing Home. Carried

November 16, 1970

Moved by J. M. McAuliffe, seconded by Elmer Ure, that Bylaw No. 1734 being a bylaw to appoint a fire chief be finally passed as read the third time. Carried

APRIL 1970

Fire Ruins Vacant House, Vandalism Felt Possible

Vandalism may have been the cause of a fire which ruined a vacant house at Sexton Sideroad and Highway 3 late Saturday night and kept Sandwich West firemen busy for more than three hours.

Deputy Chief Frank Nostadt said firemen believe the blaze started in the northeast corner of two-storey frame house and the cause "could have been vandalism".

He said firemen answered the call shortly before midnight Saturday and brought it under control in 15 to 20 minutes but were at the scene for three hours extinguishing an interior fire between double walls.

A garage, barn, and small shed in the immediate vicinity were endangered but not damaged by the fire.

Deputy Chief Nostadt said no damage has been made yet.

Frank Nostadt Sandwich South Names Fire Chief

OLDCASTLE - Frank Nostadt, 4420 Howard Ave., has been named acting Sandwich South Township Fire Chief.

Mr. Nostadt, deputy chief since the department was formed in 1966, replaces William Mogyorody.

The acting chief received his basic training through a course sponsored by Anderdon Township Fire Department.

He has attended Essex County Fire Chiefs and Officers Association fire fighting techniques seminars at the University of Windsor and graduated from an Ontario Fire School program at Amherstburg.

Mr. Nostadt has served as chief training instructor for the township department for the past three years.

Sandwich South has 21-man volunteer department. There are two fire halls, one adjacent the township hall on Highway 3 and one on St. Alphonse St.

Mr. Nostadt will be seeking three additional firefighters. Interested persons are asked to contact the municipal office building.



JULY 10/70

All the Sandwich South Firefighters and wives met at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nostadt's home on Howard Ave. (a small portion of the ranch), on Saturday night July 4th for the traditional Barbecue. Such thrilling games as volleyball, limbo, throwing balloons full of water, etc. were enjoyed and appropriate prizes awarded for the winners. Thanks Mr. and Mrs. Nostadt for your kind hospitality.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1971

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1971

January 4, 1971

Reeve Pulleyblank gave a brief resume of anticipated activities for the year 1971. There will be an attempt to purchase some buildings for a municipal office and fire hall.

Mr. Frank Nostadt gave a brief run down on the work of the fire department for the year 1970.

January 18, 1971

C. E. Hickey and Sons Ltd. re: prevention maintenance program on fire vehicles.

February 15, 1971

Fire Chief Frank Nostadt and Captain Kettels of the Fire Department came to the Council meeting and presented a tentative budget to Council for the year 1971. It was decided to reserve the decision until the next Council meeting. They also requested that a bylaw be prepared to appoint Andrew Ujj and Paul Laforet as Captains of the Sandwich South Fire Department.

March 1, 1971

Moved by Harold Maenpaa, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that Bylaw No. 1713 being a bylaw to appoint Andrew Ujj and Paul Laforet captains in the Sandwich South Fire Department be passed as read in open council. Carried

July 19, 1971

Moved by Ronald Moir, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the Fire Chief be given authority to make fire inspections where necessary in the Township and to take necessary action required. Carried

August 16, 1971

Correspondence was received from Sandwich South Fire Department.

September 20, 1971

Frank Cowan Co. Ltd. re Bulletin re: volunteer firemen Workman's Compensation.

Office of Fire Marshall re: 1971 fire prevention week (Oct. 3-9).

Moved by Ronald H. Moir, seconded by Harold Maenpaa that the additional premium of \$2.00 per fireman be paid to increase the benefits from \$7000 to \$9000 in case of accident. Carried

JAN. 6/71

Sandwich South Fires Cause Loss of \$2,745

Total fire loss in Sandwich South Township in the last six months of 1970 was \$2,745.

Frank Nostadt, who was appointed township fire chief by bylaw in mid 1970, reported that his department received 61 calls during the past year. There were 28 building fires, 14 grass fires, five vehicle fires, six mutual aid calls, five accidents, and three false alarms.

He said the number of calls increased by 20 per cent over the previous year.

"There were no deaths or injuries due to fires," he said.

Chief Nostadt said the department is setting up a fire prevention and fire inspection program because of the increase of industries being established in Sandwich South.

He urged immediate consideration be given to relocating the main fire hall (No. 1) because of the proposed Highway 3 expansion and construction of the Chesapeake and Ohio overpass in front of the present location.

"The existing fire bay at this time is not large enough to carry out proper training procedures," said the chief.

The township plans to negotiate the purchase of two school buildings from the Essex County Board of Education and one of the buildings will be turned into a fire hall.

FEB. 5/71

Fire Destroys House Trailer

A 26-foot house trailer and contents, including \$1,800 in cash, was destroyed by fire on Highway 401 near Essex County Rd. 19 Friday night.

Ontario Provincial Police, Essex detachment, said the owner of the trailer, Claud Marshall of Georgina Township near Barrie was returning from a vacation in the United States when the fire occurred.

Police said Marshall, who is owner of Barrie airport, was pulling the 1967 Airstream trailer east on the highway when another motorist notice the blaze and flagged him down.

The incident occurred just west of the OPP headquarters, located on County Rd. 19, about 8:30 p.m. Sandwich South Township Fire Department was called to extinguish the blaze.

Police said the cause of the fire and an estimate of damage have not been determined.

SPRING /71

Straw Fire Controlled

Fire Chief Urges Awareness of Phone Number

The Sandwich South Fire Department telephone number is 969-9720.

Please, all Sandwich South residents, write this down and put in on your telephone and in your telephone book.

Friday afternoon, but for the grace of God and the prompt and thorough intervention of the Sandwich South fire department, a fire which started as a routine rubbish burning but spread to a pile of baled straw, was contained before it sparked either a dog shed, barn or house, all within less than fifty feet of the original fire.

Carelessness cost the loss of the entire straw pile, but the results could have been so much worse. It can be assumed that Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sorrell of the Tenth Concession, Sandwich South are thanking their lucky stars the Fire Chief Nostadt and his eight trained volunteers and three pieces of equipment and pick up trucks were not otherwise engaged when the operator finally was able to put the alarm call through late Friday afternoon. The big pumper soon had the straw fire under control. The men then began scattering the bales so that all the fire could be hosed down. The men stayed on the job, wetting down the adjacent dog shed and pour a constant stream of water on the smouldering straw.

Needless to say, all the neighbouring children were on hand to be part of the excitement. Traffic along the Tenth was unusually brisk, and all cars slowed down as they approached the Sorrell's farm.

"I don't know what more we can do to inform people of our number," Chief Nostadt said in despair. "Ten minutes at the start of a fire can mean the difference between a gutted building and a slightly watered-damaged structure."

Every child that came to see that fire received a sticker with the fire department telephone number on it.

So this is spring clean up season. Others will be burning rubbish. Keep the fires away from buildings. Never leave a fire unattended. Have several pails of water or a hose handy in case of a change in the wind. Be safe, not sorry. These are Fire Chief Nostadt's rules for handling fire in a safe way.

APRIL 12/71

Michael Mullins is in Grace Hospital with extensive internal injuries following a single-car accident on Walker Road a few miles south of Highway 3 Monday afternoon. He is in fair condition.

Mr. Mullins, 19, of Con. 2, R.R. #2 Belle River, was pinned behind the wheel of his 1969 Dodge Dart after the vehicle went off the road at Paquette Corners at about 3:45 p.m.

Sandwich South firemen and Ontario Provincial Police officers fought to free him at the same time fighting flames when the car caught fire.

The car landed on its roof in the accident and had to be rolled over by a tow-truck before rescue operations could begin. The vehicle was demolished.

Maidstone Fire Cuts Telephones

Children playing with firecrackers were blamed Sunday for a fire that destroyed a house and interrupted telephone service to the Maidstone area for several hours.

The fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sexton on Highway 114, off Highway 3, in Maidstone village and at times threatened to spread to adjacent homes because of high winds.

Fire Chief Frank Nostadt of Maidstone said the fire started on the northwest corner of the roof and it spread to the walls and the interior before fire fighting equipment could be put to full use.

Chief Nostadt said a group of children were setting off firecrackers in the area behind the house shortly before the blaze was reported at 5:15 p.m.

In addition to the Maidstone fire department's equipment, also called to the scene was a water tank truck from Sandwich West Township, with which Maidstone has a mutual aid agreement.

It is believed heat from the fire melted telephone wires in the village and Bell Telephone work crews were at work most of the night trying to restore service.

No one was injured in the blaze. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton, both in their late 60s, were taken to their son's house nearby. The house and its contents were described a total loss by Chief Nostadt.

"That fire went so fast all the fire hydrants in the world couldn't help," Mr. Nostadt commented.

The Sandwich West fire department was called in because the fire took place in an area which is not equipped with hydrants.

STAR - NOV. 6/71

Body Found in Bathroom Tecumseh Man Dies in Fire

A 25 year-old Tecumseh man, John Peter Mazzali, died of asphyxiation in a house fire early today.

Sandwich South Township firefighters discovered Mr. Mazzali's body in the first-floor bathroom of his two-storey home at 1844 Shawnee Rd., R.R. #1 Tecumseh.

Frank Nostadt, Sandwich South Township Fire Chief, said his men arrived at the scene shortly after 6 a.m. and encountered dense smoke and intense heat but very little flame.

Chief Nostadt said his men found the body in the washroom where it appeared Mr. Mazzali had been washing or shaving when the fire broke out.

A preliminary damage estimate was \$6,000. Chief Nostadt said he believes the fire was caused by overheating of a cooking utensil on the kitchen stove. Flames had spread from the stove to kitchen cupboards.

Chief Nostadt had 15 men and three units at the scene. The fire took only five minutes to bring under control.

The blaze is being investigated by the fire marshal's office.

A post mortem is being held today.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1972

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1972

March 20, 1972

Moved by Harold Maepaa, seconded by Elmer Ure that the Sandwich South Fire Department is to use the former municipal office and for training quarters.

April 3, 1972

Chief Nostadt and Captain Laforet were in attendance at the Council meeting and made a thorough presentation of their proposed 1972 budget for the Fire Department. The following resolution was passed, moved by Harold Maenpaa, seconded by Elmer Ure, that the proposed budget of the Sandwich South Fire Department for the year 1972 in the amount of \$23,182.14 be accepted by the Council. Carried

April 17, 1972

Sandwich South Fire Department re: inspection report Dualflex Corp. United Community Services.

May 15, 1972

Moved by Harold Maenpaa, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that Bylaw No. 7221 being a bylaw to authorize the purchase of a fire truck for the Sandwich South Fire Department be provisionally adopted as read the second time. Carried

July 5, 1972

The Reeve is going to talk to the Fire Dept. about putting a drinking fountain on the side of the Fire Hall.

July 17, 1972

Ontario Municipal Board approval purchase fire truck.

August 7, 1972

Mr. Frank Nostadt and Mr. Andrew Ujj, representing the fire department, attended the Council meeting to explain the activities of the fire department for the first seven months of the year 1972. Nostadt also explained that he had room for some additional men and that an invitation is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a member

of the Sandwich South Fire Department.

September 5, 1972

With reference to the painting of the fire hall, the Council decided that it be left until the weather is fit to do the work in the spring.

FEB. 18/72



(photo by Gladys Cada)

The twisted wreckage of a tank truck lies near railway crossing

Cleanup of Dangerous Acid Leak Under Way

By DICK SPICER and GORD McNULTY

A load of sulphuric acid which seeped into a ditch following a collision Friday between a tank truck and a train was neutralized by noon Saturday.

John Wood, a chemical biologist from the Ontario Water Resources Commission and Bill Taylor, a chemical engineer with CIL in Sarnia, said that the load of sulphuric acid was neutralized with soda ash dumped into the ditch.

The men said that the soda ash - similar to baking soda - when mixed with sulphuric acid, turns into a substance "almost like table salt".

The soda ash was dumped into the ditch by a City of Windsor Board of Works crew.

John Cochrane of Goodfellow Enterprises, Sarnia, said his firm hopes to remove the neutralized mixture today.

He said part of it may be pumped out by a tank truck and the remainder will be scooped out.

The material will be taken to Sarnia for disposal.

Windsor does not have disposal facilities.

The spill took place Friday after a collision between a tank truck loaded with more than 20,000 pounds of sulphuric acid and

a train.

Most of the dangerous acid leaked from the tank into a ditch where it bubbled and fumed. Officials of the Metro-Windsor Essex County Health Unit, Ontario Water Resources Commission, and a work crew from Canadian Industries Limited at Courtright, were called to the scene.

Representatives for the OWRC were to meet with Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt at the site of the spill about 11 a.m. today to discuss cleanup procedures.

Chief Nostadt kept men on the scene through the night.

The truck driver, Laird Scott of Petrolia, 42, is in fair condition in Metropolitan Hospital with possible head injuries received in the crash.

The accident occurred on Division Road (formerly Highway 2) at the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad line about noon Friday.

The truck, operating under the "municipal tank lines" name of the Trimac Municipal Tank Lines Ltd., was westbound on the road when it was in collision with a three-car train.

The tractor-trailer was travelling from Sarnia to Windsor, where the acid was to be delivered to East Side Plating, for use in chrome plate bumpers. Trimac has a branch office in Sarnia and it dispatches the acid to East Side about once every two weeks. Sarnia branch manager Hamilton Peal said.

C and O police said the train, a diesel locomotive, pushing a caboose ahead of it and pulling a boxcar, was northbound into the city at the time of the mishap.

After the collision, the truck ended parallel to the tracks, crushing a train signal pole, the battered truck cab ending up crumpled in the ditch.

The acid slowly leaked into the ditch where it mingled with black oil and bubbled slowly like a simmering pot. Faint fumes rose like steam above the acid.

Dr. D. R. MacDonald, chief of the environmental services of the local health unit, said his inspectors attended the scene when the acid leak was discovered. Area public health inspector Ed Francis was at the scene today.

He said tests showed the acid was "powerful stuff, over 90 per cent strong."

"This is a very dangerous material - it burns terrifically on contact. We're concerned that kids in the neighborhood might get into it."

"If it gets into your eyes, there goes your eyesight."

The ditch was blocked to stop the spreading of the acid and he said the city's works department was called for neutralizing agents to break up the acid before pumping out the ditch.

Mr. Peal said a three-man crew including a chemical engineer from CIL at Courtright, arrived at the scene at 3:30 and remained overnight to put the neutralizer in.

Dr. MacDonald said OWRC official arrive on the scene and issued a restraining order.

Bill Coxon of Coxon Towing said his special heavy duty trucks were able to remove the empty tank truck by Friday afternoon. He estimated it had held between 20,000 and 40,000 pounds of acid.

His crews removed the cab from the ditch Friday night.

Two units - from Sandwich South volunteer fire department stood by the scene most of Friday afternoon but were not called upon to use their equipment.

FEB. 28/72

Vacant House Damaged by Fire

A vacant two-storey frame house at Manning Road and Highway 2 was extensively damaged by fire early today. The fire is being investigated by the Ontario Fire Marshal's office.

A Sandwich South Fire Department official said an alarm

was turned in at 3:45 a.m. A full crew of firefighters with three pieces of equipment was on the scene for four hours.

The police spokesman said investigation has been completed in four cases and is continuing into several others. The youths will appear in juvenile court.

STAR - MAY 19/72

Sandwich South Township is expected to call tenders for a new fire truck for the township's fire department. Cost of the truck will not exceed \$19,000.

Legal TENDER FOR THE SUPPLYING OF A FIRE TRUCK

Tender forms may be obtained at the Sandwich South Municipal offices, Oldcastle, Ontario.

The undersigned will accept tenders to supply a 800-imperial gallon Fire Department Tanker Booster Truck.

Tenders shall be received up until 5 p.m. E.D.T. on Monday, June 19th at the Sandwich South Municipal offices.

The tender shall be received subject to the Township of Sandwich South receiving the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board for the purchase of the fire truck.

The lowest or any tender shall not be necessarily accepted.

Any tender received after the time and date specified above shall not be considered.

Dated at Sandwich South
This 25th day of May, 1972

Bert R. Bedford
Clerk-Treasurer
Oldcastle, P.O., Ontario

JUNE 6/72

Father of 3 Found Dead Under Home

A Sandwich South father of three who had been repairing an electric pump in a small crawl space beneath his home was found dead Tuesday afternoon.

Police said it is thought the man was accidentally electrocuted while repairing the pump motor. The floor of the crawl space was covered with water.

Dead is William Brown, 47, of Joy Road, R.R. 3 Maidstone.

Coroner Dr. W. K. Rock, of Windsor, said cause of death will be determined by post mortem today.

The body was recovered by the Sandwich South Fire Department using a portable saw to cut through floor of the home.

STAR - AUG. 18/72

Sandwich South Township fire chief Frank Nostadt has attributed the 25 per cent decrease in calls answered during the first six months of this year over the same period in 1971 to "co-operation, education and fire inspections." His department

answered 39 calls during the six-month period this year: Grass fires, 10; accidents, 3; buildings, 13; automobile, 5; false alarms, 4; and miscellaneous, 4.

OCT. 6/72

Firemen on Your Doorstep?

OLDCASTLE - Don't panic if the fire engine stops outside your home next week. It may only be a social call.

Starting Sunday, members of Sandwich South Fire Department will be visiting township homes in a get-acquainted effort.

Fire Chief Frank Nostadt says the firefighters will be passing out fire prevention literature and phone stickers with the department's number on them.

They hope to visit all 900 township homes during fire prevention week - Oct. 8-14.

DEC. 2/72

Home Destroyed Fire Victim Grateful for Survival

By JIM CULLEN



Photo by Mike Bunt

FIRE LEAVES FAMILY HOMELESS - Fire destroyed the home of Mrs. Patricia Drake at RR 3, Maidstone on Saturday morning. The family spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cowley. They are, from left: Andrew - 8, Faith - 6, Teddy - 5, Sylvia - 3, and Mrs. Drake. All the family's belongings were lost.

Mrs. Patricia Drake, who escaped with her four children from a raging fire that destroyed the family home at R.R. 3, Maidstone, is staying with neighbors today and steeling herself to start a new life.

"As long as I got my kids out alive...that's all that matters," she said as the children gathered around her Sunday at the home of William Cowley.

Mrs. Drake, a widow, said she couldn't salvage anything from the fire that destroyed her home Saturday.

"What they (the children) have got...is what they've got on them right now," she said.

"If we had been sleeping we never would have got out. It

happened too fast.

I got them all out first. When I went out the door the fire was right behind me," Mrs. Drake said.

Mrs. Drake said that the house was insured, but the contents were not.

She estimated the value of the home at \$40,000.

Mrs. Drake and her children moved to a nearby house owned by Bob Weir Sunday night, after spending Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cowley.

Captain Andy Ujj of the Sandwich South Fire Department was taken to hospital with a cut foot. He was treated and released.

Frank Nostadt, chief of the Sandwich South department, suggested the fire started in the wiring in the living room.

There were three units from the Sandwich South department at the scene and one each from Anderdon and Sandwich West departments. The first call on the fire was recorded at 10:37 a.m. Saturday.

Chief Nostadt urged county residents to give as much information as possible about the location of a fire when calling in alarms. This saves time for the firemen.

Mrs. Drake's four children are: Andrew - 8, Faith - 6, Teddy - 5, and Sylvia - 3 years old.



NEW ARRIVAL - Members of Sandwich South Township fire department got a look at their brand new fire engine Thursday on its arrival in the township from Woodstock. The vehicle with an 800-gallon tank and 250-gallon pump replaces a 1947 pumper. It will be used from the department's #2 fire hall in the northern part of the township. Top left, Township Reeve Robert Pulleyblank, Capt. Andy Ujj. Standing from front, Fire Chief Frank Nostadt, councillors Ron Moir, Capt. Henry Lankin and Capt. Paul Laforet.



FIREFIGHTERS READY - Anderdon Fire Chief Ernie Dupuis shouts instructions as three members of the Sandwich South Township Fire Department practise. From left, Chief Dupuis, Gerald Beaulieu, Frank Melnik, and Leonard Lassaline.

Volunteer Firemen Show Sophistication

By JOE FOX

The Keystone Cops image of the volunteer fire brigade as the town's butchers, bakers and candlestick makers hanging off a rickety conglomeration of hoses and clanging bells, is in danger.

Besides the fact that the term "volunteer" is inaccurate because the men are now paid, rural fighters are no longer a rag-tag gang who form a bucket line.

Instead, they are people from the community constantly on call, who not only rally to fight fires but spend much of their spare time training to work as a team and to operate sophisticated modern day fire fighting machinery.

The benefit of such training was obvious Sunday as members

of the Anderdon and Sandwich South Township fire department gathered around a gigantic nozzle at an integrated training session for the two departments at the Sandwich South fire hall.

The nozzle was the business end of a hose commanding \$42,000 worth of technology in the form of a pumper truck. But effective use of the truck to blast out a mound of fire-smothering foam was frustrated by three miniscule stones floating in the water supply that jammed in the nozzle.

Sandwich South fire chief Frank Nostadt used the occasion for an instant lesson on how to disassemble the nozzle to get at the problem. Two flicks of a jack knife and it was corrected.

The two departments are getting together to get to know each others' equipment and techniques.

Trained by the Anderdon department when it was formed in 1964, the Sandwich South department is often called on to join with its neighbor under the mutual aid agreement for large fires.

Anderdon Chief Ernie Dupuis and nine of his 24-man squad participated in the training session Sunday. The Sandwich South crew will repay the call at a later date.

"Basically, all fire fighting equipment is the same," Chief Nostadt said, "but there are differences in where certain apparatus are situated."

The training session consisted of a lecture period and then actual work with the equipment under the direction of Chiefs Nostadt and Dupuis.

The fire fighters are still called volunteers by most people because they earn their livings at other jobs. But, in fact, they now receive small financial remuneration for their time and work.

Chief Nostadt said both departments are equipped with radio monitors in key homes as part of a fool-proof modern communication system.

When members are notified by radio, a complex telephone chain reaction goes into effect.

"All that is needed is one person to hear one of the monitors to get the phone calls started," Chief Nostadt said.

With such large amounts of territory to cover, and because there are no water hydrants in the rural areas, co-ordination between the men and the hundreds of thousands of dollars of equipment of each department is vital, he said.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1973

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1972

December 5, 1972

Office of the Fire Marshall re fire protection survey report.

December 18, 1972

Chief Nostadt attended the Council meeting requesting that some action be taken concerning the icy condition of the road where persons loading water from the oasis at St. Alphonse and County Road #42 pull out on to this intersection and create a dangerous icy condition which is a hazard to the fire trucks when they have to make a run in the southerly direction. Mr. Harold Maenpaa volunteer to contact Murray Whelpton in connection with this request. Mr. Nostadt also requested that emergency vehicle signs be erected at County Road #42 and St. Alphonse Avenue and on No. 3 Highway at the entrance to the fire hall and municipal garage. He also requested that short culverts be put in at the new hydrants located on the east side of Lesperance Road to provide road access in case the hydrants need to be used.

January 24, 1973

Moved by Ronald Moir, seconded by Elmer Ure, that Bylaw No. 82-8 being a bylaw to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign an Agreement for alerting service for the Sandwich South Fire Department members by the Sandwich West dispatching service, be finally passed as read the third time. Carried

February 13, 1973

Correspondence was received from the following and read - Ken MacKenzie Insurance Agency re: Sandwich South Fire Department.

February 19, 1973

Mr. Frank Nostadt stated that the fire hydrant installation needs some levelling off and wanted to know if the tracks that were made could be filled in and some grass seeded on it. He also pointed out that some damage was caused to his bridge.

May 7, 1973

The Fire Department made a report on the premises and a copy of it was given to Mr. Calsavara.

July 16, 1973

That a note of thanks be extended to Anderdon, Sandwich West and Maidstone fire truck from Essex Station, fire departments who helped during the fire at Superior Propane on Friday July 13th.

August 7, 1973

Chief Nostadt was also in attendance in the interests of the fire department and it was explained that the benefits would be now based on annual earnings of \$10,000 instead of \$9,000 figure.

A letter from F. W. Langan re: Superior Propane fire was read and some details also furnished by Chief Nostadt in connection with the recent fire. Mr. Langan in his letter requested that the Township Council request the Company to clean up their premises to some extent. It was agreed that Chief Nostadt and the inspector would contact the Company with this thought in mind.

MARCH 3/73

House Damaged by Fire

OLDCASTLE - Sandwich South firefighters spent more than two hours at the scene of a fire Saturday night which broke out in the \$60,000 split-level Walker Road home of Windsor Drive-In proprietor John Dydzak.

Chief Frank Nostadt attributed the cause of the fire, in which the loss was confined to \$1,500 - \$2,000 smoke damage throughout, to careless smoking.

One of the daughters turned in the alarm at 11:14 p.m.

One firefighter, Capt. Bob Kettles, took a five-stitch cut to his hand while removing a window.

Chief Nostadt expressed concern that a delay of three to four minutes occurred before his department could respond to the alarm. Apparently the call was turned into the telephone operator who in turn referred it to Windsor dispatch, before it was directed to Sandwich South.

MAY 2/73

Co-op Fire Saved

OLDCASTLE - A major fire at the Harrow Farmers' Co-operative grain elevators was averted this morning when an employee arriving for work spotted smoke and called the fire department.

Frank Nostadt, Sandwich South fire chief, said black smoke was pouring from roof vents and the top of a steel elevator when his men arrived. He called for assistance from the Sandwich West Fire Department.

The fire, in a pile of corncocks in a shelter crib, was still only smouldering so damage was limited, said Chief Nostadt.

"We caught it in time, but it's a good thing it didn't break out sometime during the night...once it (corncocks) goes, it really goes...the wind direction would have made it pretty rough," he said.

The fire was discovered shortly before 8 a.m. by Leo Lauzon.

Three Sandwich South units and two from Sandwich West were on the scene and Windsor and Anderdon equipment was on standby for a short time.

Chief Nostadt hasn't confirmed the cause of the fire but said it could have resulted from welding work done in the area late Tuesday.

MAY 21/73

Truck Rolls, Rider Killed

A 54-year-old Windsor area man was killed instantly shortly before noon Tuesday when he was crushed under a tanker truck in which he had been a passenger.

Dead is Frank John Williams of Broderick Street, RR 1, Windsor.

Driver of the truck was Gordon Rymal of RR 3, Wheatley, who was treated for minor injuries.

The truck was eastbound on County Road 42, just east of Jefferson Boulevard, when the driver braked suddenly to avoid hitting an unknown car making a left turn. Mr. Williams was crushed when he was thrown from the vehicle when it went out of control on wet pavement and rolled over several times.

STAR - JUNE 27/73

Tecumseh Cracks Down on 'Outside' Fire Calls

Tecumseh Town Council will douse the enthusiasm of its firefighters which led to putting out fires outside of the town.

Mayor Don Lappan, supported by council at its regular meeting Tuesday, said it is "time we put our foot down" on fire calls outside of the Tecumseh - St. Clair Beach fire department's jurisdiction.

Council decided to hit the men where they would notice it most - in their wallets.

The fire that sparked the crackdown was at 1615 Manning Road in Sandwich South Township on April 14.

And if the nature of the fire wasn't unglamorous enough to ruin every small boy's dream to be a fireman when he grows up - a manure pile was ignited by sparks from a rubbish fire - Council decided not to pay the men who answered the alarm.

Firefighters are normally paid \$12.50 per fire.

Mayor Lappan said the town has no objection to out-of-town fire calls under the county's mutual aid plan which provides for assistance between departments for serious fires.

But he said Tecumseh firefighters should notify the central dispatcher in Windsor when a fire call is outside of the town under normal circumstances.

The problem arises when persons phoning in fires to the central dispatcher fails to say what municipality the fire is in.

The call in question was to an address on the borderline between Sandwich South and Tecumseh and the dispatcher mistakenly alerted the Tecumseh department.

"It only takes a few seconds to notify the dispatcher and have him call the proper department," Mayor Lappan said.

He said the town has been paying for a large number of calls outside the town recently and that the time has come to draw the line because it is costing Tecumseh taxpayers too much money. It was noted that the call to Manning Road would have cost \$137.50 plus the use of a pumper truck and risk of an accident.

ESSEX - JULY 20/73

Superior Propane Fire

An explosion and fire rocked Superior Propane Ltd.'s facilities on Hwy. 3 near Maidstone Friday sending an employee to hospital with 15% burns.

Roger Kniffen, 22, of Essex is in fair condition at the burn unit of Met. Hospital with burns about the face, neck and arm.

Damage was estimated at about \$10,000 by Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt. A wooden loading platform, a 15 foot square building used for filling propane tanks and a delivery truck was damaged.

Bill Hogan, the company's branch manager, said Mr. Kniffen had been in the metal building filling propane cylinders when the fire started, reported shortly before 2 p.m. Cause is under investigation by Inspector Donald Campbell of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office.



SUPERIOR PROPANE FIRE



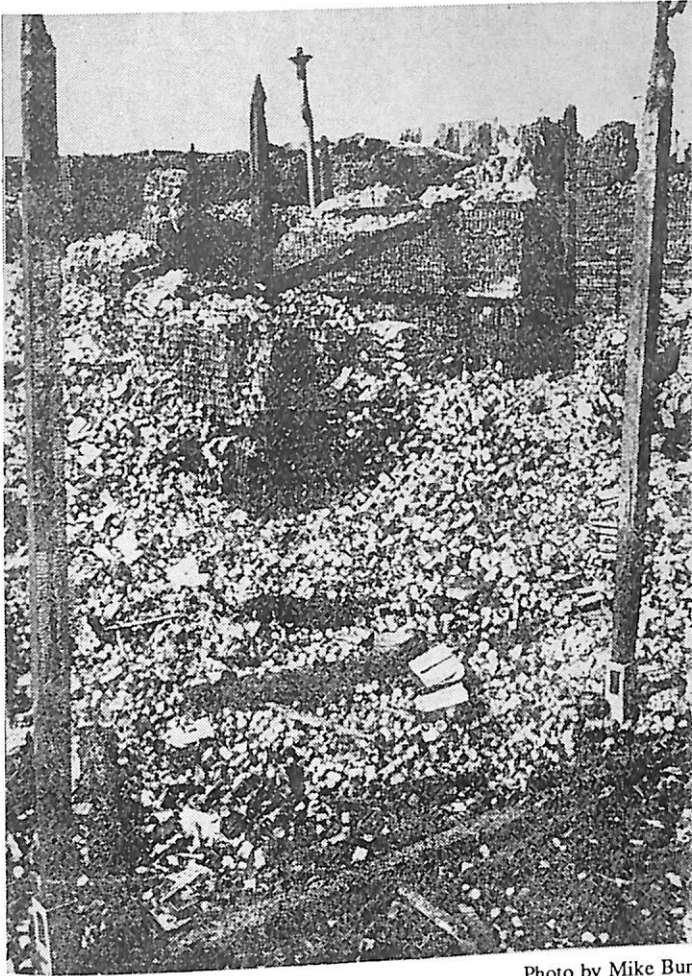


Photo by Mike Bunt

FIRE AFTERMATH - Millions of cans litter the blackened ruins of what once was the largest warehouse of Green Giant of Canada Ltd. in Tecumseh. The warehouse was destroyed Friday in a holocaust that caused damage estimated at \$10 million. Firemen were at the scene over the weekend dousing the ruins to prevent any possible flareup. The warehouse contained one million cases of cans, most of them 1973 pea, corn and green bean crop, worth to the company about \$6 million. The fire also destroyed a machine shop and a can manufacturing plant and damaged two other warehouses.

Layoffs 'Unnecessary' "Gaint" Hopes to Rebuild in Tecumseh

A Green Giant of Canada official announced today layoffs won't be necessary, despite heavy damage from Friday's fire, and said the company hopes to rebuild on the same site.

"We are hopeful we will rebuild in Tecumseh and get things in shape as quickly as we can...it's been our home for a long time...we are going to make every effort to rebuild on the site," said Alex Chappell, company production director.

"We hope to keep all of our employees working - 150 to 200 people - that's good news for them," Mr. Chappell said.

He said arrangements are being made so that the production area of the plant, which escaped damage, can be reactivated this week.

"Right now it's a matter of getting mopped up, bracing the walls, and assessing the damage - we'll start shoring up the walls today."

Mr. Chappell said the loss from Friday's fire is considerably less than the original estimate of \$10 million.

He said that figure was probably based on the thinking that the fire was going to destroy most of the plant, including the extremely valuable freezer area.

Firefighters' managed to prevent the fire from causing much damage to the freezer unit.

"The loss was several million dollars but any figure would be strictly a 'guesstimate'...how high it was will be up to the insurance people to determine."

The size of the loss will depend on such factors as the condition of the footings and the walls and whether there is any salvageable equipment in the burned areas, Mr. Chappell said.

Investigators have been unable to determine a cause for the fire thus far.

Mr. Chappell said adjustors and company insurance officials will be examining the damage this week.

On Sunday the curious were out in force hoping to get a look at the charred remains of the plant.

Plant employees acting as security guards stopped cars from entering the company grounds. Onlookers were allowed to go as far as a chain-link fence about 50 yards behind the main office.

Meanwhile members of the Tecumseh fire department were busy picking up equipment and cleaning hoses.

A skeleton crew of four Green Giant employees acted as watchmen overnight.

SEPT. 27/73



RUBBER BOOT CAN CAN GROUP - At the Comber Fun Fest held in Comber last Sunday the high fashion of the day which proved to be very popular, in matching hichiblack hats sloping deep down the back, and hip boots folded neatly down to the mid calf length. Here, wearing the popular boots, forming a kick line, are Sandwich South Firemen Gerald Beaulieu, Leonard Lassaline, John Marshall and Bill Burrows.



Bruce Clark

Chief Maedel Essex Fire Dept.

Canadian Red Cross Instructors Course

Emergency services in Essex County had a chance this weekend to update their First Aid Certificates. Mr. Gordon Krueger of Toronto, director of First Aid Services in Ontario, taught about 25-30 members of police force, ambulance and Fire Departments on Saturday Nov. 3rd and Sunday Nov. 4th in the Essex Fire Hall.

Key personnel of fire and ambulance services throughout the county attended a special 19 hour session in Essex at the Fire Hall to train as instructors of First Aid Courses.

Gordon S. Krieger, director of First Aid services of the Canadian Red Cross Society, assisted by Essex Fire Chief Allan Maedel, trained the men so that they would know what to teach and why when they conduct First Aid classes in their own localities.

All of the men had already qualified for certification under the Canadian Red Cross or St. John Ambulance Services, or both.

By lectures, film and demonstrations the course covered all types of emergencies and alerted the men to special needs of accident victims in cases of larynxectomies, etc.

All of the members of our local Essex Fire Department have qualified for first aid certificates

First Aid Awards



FIRST AID AWARDS - Last Wednesday evening 17 First Aid Awards were presented to fire fighters and ambulance personnel in Essex County. The presentation took place in the Essex Fire Hall. Chief F. Nostadt of Sandwich South Township Fire Department presented the awards and is seen here presenting an instructor's award to fire fighter B. F. Clark of Sandwich South Fire Department.

Essex Fire Department

Chief Al Maedel - Instructors Award
Fire Fighter W. Ruston - Instructors Award
Fire Fighter A. Warren - Instructors Award
Fire Fighter R. Seney - Examiner's Award

Sandwich South Fire Department

Fire Fighter B. F. Clark - Instructors Award

Anderdon Township Fire Department

Fire Fighter W. Weaver - Instructors Award

County Ambulance Service (Belle River)

Driver/Attendant W. Mostaway - Instructors Award

Smith's Ambulance Service (Harrow)

Owner/Operator G. Smith - Instructors Award
Driver/Attendant E. Smith - Instructors Award
Driver/Attendant R. Gibb - Instructors Award

Suburban Ambulance Service (Tecumseh)

Manager T. Martin - Instructors Award
Driver/Attendant M. Luborsky - Instructors Award
Driver/Attendant R. Willimott - Instructors Award

Ont. Ministry of Correctional Services (Windsor)

Correctional Officer Vaughn Hartley - Instructors Award

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1974

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1974

Chief Frank Nostadt, Captain Laforet, Leonard Lassaline and Bill Burrows of the Fire Department attended Council meeting and explained that they had a meeting with the officials of Superior Propane Co. Ltd. and the company was quite agreeable to carrying out the requests of the fire department. This means an area outside the fence will be kept free from vegetation. The balance of the property to be cleaned up and kept cut and the proper storage of the small tanks and an additional valve on the big tank to provide for safer conditions.

April 1, 1974

Chief Nostadt and Captain Kettles and Laforet were present on behalf of the fire department. Their activities for the year 1973 were explained and the total expenditure for the year 1973 was \$27,355.45. The proposed budget for the year 1974 was \$27,696.53. They suggested some new alerting equipment and also reported that they were having trouble with the batteries in the monitors. The batteries were expensive and did not give good service. Chief Nostadt also reported that they had very good results with their First Aid Course and they hoped to run another one in the fall. He also reported that Bruce Clarke was a certified First Aid Instructor.

Moved that the budget of the Sandwich South Fire Department for the year 1974 be accepted at the figure of \$27,696.53.

April 15, 1974

The Fire Department have requested that the Council install culverts at all of the hydrants where they have to get to them over a roadside ditch or a municipal drain. Mr. Hobbs was requested to find out how many hydrants needed to have culverts installed and the size of culvert and the length of culvert to be decided.

August 19, 1974

Mr. McClellan disclosed that the benefits for Workmen's Compensation have now been increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per annum for compensation purposes for volunteer firemen.

Moved by Harold Maenpaa, seconded by J. M. McAuliffe that the Fire Department benefits in case of accident under Workmen's Compensation be increased from \$10,000 to a rate of \$12,000 per year for volunteer firemen.

December 9, 1974

Chief Nostadt attended Council meeting on behalf of the members of the fire department thanked the Council for their co-operation and attendance at their drills and meetings. He stated that the members of the fire department were very happy to have been associated with the present members of Council.

MAR. 12/74



UPDATE STANDARDS - Several area fire departments are updating their Red Cross first aid training during Red Cross month. Above, Bob Causton of Sandwich West fire department, Roger Bauer, Bill Lepain and Bob Kettle of Sandwich South, and Vern Poole of Sandwich West lift their 'victim' of a spinal injury onto a spinal board made by the department, as Bruce Clark, instructor with Sandwich South department, shoves the board under the patient and Mrs. Diana Ardley of Windsor, a first aid examiner, makes certain they are using the correct procedure. Harold Hennin of the Sandwich West fire department played the role of the accident victim as the firemen took a refresher course in first aid work.

Red Cross Month First Aid Studies Set

OLDCASTLE - Several volunteer township fire departments are co-operating in a Red Cross first aid training program in keeping with Red Cross month.

Sandwich West and Sandwich South firemen received

their training at Oldcastle fire station under instruction from a qualified member of their own department, Bruce Clark. Local housewives and personnel from industry took advantage of the opportunity to study first aid measures with the firemen.

Ron Seney, an instructor with the Essex Fire Department, reported that various ambulance personnel along with instructors from both the Essex and the Anderton fire departments were conducting the same type of course for the Colchester North Township Department, to update their certificates in first aid and rescue work.

Fire chief of the Sandwich South Fire Department No. 1 Frank Nostadt, said his men met more emergency situations than most because the township surrounded much of Windsor. "Most traffic leaving Windsor to move out through the county goes through Sandwich South," he said. "We have highways 401, 98 and 3 and we work in surrounding fire departments."

Constant retraining in rescue work along with a supply of first aid and rescue equipment make the volunteer firemen among the best equipped in the province.

MAR. 13/74

Fire Chiefs Express Concern Over Delay of Burns Centre

OLDCASTLE - Windsor and Essex County fire chiefs expressed concern at their annual meeting that the establishment of a burns centre at Metropolitan Hospital still hasn't received the final green light.

Robert Pulleyblank, reeve of Sandwich South, opened the meeting of the Association of Fire Chiefs of Essex County at the fire hall here Tuesday night.

The fire chiefs were told the Kellogg Foundation has pledge \$4,000 per bed for a six-bed unit for the treatment of burn victims. A letter from the Burns Centre for Ontario urged the fire chiefs to contact their local MPP to urge government action.

J. A. Ritchie, administrator of Metropolitan Hospital, says the hospital is providing a burns program.

It isn't entirely satisfactory, however, since what is needed is a unit with all the facilities centralized in it, according to Mr. Ritchie.

"Then, infection control would be much easier."

Approval in principal for this facility has not been forthcoming from the ministry of health, nor has money been earmarked by the ministry for the required structural changes.

Discussing mutual aid system whereby one fire department gives assistance to another when needed, it was explained that each fire chief should notify the county fire department co-ordinator, Chief Jack Malott of Windsor, of any change in equipment or top personnel. This would make it possible for each fire chief to know what equipment is available in each of the other departments in case of emergency.

Finalization of an equal point system to be used in determining the top winner in firefighting skills competition was referred to a committee for its decision. The event, which includes a water barrel, portable pump handling and pump operations, will be held July 14 in Seaclyffe Park, Leamington, at the wind-up of the town's Centennial Celebration.

Frank Nostadt, chief of Sandwich South fire department, was elected president of the association for the 1974-75 term. Vice-president is Chief Fernand Potier of Maidstone department No. 2 with Chief Robert Tessier of Sandwich West as secretary.

The two new directors appointed were Chief Eugene Thibert of Tilbury and Chief Murray Cascadden of Leamington.



photo by Bev MacKenzie

COLLISION - Dumptruck owned by Max Medler and Sons is propped up against a telephone pole after an accident Thursday which involved two other cars at Jefferson Blvd. and County Rd. 42. Ernest Nussio, driver of the truck, was unhurt. Gloria Bull of Baldwin Ave. driver of the car a left, is in fair condition at Metropolitan Hospital with a fractured leg and back. Two other passengers in the automobile are listed in satisfactory condition.

Four Persons Injured in Three-vehicle Crash

Four area residents including a four-year-old child and her mother, are in Metropolitan Hospital following a two-car, truck accident at Jefferson Boulevard and County Road 42, shortly before 2 p.m. Thursday.

In fair condition with a fractured leg and back is Gloria Bull, 31, 5555 Baldwin Ave.

In satisfactory condition with possible head injuries is Katherine Raczy, 44, 2944 Grandview. Mrs. Raczy's four-year-old daughter is also in satisfactory condition with a dislocated and fractured jaw.

Also in satisfactory condition is Evelyn Denomey, 50, 360 Andru Cres., Belle River.

The truck was driven by Ernest Nussio, 50, 3465 Wells St. He was not injured.

Mrs. Raczy and her daughter were passengers in the Bull vehicle.

JUNE 18/74



photo by Bev MacKenzie

THE REMAINS - Sandwich South firefighters sift through the smoldering remains of a hay filled barn on Con. 8 near County Rd. 46 in Sandwich South. Firefighter were on the scene at 3:45 p.m. Monday, to find the roof red hot from heat

generated by the smoldering hay. Damage to the roof and upper walls of the barn was estimated at \$6,000. Passers-by helped remove five cows and four or five pigs after the blaze was spotted by a neighbor.

MAR. 13/74

Barn Fire In Sandwich South



MONDAY BARN FIRE - Three fire departments answered the call on Monday afternoon to the barn fire on Concession 8 near County Road 46 in Sandwich South Township. The fire began in smoldering hay and the roof and interior walls of the barn were destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$6,000. Five cows and some pigs were rescued from the barn after a neighbour spotted the blaze. Sandwich West and Anderdon fire trucks answered the call along with Sandwich South.

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neil, who lives on the farm, wishes to thank the gentlemen who were on their way home from work in Windsor and stopped on seeing the fire to help in getting the animals out.

SEPT. 28/74

79-year-old Farmer Sees Barn Destroyed

Herman Paquette is 79. He has spent his life on a farm on Walker Road a mile south of Paquette Corners.

Saturday night, he watched his barn burn to the ground. "I'll be 80 years old next May 14, how am I going to start over again?" he asked as he watched about 30 firemen keep the flames under control.

Mr. Paquette farms his 75 acres himself and looks after his wife, who is confined to a wheelchair, with the help of a young woman who lives with the couple.

His livestock was saved, but gone were the corncrib, only two years old, and a wagon load of wheat.

Mr. Paquette's pumphouse and granary, containing soybeans were also damaged.

He had been watching television when the fire started. It was noticed by people driving by the farm.

"The barn was at least 70 years old," said Paquette's son Don who lives in LaSalle.

"But it was in good condition. He really kept it up."

The cause of the fire is not yet known, said Colchester North Fire Chief William Miller.

Three Anderdon firemen were treated for burns received during the fire.

The Colchester North Fire Department called for help from departments in Sandwich South, Anderdon and Malden. Five pieces of firefighting equipment were on the scene for two hours.

OCT. 17/74

Children Set Barns Ablaze

A fire started by children playing with matches destroyed two barns and a corn crib at Broderick and the Essex Townline in Sandwich West Township Thursday afternoon.

A number of livestock in the buildings when the fire started were led to safety.

In addition to the loss of the barns and corn crib, a pickup truck was gutted and a camper bus had its back end burned off.

The buildings and the equipment were on a farm being rented by Rene Levesque from an unidentified Windsor man.

Sandwich West fire chief Bob Tessier said the fire was started by four children playing with matches but he declined to give any further details on the incident.

Chief Tessier said the alarm was turned in at 4:07 p.m. and four units of the Sandwich West fire department, as well as one unit each from Sandwich South and Anderdon Township responded to the call.

He said that when his men arrived at the scene the roofs of the two metal barns had already caved in, but that all the livestock had been led to safety.

Chief Tessier said that high winds at the time of the fire caused firemen some problems, as they whipped flames some 300 feet towards a house on the northeast corner of Broderick.

However, quick work by firemen, who soaked the building with water, prevented any damage to the house.

The main farmhouse in which the Levesque family lived was also saved from fire damage, although it did suffer some smoke and water damage.

There is no estimate of damages.

OCT. 18/74

88-year-old Injured in Accident

An 88-year-old man is in critical condition with head injuries at Metropolitan Hospital following a two-vehicle collision on Highway 401 Friday.

Firemen from Sandwich South worked for almost an hour to free David Bertram of Richmond Hill, from the wreckage of the auto in which he was a passenger.

The driver, Martha Davis, 69, also of Richmond Hill, was treated and released from Hospital Centre, IODE Unit.

Ontario Provincial Police at the scene said the Davis vehicle was in a westbound lane of the 401 near Walker Road when it skidded sideways and struck the back of a road-packing vehicle in a construction lane.

The driver of the road-packer - James McVicar 67, of Ridgeway - escaped injury.

The Davis vehicle was destroyed in the collision.

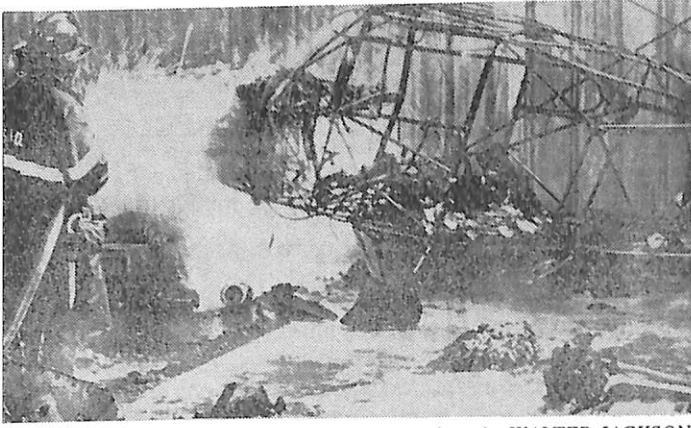


photo by WALTER JACKSON

Sandwich South firefighting waters down burned plane

Probe Launched Into Windsor Airport Blaze

The Ontario Fire Marshal's Office will investigate the cause of a fire which destroyed three single-engine aircrafts and damaged two others in a hangar at Windsor Airport Saturday.

Three of the 10 bays in the hangar, occupied by St. Clair Aviation, a company owned by Windsor businessman Donald Plumb, were destroyed. The fire was burning in a fourth bay when brought under control by Airport, Sandwich South and Windsor firemen.

Damage was estimated at \$75,000, but one firemen suggested the figure may go higher. Offices, repair equipment and instruction manuals belonging to St. Clair Aviation were lost in the fire.

Plumb and airport manager John Gowan were unavailable for comment this morning.

Frank Nostadt, Sandwich South fire chief, said one piece of equipment was dispatched at 1:36 p.m. to help airport firemen and more equipment was sent later.

When the Windsor Fire Department arrived, nine pieces of equipment were on the scene.

Chief Nostadt said the fire was contained in the fourth bay quickly, allowing firemen to leave at 2:45 p.m. The fire began in the second bay and the cause is unknown, he said.

Sandwich South Firefighters Boost Burn Unit Funds...



HERE'S SOME MORE - The Sandwich South Firemen presented an \$1,800 cheque for the Burn Unit Campaign to purchase equipment. The fund is now over the top of its goal of \$120,000 and money continues to come. Paul Laforet, treasurer of the Sandwich South Firefighters Association and its president, Leonard Lassaline, presented the cheque to Joseph Fauteux of the Windsor Firefighters Burn Unit Committee.

DEC. 22/74

Firefighters' Association Adds to Burn Unit Fund

OLDCASTLE - Another \$1,800 has been added to the Windsor burn unit fund by the Sandwich South Firefighter Association.

Most of the money was raised by donations from township industries in response to the personal campaign by the firemen. The remainder came through private donations.

The money was presented to Joseph Fauteux of the Windsor firefighters burn unit committee during the firemen's annual family Christmas party.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1975

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES 1975

January 6, 1975

Chief Nostadt, Captains Kettles, Lankin and Laforet of the fire department were in attendance at the Council meeting to report activities for the fire department for the year 1974. It was moved by Peter Halford, seconded by Wayne Dupuis that we accept the report of the Sandwich South Fire Department with sincere thanks for their work.

March 17, 1975

Chief Nostadt and Captains Kettles and Lankin from the Fire Department were in attendance and they presented the 1975 budget for the fire department. Several items were explained and the following resolution was passed - moved by Peter W. Halford, seconded by Meredith White that the 1975 budget for the Sandwich South fire Department in the amount of \$36,048.55 be accepted by Council.

April 14, 1975

Chief Frank Nostadt, Andrew Ujj, Paul Laforet, Henry Lankin and Robert Kettels from the fire department were present at the council meeting. The increase in cost of the dispatching service by the Township of Sandwich West for the Sandwich South fire department was discussed. Chief Nostadt stated that we should hold our identity. It was decided that Chief Nostadt would arrange a meeting with the Sandwich West Fire Department to discuss the large increase in the charges for this service.

July 29, 1975

Moved by Peter Halford, seconded by Wayne Dupuis that Chief Nostadt be requested to inspect the Star Motel premises as provided in the July 22nd letter of Dr. MacDonald for a license to operate as a restaurant. Due to the fact that this man has asked for an inspection on numerous occasions we feel this inspection should be expedited.

JAN. 23/75

Planned Overpass Poses Problems for Fire Station

OLDCASTLE - The proposed overpass over the Chesapeake and Ohio railway crossing at Oldcastle is creating problems for Sandwich South and the fire department, Station No. 1.

There are new problems for the fire department, and cost of land acquisition will impose increased financial burdens on the township, according to Reeve Robert Pulleyblank.

The overpass was to carry Highway 3 traffic over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway that crosses the highway a few yards east of the Walker Road intersection. Present plans would leave the highway open to traffic while the overpass is being constructed.

Reeve Pulleyblank asked council to consider inviting Ministry of Transportation officials to meet with the people preparing the working drawings, the fire department, and council to discuss the scheme again. A meeting set for Dec. 2 was cancelled.

The fire department will have to be moved and an access road provided to the Oldcastle Co-operative situated beside the railway tracks on the south side of Highway 3. The location that had been chosen for the fire department is the southwest corner of Walker Road and Highway 3, but the ministry has informed Sandwich South council there would be no access from that property to Highway 3.

As a result, the fire department would only have access to Walker Road and would take more time to reach fire calls on the east side of the township. The fire department reports there are twice as many calls to the east side as to the west.

Further complications are anticipated because the base of the overpass will be only 1,000 feet from the existing building in which the fire department is to house their trucks. Room to manoeuvre the trucks would be severely limited.

A proposed access road from North Talbot Road to Highway 3 is planned for farm wagons and vehicles going to the co-operative. The ministry of transportation agreed such a road was warranted after the co-operative prepared a brief outlining the need for the road. The ministry is willing to cover the cost of building the road but not the cost of acquiring the necessary land.

The increased cost, and the fire department's location are the two problems that have come up that have to be resolved before we give approval to any designs on plans, Reeve Pulleyblank commented.

In other business, the question of whether it is economically feasible to preserve the old township hall by moving it, is being considered by the Essex County Library Board, which is now using the building.

JAN. 23/75

Township's Fire Department Increased Activities in 1974

OLDCASTLE - Fire calls answered by the Sandwich South fire department increased in 1974 to 81 from 67 in 1973.

The increase could be attributed to the hot, dry summer when 26 grass fires were put out by the department compared to 11 in 1973. The calls included 2 false alarms, 20 building fires, 14 to vehicles, 6 for mutual aid, and 7 accidents.

In the report given by Fire Chief Frank Nostadt, property damage for the year was approximately \$92,660. In 1973 property damage was \$56,445. Most of the 1974 loss occurred in the \$85,000 fire at Windsor airport on Oct. 19 when three aircraft were destroyed and two damaged in a fire that extensively damaged three bays of a 10-bay hanger.

Total manhours for the department were 2180.

The department had a \$264 deficit this year on total expenses of \$27,960.58. A faulty power steering unit in the department's newest unit was a major cause of the deficit. Mr. Nostadt reported the unit should have been under warranty but the dealer refused to honor it. Since, then the manufacturer has agreed to give a rebate on part of the cost of \$127, to be paid in three months.

New equipment cost \$2,847.66, including an updating of the communications systems and the purchase of alert monitors for the homes of four recruits to the staff. The 1974 budget had provided \$1,700 for new equipment. Surpluses in other areas covered much of the cost of equipment.

Present staff for the two stations consists of four captains and 15 firefighters along with Chief Frank Nostadt.

Payments of \$1,878 was received from the provincial government for 14 calls to accidents on the province's highways during 1973 and 1974.

JAN. 23/75

Oldcastle W.I. Hosts Burn Unit Reps.

OLDCASTLE - Mrs. Leslie O'Brien, convener of Education and Cultural Activities, invited Frank Nostadt, Fire Chief of Sandwich South Fire Dept. to the last meeting of the Oldcastle Women's Institute held in the Municipal Bldg. He brought along with him two of his firefighters and also as guest, Charles Leighton, Chairman of the Windsor Fireman's Burn Unit and his assistant Ray Renaud. Mrs. O'Brien introduced Mr. Nostadt, who in turn introduced his guests.

Mr. Renaud told his audience each burn happening had been an accident, and reported that the Burn Unit Fund which has been in progress for some months has gone over the top with its drive for \$120,000. The fund raising project was set up to purchase equipment for Metropolitan Hospital's six-bed Burn Unit in which all the facilities would be centralized in one area instead of in separate areas as it is presently. Metropolitan Hospital has been chosen as a Burn Unit Centre for all Southwestern Ontario. They have hopes of enlarging it to a

14-bed Unit, and are obtaining the very best burn equipment available, some of it having to be imported from abroad.

Mr. Leighton brought greetings and told of the psychological effects to a burn patient and the ever present concern of infection. They highlighted their talks with slide films showing the progress of bringing a burn patient back to normal health again with prevailing treatment and with the availability of specialized personnel and equipment. It is an education in itself to see the miracles performed during recovery of a patient. More than one third of burn injuries occur in children, he said.

Following their talks and demonstrations, Mrs. W. A. Crowder thanked the group of firefighters for their visit to us and said even though they were assured of enough funds to carry out present requirements, perhaps they were like proverbial housewives during these days of inflation, who could always use a bit more. Mrs. George Parr, treasurer, presented Mr. Leighton with a cheque for \$180, the proceeds of a special card party held in favor of the Burn Unit Fund. The firemen were unanimous with their thanks for our donation and said they enjoyed being with us.

During the business part of the meeting held in advance; Mrs. Thomas Croft posted up the nominations in preparation for the new officers to be elected at the April meeting, April 1st, which will be the ANNUAL MEETING and all officers and conveners are to take their annual reports or sent them.

Several Home Economics courses were voted on and applied for. Nominations for the North Essex District were also discussed and taken care of.

Mrs. Laura Tofflemire, assisted by several members served a delicious lunch with all our guests, the firemen, staying to socialize with us over a cup of tea."



Mrs. George Parr, treasurer of the Oldcastle W.I. proudly presents a check to the Metropolitan Burn Unit Fund Chairman Charles Leighton of the Windsor Fire Dept. From left to right are Mrs. Leslie O'Brien, Charles Leighton, Mrs. George Parr and Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1976



The Sandwich South Fire Department first aid team won the Levitt Fire Fighter Trophy last week in an All-Ontario St. John's Ambulance competition held in Moss Park. Forty-four teams from all over the province competed. Above left are Roger Bauer, Ron Robson, Perry Burford, Hal Wellwood and Bruce Clark.

Oldcastle F.D. Got the Cup

It is 5:30 p.m., a Friday, on a cold windy day, with light snow falling, you and friends have just come out of a restaurant, when you notice an elderly lady slip and fall on an icy, crowded sidewalk, her parcels dropped with their contents strewn about. On reacting to the situation, you find severe bleeding from the back of her head, very dazed, with slight escape of blood from her ears, nose, and a corner of her mouth. She is conscious, but unable to comprehend any question you ask. It is further noticed that her right leg is lying over on its side, in an unnatural position. A crowd begins to gather, when another woman, looking very anxious, pushes her way through the crowd, sees the injured woman, and immediately becomes hysterical, screaming, "Mother, Mother" and in her panic, slips and falls, knocking a spectator down. The spectator, a boy, suffers intense pain from an obvious dislocated left shoulder. A restaurant employee enters the scene with a cup of coffee for the elderly woman. Your vehicle is parked at the curb, one block from the restaurant.

This was the situation given to the Oldcastle Fire Department St. John Ambulance first aid team at the competition held at the Moss Park Armoury last week. What the team did was not only show how to administer first aid in the above situation but also won the Levitt Sovetz Fire Fighters Trophy among the forty-four Ontario teams that competed.



TOP IN ALL ONTARIO - The First Aid team of Sandwich South Fire Department, took first place in competition sponsored by St. John Ambulance, at Toronto, among firefighters of Ontario. They topped the Georgetown team that has been the winner for the last three years, by 25 points. They are, left to right, Perry Burford, Hal Wellwood, Roger Bauer, Ron Robson and captain of the team, Bruce Clark.

The five-man team of Sandwich South Fire Department #1 took top spot in first aid performance at Moss Park Armoury in Toronto last Saturday.

Among fire departments they edged out Georgetown, a three-time winning team 573 to 548 in the first time Sandwich South #1 department has entered the competition.

With four men of each team ready to work they were handed a sealed description of an emergency situation and expected to prepare two victims for transportation to medical aid in twenty minutes. While they were working one member was unexpectedly instructed to act as if injured during the rescue and three were left to finish the assignment and care for their team member.

"We feel we want good first aid and with basic equipment. We used our jackets on the scene. Many teams came with padded splints but we wrapped them on the scene," reported Captain of the team, Bruce Clark.

Each team was assigned two judges. Attention to priority details of the patient's needs and sending for help was considered in the rating.

Other members of the team were Roger Bauer, Hal Wellwood, Perry Burford, and Ron Robson.



Levitt Safety Fire Fighters Trophy Sandwich South Firefighters

Victim in Fire not Identified

An unidentified person, believed to be a middle-aged woman, died in a fire this morning that swept through a mobile home in Suncrest Mobile Home Park in Maidstone Township.

At press time, an OPP spokesman said that Coroner Dr. Kenneth Rock, was enroute to the scene and that fire marshalls were also on the way, to check for a possible cause of the fire.

Reports are that the person was found in the rear of the mobile home, where the bedroom is located.

The mobile home, which was only a shell after firefighters from Maidstone and Sandwich South Townships put it out, is believed to be 37 Reginald Street, in the park.

Police are withholding the name of the victim pending notification of next of kin.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1977

Sandwich South First Aid Team Best Again...



REPEAT PERORMANCE - The First Aid Team of the Sandwich South #1 Volunteer Fire Department, took top place among Ontario's fire departments for their skills in administering first aid in a competition sponsored by St. John Ambulance at Moss Park Armouries, Toronto. They are, from left to right, Captain Bruce Clark, Roger Bauer, Perry Burford, Ron Robson and Art Lounsbury.

Sandwich South Fire Departments first aid team (District #1) have taken the trophy for all Ontario, the second consecutive year.

The competition is sponsored by St. John Ambulance at Moss Park Armouries, Toronto and is ran for a number of categories.

This year the team of four with one man on stand-by were challenged by a mock explosion that levelled one end of a crowded arena. Halfway through their first aid and rescue, they were told one man was injured by falling through debris during rescue so his teammates had to care for him as well as continue their rescue assignment.

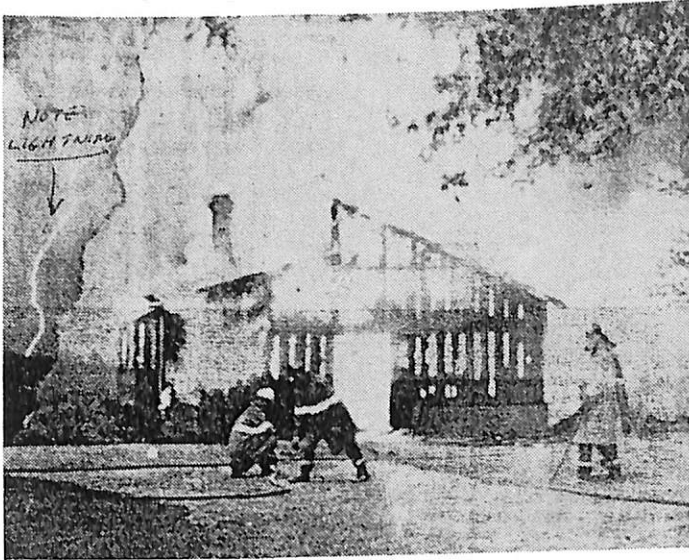
Three time winners of the trophy keep it permanently so the Sandwich South Fire Department will be concentrating on first aid practice ready for next year's competition.



Sandwich South First Aid Team Best Again...

For the second consecutive year, the Sandwich South fire department has won the provincial first-aid competition. Each year four-man first-aid teams provide treatment to victims of a mock disaster. This time it was an explosion in a crowded arena during a hockey game. Each team was responsible for two victims. Part way through the test, a member of the rescue squad was told to act as though he had fallen through debris., leaving his companions with the job of caring for him as well as the victims. The competition, held recently at the Moss Park Armouries in Toronto under the sponsorship of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, is divided into four categories - armed forces, firefighters, police and the mining industry. The two best teams in each category to emerge from local competition square off in the provincial finals. Each team is allowed one spare in case of emergency. Above, winning team members Perry Burford, Art Lounsbury, Captain Bruce Clark, Ron Robson and Roger Bauer.

Lighting Causes Barn Fire...



AN ACT OF GOD - It is believed lightning struck this barn during Friday night's storm. It was a total loss but the combined efforts of the Sandwich South and Maidstone fire departments saved the nearby barn, garage and house. The 40 x 100 foot barn was used for storage and owners Raymond and Ivan Beneteau managed to save some of the contents, according to the report of Deputy Chief of Sandwich South fire department, Paul Laforet. The barn was located by old highway 14, just north of the hamlet of Maidstone.

Area Couple Left Homeless Following Fire

A Sandwich South Township couple are homeless today after early morning fire destroyed their two-storey house on Talbot Road, just west of Maidstone.

Deputy Chief Paul Laforet of the Sandwich South Volunteer Fire Department said the cause of the blaze, which destroyed the \$25,000 - \$30,000 home, is under investigation.

He said Dieter Parusel and his wife were asleep on the second floor when they were awaked by smoke about 4:20 a.m.

When Parusel found the entire first floor engulfed in smoke, they fled to a neighbors and called for help.

The interior of the building was burned out and part of the roof caved in, Laforet said.

Firefighters and equipment from the Sandwich West Township department were called in to assist. Firemen were on the scene for about five hours.

Two Sandwich South volunteers suffered smoke inhalation and were treated by ambulance attendants at the scene.

SEPT. 7/77

Salaries Donated to Buy Fire Truck

By ROB VANNIE

Twenty Sandwich South firefighters each have pledged to contribute one year's wages to buy a rescue vehicle being sold today in Detroit.

All but two of the 22 township firemen are voluntarily participating in the attempt to buy the four-wheel-drive rescue truck.

The township is among the bidders on a 1973 GMC emergency rescue vehicle and pumper truck, which is being sold to the highest bidder by the Detroit Fire Department.

Fire Chief Frank Nostadt said each man earns an average of

\$500 a year.

Township firefighters' salaries vary according to the number of fires they attend. Some of the men's salaries, including the chief's, go as high as \$1,000.

Township officials said they don't wish to disclose the amount of their bid until after the sale is made.

Chief Nostadt said the firefighters association will attempt to recoup the pledged wages for the men through various fund-raising events and donations.

He said the vehicle has never been used in Detroit because of a change in policy and union-management conflicts after its purchase.

Although he said he was optimistic about obtaining the vehicle, Chief Nostadt admitted that the township had two strikes against it before it put in its bid.

The Canadian dollar is now worth about eight per cent less than the American dollar and the township is faced with paying 15 to 17 percent duty on the truck.

The township will make a second application to the federal government for a remission of the duty. The first application was rejected.

Chief Nostadt said the Sandwich South firefighter's association has wanted to obtain a rescue vehicle to fill a gap left in when the county pulled out of financing the Emergency Measurers Organization, which is now funded solely by Windsor.

When the chance came to put in a bid on the Detroit vehicle, there was not enough money in the township budget and the firemen decided to try to buy the truck themselves.

Chief Nostadt said the truck would be used to rescue people injured in remote areas or during severe snowstorms. Also would be used as a fourth fire engine.

"The whole (township) council is proud of what the fire department is doing," Reeve Robert Pulleyblank said Tuesday.

"They're underpaid as it is."

Chief Nostadt said the firefighters are paid about \$3 an hour for drills, \$7 for the first hour on duty at a fire and \$5 an hour after that.

If the township is successful in winning the bid, he hopes to have the truck delivered by the weekend.

SEPT. 8/77

Township Buys Fire Truck with Donated Paycheques

Sandwich South Township has a new fire-rescue vehicle, thanks to 20 of its firefighters.

The township firefighters' association was successful Wednesday in its bid to buy a 1973 emergency rescue vehicle - pumper truck for \$14,000.

The truck was sold to the highest bidder by the Detroit Fire Department.

Because there had not been enough money in the township budget to submit a competitive bid, 20 of Sandwich South's 22 firefighters promised to go without pay for one year to help buy the vehicle.

The part-time firemen, whose average earnings are about \$500 a year, are paid for time they spend in training and fighting fires. Salaries range as high as \$1,100, the amount paid the fire chief.

The firefighters association will try to recoup some of the pledged wages through various fund-raising events.

Reeve Robert Pulleyblank said the township's nearest rival for the truck was a Michigan community which submitted a bid about \$1,800 lower than Sandwich South's.

The GMC vehicle, which has never been in service because

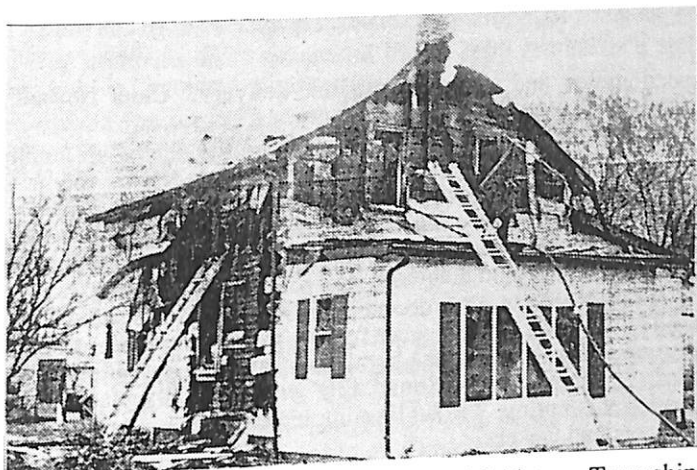
of policy changes in Detroit after its purchase, will be used for rescue work in isolated areas and as a fourth fire truck.

Township firefighters say the need for such a vehicle to fill a gap left when the county stopped participating in the Emergency Measures Organization.

The sale of the truck still needs routine approval of Detroit City Council. Sandwich South expects delivery of the truck by the end of next week.

NOV. 22/77

Vacant House Destroyed...



A vacant home on the Puce Road in Maidstone Township burned completely and a Sandwich South home in Maidstone was severely damaged by fire in the early hours of Tuesday.

Two Houses Burned Tuesday Morning

Two houses in adjoining townships were burned in the early hours of Tuesday. One on the Puce Road in Maidstone Township was destroyed, the other in Maidstone, in Sandwich South Township was badly damaged with the upper floor gutted.

The Maidstone Township house was used by a motorcycle club, the Chosen Few, and was for sale. The Essex Fire Department with the Maidstone Fire Truck answered a call there

just after 10:30 Monday night and found smoke coming from the roof. They believed the fire was extinguished but were called back at 3:20 after the fire broke out a second time. The house, was completely burned. The fire marshal is investigating the fire.

The Sandwich South department were assisted by Sandwich West to fight the Maidstone village house fire which broke out shortly after 4 a.m. Tuesday.

DEC. 9/77

Township Fire Hall Plans Set

Sandwich South Township has hired consulting engineers LaFontaine, Cowie and Buratto Associates Ltd., of Windsor to draw up preliminary plans for a new fire hall.

Reeve Robert Pulleyblank said he hopes the township will make a start on construction next spring.

The reeve said he doesn't know what the hall will cost to build. It will probably be financed over 10 years and Ontario Municipal Board approval will be required for the expenditure, he said.

Council will be touring fire halls in the area to get some ideas on what features to include in the proposed building, the reeve said.

The township is currently negotiating to purchase a five acre site for the fire hall from the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Communications. The ministry owns 15 acres of land at Walker Road and Highway 3.

The reeve said the land will probably cost the township \$20,000 to \$30,000 but the site will be large enough for future expansion and to provide a training area for firefighters.

The township has one fire hall on St. Alphonse Street near Checker Flag Raceway and also shares facilities in its public works garage at Highway 3 and Walker Road.

The reeve said the works garage doesn't have enough room for fire equipment. The township has four fire trucks and 22 volunteer firefighters.

Pulleyblank said future growth in the township will probably require an expansion in the fire department and possibly the hiring of some full-time firefighters.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1978



Members of the Sandwich South Township Volunteer Fire Dept., near Windsor, Ontario pose with the four-wheel-drive rescue truck they purchased from Detroit, Mich.

(Photo by Walt McCall)

Firefighters Give up Pay to Purchase Rescue Vehicle

By Walt McCall

Faced with a unique opportunity to acquire an all-purpose rescue vehicle, virtually the entire 22-man membership of the Sandwich South Township, Ontario Volunteer Fire Department voted to give up a year's pay so they could buy the custom-built truck for their community.

Adding international dimensions to the project was the fact that the rescue squad unit had to be purchased at an auction sale in the United States, then imported into Canada.

With the endorsement of their Township Council, the Sandwich South Township firefighters decided to forego their department salaries for one year. They successfully bid on the almost-new rescue unit at a city auction in neighbouring Detroit Michigan. The apparatus was imported into Canada under a special customs permit.

The rescue truck was one of five special four-wheel-drive "Tactical Mobile Squads" delivered to the Detroit Fire Department in 1973. Designed as quick-attack units and equipped with oversized tires so they could climb expressway embankments, the TMS units never went into service due to budget and manpower reductions in the department. All were put on the auction block in September, 1977.

"We heard about the upcoming auction and several of us went over to the Detroit Fire Department motor shops to look at one of the vehicles," Sandwich South Township Fire Chief Frank Nostadt said.

"We had been thinking about obtaining a rescue truck, and it was exactly what we wanted. We got it for \$14,000 - a fraction of what it had cost. Ours had only 140 miles on the

speedometer, and we got immediate delivery," Chief Nostadt stated.

Once they got their prized truck home, the Sandwich South volunteers spent more than 200 man hours modifying the unit for its transition from urban to generally rural rescue service. Every inch of the body was sanded down and the apparatus was repainted from Detroit's trendy lime green and white to the more traditional fire department red.

A local service club donated \$2,000 which the volunteers used to buy extra rescue gear for the truck. Resplendent in its new coat of bright red paint highlighted by gold-leaf striping and trim, "Tactical Mobile Squad 110" was officially placed into service this spring. TMS 110 complements the township's two pumpers and tankers.

The apparatus has a canopy-type cab, mounts an eight-ton winch up front and carries 300 gallons of water and booster equipment. Other gear carried on the versatile rescue unit includes a fiberglass Stokes basket; 35-piece hydraulic rescue jack set; K-12 rescue saw; a set of pneumatic chisels; two emergency stretchers; blankets; first-aid and burn kits; a 3,000-watt generator and floodlights and extension ladder.

APRIL 17/78



Sandwich South Township firefighters display their emergency rescue unit.

Township Given Rescue Vehicle ...and the Proof It Can Do The Job

By LLOYD McLACHLAN

Sandwich South Township's new emergency rescue vehicle ran its first solo mission early Saturday a few hours before the volunteer firefighters who bought it officially presented it to the township.

And the truck, purchased last September at a municipal auction in Detroit, did its job without a hitch.

"We had a car fire, and the driver happened to be a Detroit

resident," said Bruce Clark, the department's training officer. The fire occurred on Highway 3, just east of Oldcastle. No one was hurt.

The Firefighters have been modifying and adding equipment to the vehicle since it was obtained. It has accompanied department vehicles on calls since January, but Saturday's was its first solo run.

MAY 10/78

Township Firemen Win First-aid Honours

OLDCASTLE - The Sandwich South Township volunteer firemen's first aid team has won first place in the province for the third consecutive year in first-aid competition for firemen.

The competition is sponsored by St. John Ambulance and was held in Toronto last month.

Also, a special girl's team, taught by the volunteer firemen, won second place for 15 and 16 year olds in competition against 10 teams.

The competition was held the last week of April but results were not complete until last week.

In the firefighters' competition, Sandwich South competed against Georgetown, Whitby and Port Hope fire departments in the finals.

Bruce Clark is the captain of the Sandwich South first aid team. Other members are Perry Burford, Ron Robson, Roger Bauer and Hall Wellwood.

The girl's team under captain Sharon Lassaline, began training two nights a week in March. Other members are Glenna Clark, Wendy Pulleyblank, Jody Uji and Karen Nostadt.

The teams were expected to provide first-aid to victims of a simulated garage explosion in which some of the casualties had to be removed immediately. A judge evaluated each team on alertness, co-operation, ability to follow captain's orders, and their attitude toward the casualties and efficiency in handling them.

MAY 26/78

Man Killed in Rear-end Collision

A 77-year-old Essex man died in Metropolitan Hospital Friday after his car ran into the rear of a tanker truck.

Stanley Garrod, of Harvey Street, was travelling west on County Road 46 about 9 a.m. when the accident occurred.

Provincial police in Essex said the truck, driven by Calvin Hill, of Maidstone, was also westbound and had slowed down almost to stop to turn into a driveway.

The Garrod car hit the rear of the truck, causing some gasoline to spill on the road. The Sandwich South volunteer fire department was called to wash it away.

Garrod was taken to hospital by ambulance and died in the emergency room.

Police said no charges will be laid in connection with the accident.

JUNE 6/78

Firemen's Contribution of Vehicle Recognized

Sandwich South firefighters were officially thanked Monday for pitching in to buy a rescue vehicle for the township.

George Rocheleau and Larry Lepain of the McAuliffe Park Recreation Committee presented Fire Chief Frank Nostadt with a bronze plaque that will be inscribed with the names of the 22 volunteer firemen who contributed.

The men bought the truck in Detroit last September for \$14,000 in U.S. funds. It is currently being used in the

township as a rescue vehicle and pumper.

Chief Nostadt said the department is still arguing with customs officials over whether a duty of 15 to 17.5 per cent should be paid on the truck.

The department asked customs officials to drop the duty but were turned down. They have applied again and asked for help from Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan.

The firefighters make about \$500 to \$600 a year. The chief makes \$1,000 a year.

APRIL 12/78



Photo by JACK DALGLEISH

School bus lies on its side after colliding head-on with tractor-trailer on Howard Avenue.

Two Hurt as Truck, Bus Hit

By MICHAEL FREZ

A school bus and tractor-trailer rig collided head-on Tuesday on Howard Avenue, just moments after the last two of about 50 students had disembarked from the bus.

The force of the collision knocked the bus onto its side as it skidded off the road. Both drivers were admitted to hospital.

Bruce Campbell, driver of the truck, is in serious condition at Windsor Western Hospital IODE Unit, after undergoing surgery for severe lacerations to the face and scalp. Campbell, 34 of R.R. 4 Blenheim, also suffered a dislocated hip.

Bus operator Leonard Cooper, 52, of 4910 Howard Ave., is in Metropolitan Hospital in fair condition with a crushed left knee.

According to OPP Constable C. F. Hiuser, the truck was travelling north and the bus was southbound in the 9200 block of Howard Avenue when the accident occurred.

The bus had just pulled away from its last stop when the approaching truck hit the brakes and the cab jackknifed in the other lane, he said.

The two vehicles collided, knocking the bus over and swinging the truck back in its own lane.

There was heavy rain and wind at the time.

Charges are pending in the accident, Constable Hiuser said.

The last two children of the bus from Prince Andrew school in LaSalle, were half way up their driveway when the crash occurred.

Fire Station Issue Splits Two Candidates for Reeve

By Rob Van Nie

A proposed fire station in Sandwich South Township was the hottest issue at an all-candidates meeting Sunday.

Coun. Wayne Dupuis and Deputy Reeve Ray Robinet, both

candidates for reeve, expressed different views on the proposed station before about 80 residents at St. Peter's School.

Dupuis said he is in favor of a new fire station, but added the one council plans to build at Highway 3 and Walker Road is too elaborate.

Dupuis estimated the \$500,000 station would cost the township taxpayers at least \$1 million when financing costs are added.

A less expensive station, in the \$100,000-\$150,000 range, should be built in a location farther east than the current site, he said.

Robinet countered that the station has become a political issue and the fire department has been used as a scapegoat.

He said he is in favor of the proposed station, adding that no person will decide if it will be built or not because the Ontario Municipal Board will hold a hearing on the issue Dec. 5 and will have the final say.

Using current assessment figures, the station would cost the average homeowner \$15 and a farmer \$30 a year over a 20-year period, Robinet said.

A recent Ontario Fire Marshal's report says the township should build a new station and calls the proposed building "adequate" and not "elaborate," he said.

Dupuis charged that council asked for the fire marshal's report only after opposition to the plans mounted.

"Remember the fire marshal doesn't pay taxes in this municipality and they would like to see firehalls all over," he said.

William Mogyorody, former deputy-reeve who was defeated in the last election, also said he is opposed to the fire station plans.

"It could be perhaps in a better location and perhaps a little bit less pretentious," he said.

Mogyorody, running for deputy-reeve, said it could lead to a full-time fire department and the township could lose the station if Windsor annexes that part of the township nearest to the city.

Allan Parr, his opponent for deputy-reeve said residents will have to decide whether to pay for the station through taxes or higher premiums for fire insurance.

Two candidates, Terry Priddle and incumbent councillor Harold Maenpaa, have been acclaimed to council but Murray Oliver and Victor Renaud are contesting the third seat. Oliver was out of town.

Renaud told the residents he would represent them to the "best of my ability."

Leitha Boreski, running for the Essex County Board of Education in Sandwich South and Sandwich West, said when she was elected six years ago, "I went in fighting and I'm still fighting."

In response to complaints about public access to the board, she said a delegation will be heard if it gives six-day's notice in writing.

Another incumbent, James McArthur, said the "golden age is over" and school boards will have "to do better with less."

However, "good education isn't cheap and cheap education isn't good," he said.

Perry Mann, challenger for a seat on the county public board, said it is time for new blood in that body.

As the liaison with various boards of education at the children's regional centre in Windsor, he said he has had an opportunity to study various boards.

Frank Rawlings, running for the one seat as separate school representative on the county public board for Tecumseh, Sandwich South and St. Clair Beach, suggested a number of ways to cut the board's \$37.5 million budget.

He said the board could co-operate more with the separate

board on busing and suggested schools remain open longer in June and have longer winter vacations to cut heating and winter maintenance costs.

Ron Innocente, his opponent, said that as an educator and head of the commercial department at Brennan High School, he has the background to understand the issues a school board must deal with.

Brian Nolan, challenging two incumbents for a seat on the Essex County Separate School Board for Tecumseh, St. Clair Beach and Sandwich South, said he is running because he was upset by last year's teachers' strike and the board's reaction.

The board needs "new attitudes" so it can work with teachers to avoid future strikes, he said.

Incumbent Nick Gobo said that for the past 4 1/2 years, he has been working toward the establishment of parent-teacher advisory committees at all separate schools.

The teachers' strike is past history and is not an issue in this election, he said.

Incumbent Louis Gouin said he wants to "give the children of Essex County the best possible Catholic education."

APRIL 4/78

Objectors Fail to Stop Firehall Plans

By ROB VAN NIE

About 40 people jammed into the Sandwich South Township municipal chambers Monday to protest plans by council to construct a \$400,000 firehall.

After a sometimes heated two-hour debate council gave final approval to a bylaw enabling it to buy a five-acre site on Walker Road just north of Highway 3 and build the firehall.

The township still requires approval to build the firehall from the Ontario Municipal Board. If any of the objectors force a board hearing, construction will likely be delayed until next year.

Most of ratepayers at Monday's meeting agreed there is a need for a firehall, but said the proposed plan is too elaborate or the hall should be built in a residential area of the township near Tecumseh.

The firehall would be financed over a period of 20 years, which will bring total costs of construction and financing to about \$1 million.

Reeve Robert Pulleyblank told the meeting that with the increased growth of industry and residences in Sandwich South, the firehall will cost taxpayers about three to five mills.

This means the average property owner would be paying about \$10 a year to finance the firehall.

Included in plans for the firehall are two double bays for four pieces of equipment, a chief's office, a general office, a kitchen and dining area, a lounge and another room which could be converted to dormitories if the township needs a full-time department in the future.

The fire department currently rents space in the township's public works garage near the site of the proposed hall and also has a small fire hall which houses one engine in the residential area south of Tecumseh.

The firehall near Tecumseh will remain in use if the new hall is built, but the other fire equipment will be moved out of the public works garage.

Reeve Pulleyblank said some of the public works equipment now has to be stored outdoors because there is no room in the garage.

Fire Chief Frank Nostadt defended construction of the new hall, saying it would be in a central location and the property is needed to train the 22 volunteer firemen.

During the recent blizzard firemen who manned the present

garage without pay for 48 hours had to sleep on the floor, said Chief Nostadt.

He said the Ontario fire marshal recommended last year that the all-volunteer fire department would have at least five full-time men.

The lounge and recreation area, for which the firemen would buy their own recreation equipment, would attract them to the station in their spare time. This "would be just like having full-time men on duty with no pay," said the chief.

Only Coun. Wayne Dupuis voted against the firehall plan, saying the township couldn't afford it.

He agreed with a suggestion by some of the critics that the matter should be put on the ballot of the November municipal election.

MAY 10/78

Sandwich South Facing OMB Hearing on Firehall

Sandwich South Township Council has received a 700-name petition opposing construction of a \$400,000 firehall.

Under provincial law, the objections to the firehall will force an Ontario Municipal Board hearing which likely will not be held until the fall.

The petition was delivered to the township last week.

Council, which approved plans to build the firehall last month, decided Monday to apply to the municipal board for permission to finance the project.

Reeve Robert Pulleyblank said the township is looking at alternative ways to finance the firehall, but he added he could not elaborate.

It was originally proposed that the firehall would be financed over a 20-year period, which would bring total construction, property and interest costs to about \$1 million.

The hall would be built on five acres of land on Walker Road just north of Highway 3 which the township would purchase from the province.

Plans for the firehall, which would have room for four pieces of equipment plus offices, a kitchen and dining area, and a lounge, were approved by council despite the protests of about 40 objectors who attended an April meeting.

Many of the objectors said the plans were too elaborate for the 22-member volunteer fire department.

The township now has two small fire stations, one of which is located in the public works garage.

The fire department maintains there is not enough room to store equipment properly or to train the men.

Council also decide Monday that it will hold public meetings on the proposed firehall "to clear up some of the nonsense" being spread around about the costs of the project, said Deputy-Reeve Ray Robinet.

He said some of the persons who were collecting names for the petition told residents the firehall would cost them \$50 to \$60 in additional taxes a year.

Reeve Pulleyblank estimated at the previous meeting that based on past growth and projected increases in assessment in the township, the firehall would cost an average taxpayer about \$10 a year in taxes.

His estimate was criticized Monday by Coun. Wayne Dupuis who said there is no way of knowing at this point how much the station will cost the taxpayers.

He said an estimate of \$10 a year for an average taxpayer could be just as wrong as a \$50 estimate.

Reeve Pulleyblank said his \$10 estimate could be too high, if anything, because he had not taken into account the projected residential development expected in the township's hamlet area south of Tecumseh.

MAY 16/78

Sandwich South Firehall an Inexpensive Necessity

Sir: to build or not to build? This is the dilemma facing every citizen of Sandwich South Township. Should we build a new firehall, or should we continue to rent the township garages as a substitute for a firehall?

The present firehall has inadequate space for both the equipment and training of the volunteer firefighters. The building of the new hall will give them the necessary space needed for drills and repair work.

The proposed firehall is estimated to cost \$406,350. This estimate includes the cost of the land, engineering fees, structural costs, and other minor expenses. The interest for the loan over the 20 year period will bring the amount to \$970,932. This will cost the taxpayers approximately \$10 to \$20 per household each year and will be paid over the 20 year period, Sandwich South has a potential for both industrial and residential growth which may cause the household assessment to decrease.

Due to over-all expansion, a new firehall will eventually become necessity in order to provide proper fire service to both residential and industrial areas. If the construction of the firehall is postponed for an indefinite period the over-all cost will increase.

In conclusion we would like to ask those concerned one important question: Would you be willing to pay \$10 to \$20 a year to protect your home and your family from fire and other emergencies?

SHARON LASSALINE
Captain Sandwich South Intermediate
Girls' First Aid Team

Sandwich South Needs That New Firehall

Sir: As an eight year employee of a local ambulance service, and a member of the Sandwich South Fire Department, I feel well qualified in the field of emergency services to convey the following comments.

The Sandwich South Fire Department was established in 1965 and now utilizes 22 men, four pieces of fire fighting apparatus and the latest in communications and rescue equipment to provide the taxpayers of Sandwich South Township with a most efficient and modern rescue and fire service.

The department also maintains co-operative relations with other fire departments in Essex County under the mutual aid concept.

It would appear that certain individuals have voiced strong and unfounded opposition to the proposed construction of a new fire hall for the township. As expected in this day of rising costs, the prime objection to the new fire hall is the increased assessment and taxation to the property owners of Sandwich South.

It should be very clear to all concerned that the cost factor of this new facility will not decrease in future years and the true value of life and property cannot always be measured in dollars.

The increasing residential and industrial growth of Sandwich South makes this expansion most vital to the safety and welfare of the township, and leaves little doubt about the need for a new fire headquarters in the area of Walker Road and Highway No. 3.

Any attempt on the part of the opponents to convert this issue into a game of political football is a serious mistake, and those involved would do well to accept the proposed fire hall as a small price to pay for a much needed and valuable asset to the progressive township of Sandwich South.

BOB GAMON

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH

Notice of Application by The Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South to Dispense with a Vote of the Electors

TAKE NOTICE THAT

1. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sandwich South intends to apply The Ontario Municipal Board for the approval to acquire certain lands and undertaking certain works outlined herein at an estimated cost of \$406,350.00.

2. The lands are to be acquired from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications and form Part of Block "A" Registered Plan 1304, having a frontage of approximately 250 feet on the easterly side of Walker Road, by a depth of 720 feet, with a rear width of approximately, 300 feet, all to be acquired for the purposes of a new fire hall. The works concerned are the construction of a new fire hall and required appurtenances thereto for the fire fighting purposes of the Township of Sandwich South.

3. The estimated cost of the works is \$406,350.00 all of which will be raised by the issue by the Corporation of debentures repayable over a term of not more than (20) twenty years, payable on the installment plan. Upon the assumption of a rate of interest of 10 1/4% per annum, the estimated annual charges for the repayment of principal and interest upon the said debentures is the sum of \$48,546.63 to be recovered by a general levy upon all the rateable assessment of property within the Township.

4. Application will be made to The Ontario Municipal Board for an order approving the acquisition of the lands and the construction of the works and to dispense with the assent of the electors to the undertaking of the acquisition of the lands and the construction of the works. Any ratepayer may within 21 days after the first publication of this notice send by prepaid post to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Township of Sandwich South at the address given below, a notice in writing stating his objection to such approval and the grounds of such objection.

5. The Ontario Municipal Board may order pursuant to the statute that the assent of the electors shall not be required and may approve of the acquisition of the said lands and the said works, but before it may do so, must appoint a time and place for a public hearing when any objections will be considered.

DATED at the Township of Sandwich South this 14th day of April, 1978.

Roch Boisvenue
Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Sandwich South
Oldcastle Post Office
Oldcastle, Ontario NOR 1L0

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Sandwich South Voters Back New Fire Station

Sandwich South voters threw their support behind Ray Robinet and a new fire station.

Robinet, the current deputy-reeve, defeated Coun. Wayne Dupuis 885-819.

Allan Parr polled 1,004 voters to defeat former deputy-reeve William Mogyorody, who collected 675 votes.

In a race for one council seat, Murray Oliver defeated Victor Renaud 897-700.

The major issue in the township had been the construction of a new firehall at Walker Road and Highway 3.

Robinet, who was in favor of plans by council for a fire station, said his victory was "almost a plebiscite" on the firehall.

Dupuis had campaigned against the fire station, which he said would cost taxpayers about \$1 million over 20 years, including financing costs.

Robinet estimated that using current assessment figures, the station would cost an average homeowner about \$15 a year.

The fire hall plans, which have already been passed by council, will be the subject of an Ontario Municipal Board hearing Dec. 5.

Incumbent Harold Maenpaa and Terry Priddle were acclaimed to council seats.

Sandwich South Advised to Build \$400,000 Fire Hall

By Lloyd McLachlan - Star Municipal Reporter

A report on fire protection in Sandwich South Township has recommended the township proceed "as soon as possible" with plans to construct a controversial \$400,000 fire hall.

"Sandwich South is lacking a facility as much as any municipality in Essex County," said R.G. Stewart fire services advisor for the Ontario fire marshal's office, who investigated fire protection in the township.

The report, which looked at all aspects of the fire fighting in Sandwich South Township was adopted by council Monday night.

An Ontario Municipal Board hearing will be held Dec. 5 to decide the fate of the proposed firehall. Plans for the structure, which have been approved by township council, have met heavy opposition from area residents who charge they are too elaborate.

Council applied to the OMB for permission to finance the project.

Stewart, who presented the report to council Monday, said in an interview the township's main fire station, located on Highway 3 in Oldcastle, is too crowded and does not meet the volunteer department's needs.

The report also recommends the township's second fire station, located on St. Alphonse Road, be renovated to provide more space for its fire truck and room for an office and washrooms.

Stewart said he has seen plans for the proposed new station and is convinced that the building isn't too elaborate.

"Look at the facilities they're operating in today. They're inadequate. They should have better facilities than they have," he said.

Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt said the department is having problems attracting new members because the existing facilities are "unliveable".

Nostadt said the proposed building, which would have room for four pieces of equipment, offices, a kitchen and dining area, and a lounge, would attract attention and provide an incentive to prospective volunteers.

"We've been into this since 1972," he said. "It means a little more to us than just having a place to put a few pieces of equipment."

"The (proposed) fire hall is a must. We have 24 men now but what worries us is, are we going to be able to keep them?"

"We still don't even own a fire hall. We rent a one-bay garage," Nostadt said.

He said the fire department also needs the building to keep pace with commercial and residential growth in the township.

The 36-page fire protection report also suggests the fire department improve fire prevention by performing more property inspections.



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October 23, 1978

Mr. R. Pulleyblank, Reeve
and

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**TOWNSHIP OF
SANDWICH SOUTH**

Re: Fire Department Headquarters Station

This is to reconfirm our recommendation made in a
Municipal Fire Protection Survey of the Township of
Sandwich South in 1978.

It is our firm opinion that the present facility is totally
inadequate, and should be replaced as soon as possible.

It is also our feeling that the morale of the fire fighters
may be affected due to the lack of space for proper
training and meeting facilities.

If our Office can be of any further assistance please do not
hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,

Alan L. Dupuis,
Chief,
Fire Services Section,
Office of the Fire Marshal,

ALD/l dj
c.c.: Fire Chief Frank Nostadt

**Fire Hall Approved by
Sandwich South Council...**

Construction of a \$400,000 fire hall was approved Monday
night in a 3 to 1 vote by council despite objections from most
of the 80 or more township taxpayers who attended.

Debentured over 20 years, it is expected final cost will reach
\$1 million with interest of 10 1/4 per cent.

The estimated cost included \$25,000 for a five-acre site on
Walker Road between the cold storage plant and the drive-in
theatre near highway #3; landscaping at \$8,000; site work such

as roadway, culvert, parking space, \$18,700, installation of
water and sewage service, \$16,000; cost of interim borrowing of
money during construction \$10,000; professional fees of
\$28,000, plus other expenses. Cost of actual building is
estimated at \$257,000.

The 75 x 72 foot building with an 8 foot extension at the
front entrance would provide two double bays for four pieces of
fire-fighting equipment, a 17 x 12 foot fire chief's office, a 16 x
12 general office, storage area of 11 x 15 feet, a 35 x 20 foot
room for training or meetings, kitchen area, washroom and
showers and a lounge.

Most objections were to size and cost of the hall.

William Mogyorody asked council to consider that Sandwich
South township may lose its tax revenue from industrial sources
through annexation of the industrial park by Windsor. He also
expressed fear that the recommendation of the Silcox report on
restructuring for dissolution of Sandwich South township might
become a reality.

Before protests were heard, Reeve Robert Pulleyblank
reported that industrial and commercial tax revenue covered 35
per cent of expenditures of the township and forecast that would
increase to 50 per cent in ten years. He estimated the fire hall
would add between 3 and 5 mills to assessment.

He said in the last 11 years residential assessment has
increased by 50 per cent and with commercial and industrial
development the total 11-year increase is 80 per cent.

The township has two fire halls, one in the northern area of
the township and the other near Oldcastle. Accommodations for
the fire department at Oldcastle is a one-bay garage with a small
meeting room adjacent as part of the township garage.

Residents were told two trucks are housed here and if the
engine of the one at the door were to fail to start, the second
would be blocked.

Council members maintained the proposed fire hall would
reduce fire insurance rates to township property owners and
encourage industrial development.

Residents from the Tecumseh area objected that a new fire
hall in Oldcastle area would not benefit them but council
favours the Oldcastle site because there are alternate routes from
it that would provide outlets in case railway crossings are
blocked by passing trains when there is fire call.

The discussion led to questioning the efficiency of the
dispatch service. Fire Chief Frank Nostadt said any person who
has experienced a problem could have it investigated by
contacting him but he expressed confidence in the efficiency of
the service.

Firemen explained that all conversation and times of calls and
dispatch are recorded beginning when the dispatcher answers a
call.

Questioning of efficiency of the dispatch service led to
assumption by the Sandwich South fire department members
that residents were dissatisfied with their efficiency. Fire Chief
Nostadt reminded them the department had won top place in first
aid work for all of Ontario over the last two years.

Objectors to the size of the proposed hall and expense of a
building of the planned size were told the saving in constructing
a smaller building would be insignificant since much of the
\$400,000 was in basic costs such as site, landscaping,
professional fees and service installations.

Council members favoured making the building large enough
to provide for future needs.

Several residents asked for a referendum on the municipal
election this November but Deputy-Reeve Ray Robinet said he
believed most voters would not be aware of the need for a new
fire hall.

The objectors among council members was Coun. Wayne Dupuis who said he was concerned about the additional tax burden the hall would put on land owners with fixed incomes. He favoured a new fire hall and the site but favoured a smaller building because of the 63 fire calls last year, only 12 were to buildings.

One resident, Dorothy Croft, asked for the decision to be tabled until the current study of the Silcox report by county council is completed. She was told each month the work is delayed, the costs increase.

Council passed the bylaw to authorize purchase of the site from the Ministry of Transportation and Communication to apply for permission to dispense with a vote of the electors in the proposal to build the plan, subject to approval of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Sandwich South Firemen First For Third Time...



BOTH TEAMS WIN - The Sandwich South Firemen's First Aid Team won the trophy in Ontario competition for the third consecutive year and the girl's team they trained placed second in their first year of competition. The Levitt Safety Supply Company who presents the trophy each year has donated it to Sandwich South as theirs to keep after three wins. The girls are: (back row) Karen Nostadt, Jody Ujj, Wendy Pulleyblank; (front) Sharon Lassaline, Glenna Clark. The men's team is Perry Burford, Roger Bauer, Bruce Clark, Ron Robson and Hal Wellwood (not present for this picture).

For the third successive year, the Sandwich South Firefighters Team has brought the trophy back to the Township of Sandwich South as the best first aid/rescue team in the province from fire departments. The event was held at Toronto in the St. John Ambulance Provincial Open Competitions.

Run-offs take place throughout the province in the spring each year. The two best teams in each classification go to Toronto for Competition Day. Sandwich South has had to fend off the challenges of Georgetown, Whitby and Port Hope Fire Departments to retain the trophy for three successive years.

Not only were they competing for the Levitt Fire Trophy, but they were trying to place well in the overall senior men's

provincial. We came in third behind Inco Metals and Metro Toronto Ambulance Services. There were thirteen championship quality teams competing for this trophy as well. Our other competition was, mining, hydro, OPP and other industrial teams. We placed 11 out of 17 two years ago and 8 out of 15 teams last year in this competition.

Captain of the team is Bruce Clark. Other members are Roger Bauer, Perry Burford, Hal Wellwood, Ron Robson and under Team Captain Sharon Lassaline, the girl's first aid team of Glenna Clark, Karen Nostadt, Jody Ujj and Wendy Pulleyblank took the Edgar J. Stone trophy in Toronto competition.

This team took their first aid course from January to March this year. Then they formed a team and began training with the Sandwich South Firemen's team on Thursdays and Fridays every week.

None of the team had any previous competition experience when they entered the Intermediate Division. That Division is for youths of 18 years and includes ski patrols, militia, rangers, St. John's Brigade, and Guides. The local team beat out ten other teams to take second place.

These girls attend Assumption, Essex and Sandwich Secondary Schools. They are all from Oldcastle and this experience will certainly enhance their qualifications as top rated babysitters in the area.

For the T.S. Jones Challenge Trophy, after the team competitions, each team has the opportunity to enter one member of their team in the single challenge competition. The competition has no categories. As a result, Sharon Lassaline (15 years) had to compete against 33 other contestants, mostly adults. She placed 15th, competing against persons from OPP, ambulance, mining, hydro teams as well as others.

Firefighter Perry Burford entered for the men's team and placed 11th.

This year the team problems were related to a garage explosion in which some of the casualties had to be removed immediately after first evaluation.

It was realized the results of the explosion caused severe burns, imbedded objects, lacerations, and unconsciousness. As an added twist one casualty in each problem was a brother or father of the team captain.

The single problem was a casualty involved in a shooting incident. The bullet passed through the stomach and out the back, involving the spine. The casualty was so placed that he had to be turned. This was a very delicate procedure.

Each problem has a perfect score of about 250 points. There is one judge stooping over each two team members and just about every word said is evaluated in some way.

They were judged on Team alertness, handling of casualties, following captain's direction, alertness of team captain, working as a team and attitude toward casualties. Each problem is allowed 20 minutes for teams to assess, treat, and prepare the victims for transportation to a hospital.



UNIT 110 TACTICAL MOBILE SQUAD (TMS)

This unit complements the township's two pumpers and tanker trucks. These units serve the community out of two stations. One at Oldcastle and one at the Tecumseh Hamlet in the north eastern area of the township.

TMS UNIT 110

Has four-wheel drive and is built on a 1973 GMC chassis powered by a V8 gasoline engine. It contains a 300 gallon tank with handline and booster equipment, along with an 8 ton front mounted power winch. The truck is also equipped with a 300 GPM pump.

With four wheel drive and large floatation tires it was originally designed for the Detroit Fire Department to climb the steep expressway embankments. Although five of these units were built, only one saw service for about two weeks. Due to the manpower and budget cutbacks this unit never saw service in Detroit.

This unit was auctioned with the others in September 1977 with only 140 miles on the odometer.

The men of the Sandwich South Fire Department saw an ever increasing need for the service of a unit for rescue purposes. Through the Fire Fighters Association and with the agreement and co-operation of Township Council, they unanimously agreed to forego their wages for one year and donate this unit to the residents and township of Sandwich South.

Now we had the vehicle, but much work had to be done to modify the truck for our type of service. For instance it was stripped to the chassis twice during alterations and every piece of metal was sanded, primer coated and resanded before painting. All the chrome had to be redone. In our opinion traditional red would show the chrome better. Some of our men put in well over 200 man hours on this vehicle.

Although many groups and industries wished to contribute financially, the men refused to accept one cent toward payment of the truck. As it was said "we told the people of Sandwich South that we would pay for it and we are."

One organization from outside the township (Windsor Riverside Lions Club) was very persistent. They offered \$2000 and we turned it down on two different occasions. Their membership voted and demanded that we accept the money to spend any way we saw fit and refused to take the cheque back. It was finally agreed that we accept it only to purchase extra rescue equipment for the truck.

Equipment purchased:

- 1 fiberglass stokes basket
- 1 #9 stretcher
- 2 special pike poles
- 1 8 ton power winch

Other rescue equipment carried on the truck is as follows:

- 1 tool box
- 1 hydraulic rescue jack set (35 piece)
- 1 K-12 rescue saw
- 1 complete set of pneumatic chisels
- 2 emergency stretchers
- 1 first aid kit
- 6 heavy duty blankets
- 1 set stabilizing cribbing
- 1 extension ladder
- 1 asbestos blanket
- 1 3000 watt generator with lights
- 1 burn kit
- 1 oxygen ventilator
- Assorted chains and cable slings
- 1 10 ton hydraulic jack
- 1 ambu-bag
- 1 spine board
- Safety ropes

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1979



FIREMEN'S WIN - Front to rear Bill Burrows, Al Wickett and Perry Buford practice a fire drill at the Sandwich South Fire Hall. Hal Wellwood, Roger Bauer and the three above are members of the Sandwich South volunteer force who recently won a first aid competition in Toronto.

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Sandwich South Firemen Win

OLDCASTLE - Firemen from Sandwich South recently placed ninth in a medical aid competition at the Moss Park Armouries in Toronto.

The team competed against 42 other teams from emergency services in the all Ontario competition, sponsored by St. John Ambulance.

Placing first in the fire-fighters division Perry Buford, Al Wickett, Bill Burrows, Hal Wellwood and Roger Bauer

accumulated a total of 528 points out of a possible 639, by solving two emergency aid problems. The highest total in the competition was 594, for implementing the proper procedure in the simulated emergency situations.

The members of the Sandwich South Volunteer Fire force had to provide simulated first aid in two situations where subjects had fallen from a height and suffered unknown injuries. "The most important thing is establishing your priorities," team captain Burford said. "The subject must be breathing and any bleeding must be stopped. A person can bleed to death in a very short time."

Burford went on to say that it is important to assess the injuries quickly and deal with them accordingly. "Speed is important," he said. "If a person has stopped breathing you have four minutes before brain damage starts to occur."

According to Burford, Captain Bruce Clark a veteran on the Sandwich South force was instrumental in their success. He said Clark's training and coaching has made the team what it is today, and they intend to go on to U.S. competitions in the future.

The team captain added that most people don't realize the life saving capabilities of the average firemen. "We don't just put out flames," he said.

OCT. 31/79



TWO KILLED - Two Oldcastle residents were killed Wednesday night when the pickup truck they were in crashed into the side of the engine of a 75-car freight train at a level crossing in Colchester North Township. Dead are Clement Meloche, 18, of R.R. 1 Oldcastle, and Keith O'Neil, 17, of Old Walker Road. Sandwich South firemen used their Jaws of Life rescue tool to free Meloche.



Star photo by JOHN COCHRAN

FOUR KILLED - Police and firefighters struggle to remove a body from a car at the scene of Friday's fatal crash. The accident, which claimed the lives of four people, happened about 7 p.m. on Essex Road 46, just west of Essex Road 19. Ten firefighters lifted this car upright to get at the trapped occupants, who were all dead at the scene. The second car caught fire, but it was quickly extinguished.

Four Killed in Crash

By Star Staff

Four Essex County people were killed in a head-on collision Friday at 7 p.m. on Essex County Road 46, one-half mile west of Essex Road 19.

Pronounced dead at Metropolitan Hospital by Essex coroner Dr. D Child were Frank Herman, 23, of 7 Grandview Dr., Leamington; Michael Brown, 24, of 425 Highway 18 W., Kingsville; John Michael Morris, 17, of 39 Maple Row, Essex; and Paul Jeffrey Totten, 35, of Cameron Sideroad, Woodslee.

The Essex detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is investigating the accident in which a green Dart driven by Herman was in collision with Totten's Charger.

After the collision with the Totten vehicle, Herman's auto, in which Brown and Morris were passengers, overturned in a water-filled ditch by the road.

The three bodies were pulled from the vehicle by Essex OPP and members of the Sandwich South fire department. Ten firemen turned the car upright to get at the trapped occupants, who were all dead at the scene.

Totten, the driver of the second car, was taken by ambulance to hospital in Windsor. He was pronounced dead at Met.

Totten's vehicle caught fire, but it was quickly extinguished by firemen.

An OPP spokesman said the accident is still under investigation.

OCT. 1/79

Sandwich South Firemen Have the Jaws

The Jaws of Life - a tool can rip off a jammed car door in seconds, or lift a Greyhound bus, rip out any part of a wrecked car with the use of a chain - has been given to the Sandwich South Fire Department. A training session on the tool was given on Sunday to the fire fighters. Above it is pulling the lower hinge off a car door after prying it open. The Windsor - St. Clair Rotary Club gave \$10,000 to the Sandwich South Fire Department to buy the tool after a police study of Essex county showed most serious accidents happened in that township, just outside the city. The formal presentation will be made at the official opening of the township's new fire hall later this month.

The department also has a pair of metal cutters as well as attachments to pry open aircrafts. A member of the Emergency One Operation and a representative of the Canadian Company that sells the tools demonstrated its many uses.



DEC. 18/79

Day of Cheer, it Ends in Day of Tears



A Christmas shopping trip ended in tragedy Monday when a Tecumseh woman was killed in a car-truck crash.

Lucille Blanche Desjardins, 46, of 1630 Lesperance Rd., was killed when the car in which she was a passenger collided with a tow-truck about 150 metres from her home at 11:45 a.m.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at Metropolitan Hospital at 12:55 p.m.

Mrs. Desjardins had just left the house with one of her six children, Karen Anne, 22, to go Christmas shopping.

An Essex OPP spokesman said the car, driven by Karen Anne, apparently entered the intersection of Lesperance Road and the Tecumseh Bypass (Highway 2) from the north side.

A tow-truck, westbound on the bypass and hauling the cab portion of a tractor-trailer unit, hit the Desjardins car on the passenger side, throwing it into a ditch on the north side of the bypass beside a cemetery.

Sandwich South Township fire department's Jaws of Life unit was used to free the victim.

Karen Anne Desjardins was listed in satisfactory condition with internal injuries at Grace Hospital where she was transferred from Metropolitan Monday afternoon.

Constable Burns said roads were damp but not slippery at the time of the accident. The road had been salted overnight, he said.

Estimated damage was \$5,000 to the car and \$10,000 to the tow-truck, he said. Damage to the truck being towed was not estimated.

The dead woman's husband, Ervin Desjardins, 47, said his wife was an avid bowler who belonged to a regular Thursday night league in Tecumseh. She was also a member of the Catholic Women's League.

Mrs. Desjardins was born and raised in the Tecumseh area and would have celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary next April. She is survived by six children between the ages of nine and 23.

Desjardins said Monday night the intersection where his wife was killed is "extremely dangerous" and that he has complained to Sandwich South Township officials in the past.

He said two of his children have to cross the intersection every day on their way to school and he fears their safety.

The green signal for north-south traffic on Lesperance Road

is brief and vehicles on the bypass tend not to slow down enough when approaching the intersection, he said.

Sandwich South Reeve Ray Robinet, who uses the intersection to get to work every day, said the light is brief, allowing only five or six cars through at any one time.

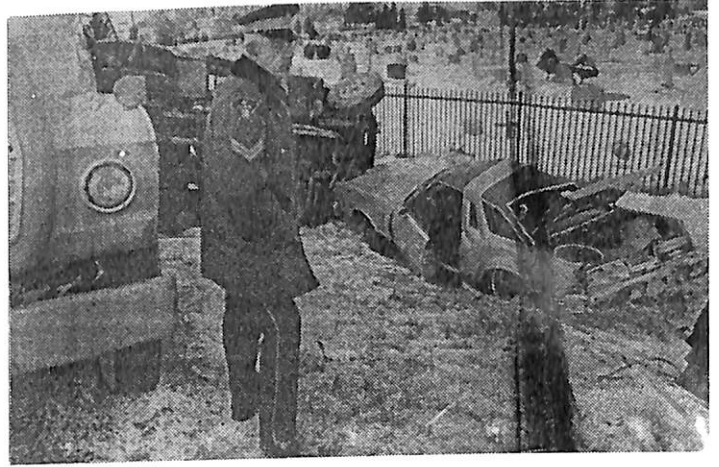


photo by JOHN COCHRAN

Intersection where Tecumseh woman died.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1980



Naylor Side Road - Barn Fire 1980
(Mutual Aid)



FEB. 14/80

TOWN OF ESSEX

The Chronology of an Explosion

In chronological order, this is the way the disaster unfolded early today in Essex.

- At 1:50 a.m., Constable Roger Younger observes a car pull in behind the Home Hardware Store and drop off a passenger. The car goes out of control while leaving the alley and spins 180 degrees, crashing into the south wall of the hardware store and rupturing a gas line.
- The driver of the car is taken into custody and transferred to the Essex detachment, OPP, by Essex Constable Neil McWhinney, where he is given a breathalyzer test.
- Constables Younger and Chris Southward stay at the scene and put in a call to Union Gas to come out and shut down the broken meter and gas line.
- At 1:55 a.m. Charles Balkwill, Union Gas employee in Essex, receives a telephone call and arrives within minutes but is unable to reach the shutoff valve unless the car, a 1973 Maverick, is pulled out of the building.
- Bill Hesbon, of Lachance Towing, hooks up to the car and gingerly pulls it out of the wall and off the gas line.
- At 2:18 a.m. Balkwill and Constables Younger and Southward are standing near the gas meter when the explosion occurs. All three men are thrown at least 40 feet through the air.
- Mrs. George Clark calls the Windsor fire dispatch to report the explosion. Hers will be the first of 150 calls received by the dispatcher in Windsor.
- At 2:20 a.m., the Essex - Maidstone fire department alarm is rung. They arrive within three minutes from the damaged fire hall around the corner.
- At 2:24 a.m. the Essex department calls in Colchester North Township.
- At 2:27 a.m. they call in Sandwich South.
- At 2:30 a.m. they call Gosfield North.
- At 2:36 a.m. they call for a ladder unit and command car from Windsor.

At the height of the fire, there were 12 trucks from the five departments and at least 20 police officers from Essex, Essex OPP, Sandwich West, Anderdon and Kingsville Police departments, as well as six ambulances from Amherstburg, Leamington, Tecumseh and Windsor.



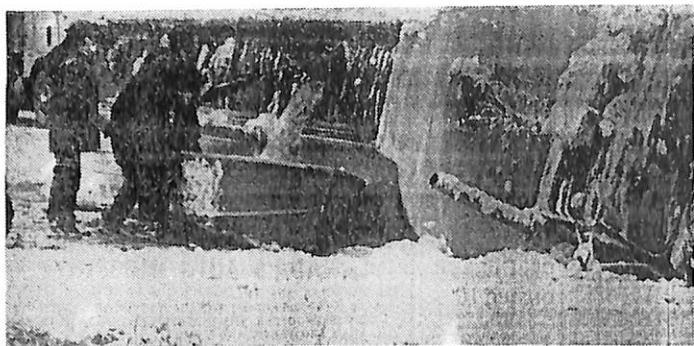
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BOAT CATCHES OIL - Gasoline pours from foam-covered tipped tanker truck into a rowboat. International Aqua Blast personnel use the ingenious technique to transfer gas from truck by then pumping it from the boat into another truck.

JAN. 18/80

Traffic Diverted for Five Hours as Crews Clean up Hazardous Spill

Story and photo by Lee Palser
Star Essex Bureau

Traffic was rerouted for almost five hours around a potentially explosive tank truck accident Friday.

Police and fire officials evacuated three nearby homes and sealed off a one-mile strip of Highway 3 east of Walker Road from 10 a.m. to nearly 3 p.m. when the 8,500 - gallon Gulf Oil tanker tipped over.

The truck was enroute from Windsor to Essex Farmers Ltd. in Essex.

About 1,500 gallons of gasoline spilled into the drainage ditch and had to be cleaned up with the help of the Petroleum Environment Protection Unit from Shell Oil.

Provincial Environment Ministry personnel and the ditch-water and gasoline mixture would likely be disposed of at a chemical waste dump or be sent back to the refinery.

The solid waste, if any, would be taken to one of the area sanitary landfill sites, said John Luyt, district officer.

"If the land where the spill happened was agricultural, we would be more concerned," said Luyt, "It wasn't in this case, but it still has to be cleaned up."

All patrol officers

The accident involved all Ontario Provincial Police patrol officers on the road at the time, although more were available if necessary from the detachment office on Manning Road.

Several others were in court in Windsor.

Driver Ted Stark, of Windsor, said at the scene that a green automobile crossed the centre line of the highway, forcing him to move over.

The right side tires of the truck went off the pavement and "slowly tipped, over" Stark said.

Initial police investigation showed that the truck tipped over within 10 metres of hitting the side of the pavement about a half km east of the Sexton Sideroad.

Stark said he had difficulty turning off the diesel-powered truck because he couldn't get it out of gear.

Out through window

Once he did, he exited through the window since the door was too heavy to lift. He was uninjured.

He said the gasoline pouring from the tanker was not likely to be set off by the truck's motor.

He also pointed out that the hatches through which the fuel escaped were not meant to be airtight.

OPP Constable Terry Crozier, from the Essex detachment,

said the accident occurred shortly before 10 a.m.

The first fire department to the scene was from Sandwich South from its station about a mile away.

They were joined soon after by water tank trucks from Anderdon and Sandwich West departments.

Also called in was the Windsor airport foam truck.

The truck, operated by one man, laid down a carpet of foam around and over the tipped tanker to supplement the foam already sprayed by Sandwich South.

Al Delisle, Transport Canada driver, said the airport has had the truck only about eight months.

He pointed out that it was used in prevention cases to stop gasoline from evaporating and becoming explosive.

The protein-based foam is made from feathers and animal blood he said, and is easily dissipated when hosed down.

International Aqua Blast was called in to transfer gasoline from the tanker to another to ease tow-truck operations.

The company used a rowboat at one point as a holding tank to empty the gasoline from the truck. Fuel spewed out of the hatch and into the boat and was then transferred to the second tanker.

JUNE 4/80



Fire damage to mansion estimated at \$200,000

Dream Home up in Smoke

Story and photo by Ted Shaw
Star Staff Reporter

OLDCASTLE - Ben Slattery's dream home, the fruition of 20 years planning, was ravaged by fire Tuesday.

The Sandwich South Township mansion he was building as a retirement home would have been completed within six weeks.

"But I'll rebuild it, certainly," Slattery said Tuesday night. "Thank goodness this didn't happen two months from now - my family could have been in there when it started."

Faulty wiring is the suspected cause of the fire which destroyed the main roof section of the two-storey structure. There was also water and smoke damage throughout. Fire officials estimated damage could be as high as \$200,000.

Construction workers at the site alerted fire departments just before noon.

Volunteer fire crews from Sandwich South, Anderdon Township, and Essex-Maidstone battled the fire for more than four hours. Two firemen were treated and released at hospital for smoke inhalation.

The 550-square-metre home, on farm land Slattery purchased a year ago, is on Con. 8, about five km south-east of Oldcastle.

Slattery, owner of Thermal Insulation Co., of Oldcastle, said the value of the home would probably have been \$500,000 when completed.

Valuable antique furniture was stored in the house but most of it wasn't damaged, Slattery said.

However, the floor of the front foyer made of imported Italian marble valued at \$2,000 was destroyed, he said. The last slab of marble was recently placed in the foyer.

He and workers removed some expensive kitchen cabinets before they were damaged. \$50,000 worth.

He said insurance covered most of the loss.

Slattery said the large amount of cellulose insulation in the ceiling, which he installed himself, probably prevented further damage. Rafters in the roof were burnt but the insulation kept the fire from the ceiling joists and trapped the flames in the upper roof area.

However, pipes for a central vacuum system allowed smoke to race through some walls and spread to other areas. The two injured firemen were overcome by thick smoke in the basement.

Slattery said the wiring was installed about nine months ago and the home was being heated electrically throughout the winter.

Paul Laforet, deputy fire chief of Sandwich South Township, said the Ontario Fire Marshal's office will investigate.

Slattery said he and his wife planned to build a retirement home in the county for at least 20 years. About a year ago, they sold their Borelli Drive home in south Windsor and bought two small farms south of Oldcastle. Construction began shortly after.

MARCH 17/80



Star photo by GRANT BLACK

FISH GOT AWAY - Sandwich South Township firefighters were called to Horseshoe Pond near Walker Road and Highway 401 Sunday to rescue two city men who fell through the ice and stranded on an island. Hardy St. Armand (front of boat) and his father, Gerard (rear) were fishing on the pond and the ice gave way. They made it to the island and a passing motorist notified police. Neither man was injured in the ordeal.

Ice Dunks Fisherman

A Windsor man will remember the story about the two fish that got away after he crashed through an ice-covered pond Sunday.

Gerard St. Amand, 40, and his son, Hardy, enjoyed the balmy weather while spending the day fishing on the 28-acre Horseshoe Pond near Walker Road and Highway 401.

After six hours of fishing, they were returning to their truck for matches to start a fire on an island in the middle of the pond when the ice gave way, dunking the senior St. Amand. Although he lost his boots while struggling out of the water, St. Amand and his 19-year-old son managed to reach the island safely.

The two men, of 5503 Reginald St., were trapped on the island until a motorist travelling along Highway 401 spotted them and notified Ontario Provincial Police at Essex.

Sandwich South firefighters crossed an ice-free portion of the pond in a borrowed rowboat to rescue the pair.

Gerard St. Amand, still barefoot, walked to a waiting ambulance and was taken to Metropolitan Hospital for observation.

Hardy St. Amand said in an interview the day's catch of two fish will go unretrieved from the ice.

"We'll come back but I think we'll wait until the summer," he said.

He said it wasn't worth the trouble to return to the pond with his flat-bottomed skiff that can be poled across the ice and get the fish.

The pond contains northern pike, pickeral, and bass, he said.

Mario Collavino, president of the nearby construction firm which owns the pond, said today he will investigate whether steps should be taken to keep people off the pond.

"I don't want anyone getting hurt there," said Collavino, who purchased the pond about two years ago.

A Windsor man drowned in the pond in 1976 after he went swimming while wearing blue jeans. Police said at the time that the weight of the blue jeans led to the drowning.

The area, which can be reached by a private road from Walker Road is already marked with no trespassing signs, said Collavino, but he acknowledged the pond is used by the public throughout the year.

The pond is not fenced, said Collavino. "We have so many lakes and ponds in this country of ours. To fence every lake and pond is very hard to do."

Collavino Inc. has applied to Sandwich South Township for permission to dig the pond deeper and use the clay to build overpasses for the E.C. Row Expressway.

About 18 acres of the 28 acre pond are 25 feet deep, 10 acres are four to six feet deep and the remaining five are above water.

Collavino wants to dig the shallow part of the pond deeper.

Two other firms have asked for township approval to dig pits in the township for the expressway.

Clerk Roch Boisvenue said council will only approve one of the proposals for a pit if there is "considerable" benefit to the township.

He said under present legislation, the township could demand money for a contractor to ensure that proper landscaping and fencing is done after the pit is dug.

However, Boisvenue said he doubts much can be done about an existing pit.

SEPT. 23/80

Home Must Increase Fire Safety

Sandwich South council instructed its fire department Monday to take steps to remedy what fire inspectors say are potential safety hazards at the Tecumseh Nursing Home.

Paul Laforet, deputy-fire chief of the volunteer department, presented a report to council listing 19 changes that should be made at the nursing home to increase fire safety.

The suggestions include installation of second exits in the basement and dining room areas, as well as changes to door hardware, addition or alteration of several exit lights and additional smoke detectors.

Laforet said the department plans to obtain a fire marshal's work order if the defects are not corrected.

SEPT. 24/80

Nursing Home Meets Guides, Official Says

By Brian Fox - Star Staff Reporter

The Tecumseh Nursing Home is meeting all the standards set for nursing homes under provincial legislation, its administrator says.

Administrator Bob Dumouchelle said Tuesday the nursing home was inspected recently by the Health Ministry and no problems were reported.

He said he could not comment on a report from the Sandwich South Volunteer Fire Department listing 19 changes that should be made to the home to correct potential fire safety hazards because he has not yet seen it.

"We appreciate their (the fire department's) concern but since we have not yet received their report, we are unable to make any constructive comments. First, we have to know what the report says."

Dumouchelle said he doubted a Fire Marshal's order would be necessary to correct any potential hazards.

"We consider ourselves one of the top nursing homes in the area," Dumouchelle said.

SEPT. 5/80



Highway 401 Truck Accident

Truck Hits Guardrail on 401; Driver Killed

Excessive speed was the cause of a Friday afternoon accident that claimed the life of a Bothwell area truck driver when his rig flipped over.

Lyle Dark, 26, of Orford Township, RR 3, Bothwell, was dead at the scene after being thrown from his rig when it struck a guardrail on the eastbound ramp of Highway 401 at Highway 3 about 12:30 p.m.

The Sandwich South fire department's Jaws of Life rescue device was needed to free the man's body, which was pinned between the overturned trailer and the guardrail.

"He just went too fast into the curve," said Essex OPP Constable Dennis Robertson as he showed a paper disc, attached to the truck's tachometer, that measures time, speed and distance travelled. It showed the rig was going between 85 and 98 km/h (60 mph) as it entered the 401 ramp.

"The speed limit here is 70 km/h (45 mph)," he said, pointing out the large sign posted overhead just before the left hand curve.

THE CONSTABLE also said there were 168 metres (550 feet) of "pressure marks" on the pavement leading up to the point of impact, caused by the pressure on the tires on the righthand side of the truck and trailer as it went out of control.

Dark, a driver for Frederick Transport Ltd., in Chatham, was returning to Chatham, after picking up 31,580 kg (70,000 pounds) of soybean meal at the Maple Leaf Mills plant in west Windsor. The load was strewn over a field when the trailer flipped.

Coroner Dr. Kenneth Rock ordered an autopsy on the accident victim.



Car Accident
Jaws of Life

SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICIAL OPENING OF FIRE HALL NO. 1

Sunday, June 1, 1980

Sandwich South Fire Department

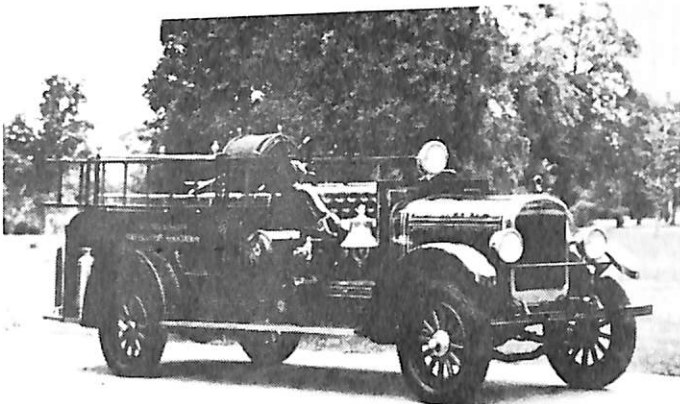
WELCOMES YOU

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OF

FIRE HALL No. 1



1926 REO SPEED WAGON

Restored in 1979 by the Sandwich South Firefighters' Association to represent our community in parades and special events.

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JUNE 2/80

Sandwich South Fire Hall Opened

Star Essex Bureau

OLDCASTLE - The \$400,000 Sandwich South fire station was opened Sunday afternoon with about 200 people in attendance.

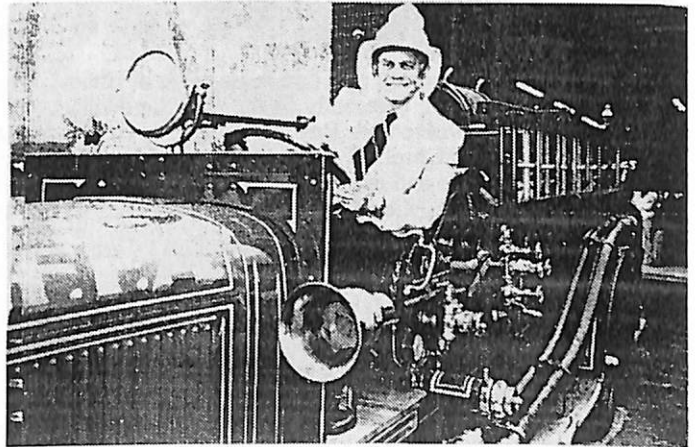
Fire departments and their equipment are not expensive, said guest speaker Allan Dupuis, chief of fire services for Ontario.

"If it were not for this station, your insurance rates would be double or triple what they now are," Dupuis said.

The new station replaces the rented building on Highway 3 at Oldcastle, which was considered too small. The township has a second station in the northern half, near Windsor.

The new structure, which provides offices, training rooms, kitchen, meeting rooms and sleeping facilities, met with considerable opposition when it was in the planning stage because of the extensiveness of the facilities and location.

JUNE 2/80



Harry Ferriss recalls the time he was driver for the Harrow fire department of the antique fire engine which is now owned by the Sandwich South fire department.

Fire Fighting Never Easy

It was a step back in time for Harry Ferriss of Harrow when he attended the opening ceremony of the Sandwich South fire station Sunday.

Parked in the foreground was the 1926 fire truck he drove when he was a member of the Harrow fire department.

It was purchased by that town from Sandwich.

"It was built for the town of Sandwich. When it wasn't big enough for there, Harrow bought it for \$3,500," Harry explained.

Harrow outgrew it in 1946 and it was sold to an area resident for \$400. A few years ago the Sandwich South department bought it and had it restored to mint condition, as car buffs say.

Harry climbed aboard as he recalled his days of driving it. He was a volunteer fireman for the town for 45 years and 35 of those were as chief.

"I drove it eight miles to Malden in a sleet storm once."

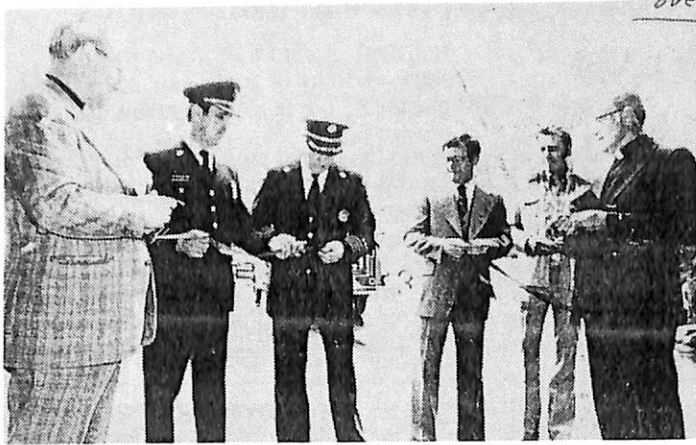
Considering there is no windshield or top on it, that was 'trial by ice'.

"I held my hand up to protect my face from the storm as I drove. There was ice everywhere. The mayor was beside me crouched down on the floor to get shelter from the sleet."

"Malden didn't have a fire department then," he continued. "There was a fire in a row of cottages. One was gone when we got there and another was burning. If we hadn't gone, the whole row would have burned."

Harry retired seven years ago. The Harrow department has a new station now and the equipment was moved in this week.

Opening of Sandwich South Fire Station



Fire Chief Frank Nostadt cuts one more piece of ribbon for a souvenir at the opening ceremony of the new Sandwich South fire station. Also involved are Rev. T. Koning of St. Stephens Church, Oldcastle; Chief of Fire Services, Allan Dupuis; Sandwich South reeve and deputy-reeve, Ray Robinet and Allan Parr; Fr. Bastien of St. Mary's Church, Maidstone.

The new fire station for Sandwich South Township was opened at special ceremonies Sunday afternoon.

Situated on Walker Road, just north of Highway #3, the new structure replaces the station located behind the old municipal building.

The new structure provides an office for the chief, general offices, storage area, training facilities, kitchen, meeting room and showers. The arched windows from the old hall which was demolished recently, have been used and doors on the wall cupboards of the meeting room and the first council table is a part of the cupboard design.

As guest speaker, Allan Dupuis, who is chief of fire services for Ontario, reminded the 200 persons in attendance, "If it weren't for this station your insurance rates would be double or triple what they are now."

He recalled a time when some municipalities did not have their own fire station and depended on neighbouring fire departments for protection.

His remarks were taken up by Dick Ruston, area M.P.P. who reminded the people of a time when neighbours rallied to fight fires after they heard the fire signal given by the local operator on the telephone party lines.

Other speakers were L. C. Mills who represented the Ontario Fire Marshall, Ken Stewart - County Co-ordinator and Windsor Fire Chief, Sandwich South Fire Chief - Frank Nostadt, Reeve - Ray Robinet, Kirk Walstedt who was representing hon. Eugene Whelan, and Warden Terry Wright.

Cost of the new station was \$253,000. Total cost including the five-acre site, landscaping and professional fees was over \$400,000.





OPENING CEREMONIES - Chief Frank Nostadt
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1981

JULY 11/81

Hardest Fight Wasn't a Fire

Story and Photo By Doug Firby
Star Staff Reporter



Fire Chief Frank Nostadt stands in front of township's rescue truck

SOME people think Sandwich South spends too much money on its fire department.

But Chief Frank Nostadt isn't one of them.

The man who's been a member of the department since it was formed 17 years ago thinks the fire hall built two years ago for \$265,000 is worth every penny. And he's not afraid to tell you why.

"You give a man a shack to work out of and he won't be here," says the 46-year-old chief.

To Nostadt, the 25 volunteer firemen need an incentive to spend their spare hours maintaining the fire equipment.

"The incentive is not money," he says. "So we have to provide a home-like atmosphere for them."

IT'S A hazy Friday afternoon, and Nostadt waves his hand out to the bay where volunteer Barry Martin is putting with some equipment.

"That man there," says Nostadt. "He's been here an hour already. In the course of a day, one guy will spend eight hours - because he wants to be here."

The firemen are still smarting over the battle they had to fight to get their new fire hall on Walker Road. Councillor Terry Priddle objected to it as an extravagance, and forced an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

Before that, the fire department housed its equipment in a bay at the nearby municipal garage. But as the pile of equipment

grew, so did the need for space.

"If we could do away with half the fires, we could do away with half the equipment," Nostadt says. "But the hazards are increasing every day."

Last year, the department made 138 runs - from false alarms to major fires.

Although the fire department got its hall, Nostadt is still sensitive to the charge of extravagance. He points out that what objectors don't see is the hundreds of hours the volunteers put in.

FIREMEN are paid an hourly wage (\$8 in the first hour, \$6 each additional hour) when they are called out to a fire. They're also paid \$18 for a four-hour Sunday drill, which is held every week except during July and August.

But Nostadt says the men get no money, and seldom recognition for cleaning the station, landscaping the grounds and maintaining the equipment.

Operating the department is - in the tradition of small municipal departments - a seat-of-the-pants task.

"We beg, borrow and steal, that's our motto here," says Nostadt.

When the department had the chance to buy a rescue truck from the City of Detroit - at a \$15,000 'firesale' price - the men deferred their firefighting wages until they had saved enough. And then they volunteered their time to renovate the truck.

Nostadt says a similarly equipped truck would cost \$70,000 today.

And to save costs, the firemen did their own landscaping around the new station, and paid for the sign out front.

Their award-winning 1926 Bickle fire truck took 2,300 hours of volunteer labor to restore.

But Nostadt admits it takes more than a new fire station to keep volunteers. He says those who stay have to be community-minded and their families have to understand that when the pager "beeps", the fireman has no choice but to obey the call.

THE ONES who don't like the ground rules "weed themselves out" says Nostadt. Those who are left are a select bunch from varying fields: farmer, teacher, security guard.

"The only thing we don't have is a doctor or a lawyer," he says. Nostadt is a tool and die maker at Chrysler Canada Ltd.

The chief is the only remaining member of the original department, which was formed in 1964. Until then, firefighting was contracted out to Sandwich West and Anderdon townships.

But council saw the need to form the township's own department. Nostadt was among those asked to join.

In 1971 he was promoted to chief - a job he says is getting harder to do as the technology improves and demand for fire protection in the township's industrial park increases.

But the last thing on his mind is retirement.

"You're married to the job," he says. "And, for the volunteers, there's no such thing as divorce."



For the contribution Sandwich South has made to the community in rescue work, Theresa Slack, a Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation instructor for the Ontario Heart Foundation, made the presentation of a plaque to Fire Chief Frank Nostadt and Coun. Harold Maenpaa. The plaque reads to Chief Frank Nostadt and Training Officer Bruce Clark who is one of 5 in the county and city. The Sandwich South fire hall is used as a training centre. The township's fire rescue squad has won Ontario first aid competition top spot five consecutive years.

Pulmonary resuscitation training is hard work. Ask the dentists, hygienists and firefighters that were learning the techniques Saturday.

They worked together at the Sandwich South fire hall on a cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course for trainers.

It was an unusual arrangement said Theresa Slack of Windsor. She and Captain Bruce Clark of the Sandwich South firefighters are instructor trainers for the Ontario Heart Foundation. Instructor trainers are qualified to certify instructors in CPR.

Saturday's session was unusual in that the Essex County Dental Society members held their courses at the township fire hall; that dentists were teaching their colleagues; and that the fire department had an instructor trainer. The dental society is the first professional group to involve its members in CPR.

To add one more unusual twist the heart foundation recognized the contribution Sandwich South firefighters have made in promoting rescue work. Theresa made the presentation to Fire Chief Frank Nostadt of a plaque which mentioned the work of Bruce Clark in its inscription.

Sandwich South's first aid team has taken top spot in Ontario for five consecutive years in the St. John Ambulance annual first aid competition that is open to teams trained by large industrial corporations as well as volunteer groups like the firemen.

Interest among the dentists in CPR training came through Dr. Michael Piercell of Windsor. After he took the course in 1978 he was asked to be an instructor. His attempts to interest his fellow members of the Dental Society were intensified during his term as president a year ago.

"I agreed to be an instructor and since then I've been promoting it in the society. We have included our wives and our assistants," said Dr. Piercell.

He estimates 40 per cent of the members have taken the basic training and some like Dr. Paul DeMarco have become trainers. He was conducting one of the required four courses a year and Dr. Piercell was due for the annual re-certification. Only 5 in all the county are qualified to certify trainers. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Slack are two of those.

The 1981 president of the Dental Society, Dr. Mike Malowitz was sweating over a mannequin as he tried repeatedly to work at the exact spot on its diaphragm, exert the correct

amount of pressure and remembering this time to pinch the nose as he pressed his mouth against the rubbery lips and started blowing rhythmically.

Meanwhile Dr. Piercell was teaching the gentle finger pressure applied to the baby-size mannequins to a group of hygienists and dental assistants.

They were at the Sandwich South fire station because one of its volunteer firemen is a qualified certifier, Bruce Clark, and because of the spacious facilities.

If more fire departments had facilities like the lounge in Sandwich South's new fire hall every community would have 200 persons trained in CPR, as is the case there, says Chief Nostadt as he gave credit to township council for approving its construction. The objections to the construction cost took the case to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Even before the new hall was built the volunteer firemen were meeting every second Sunday from September to June for rescue training.

And with 8,000 of the 12,000 heart attack victims in Ontario each year, dying before they reach the hospital, Bruce Clark wants to see everyone trained in CPR.

"It's those first few minutes that count."

JULY 14/81



Star photo by GRANT BLACK

Tanker crash caused \$100,000 damage

Tanker Tips, Driver Injured

A 42-year-old Scarborough man is in critical condition today with multiple injuries after his tractor-tanker tipped over on its side on Tuesday afternoon.

Sandwich South Fire Department had to use their Jaws of Life rescue tool to free Joseph Foster from the wreckage of the tractor's cab.

Foster, who suffered internal injuries and severe laceration to the left side of his body, was rushed to Windsor Western Hospital after being pulled from the wreckage.

A passenger in the cab, Robert Hurtle, 36, of Corunna was treated for minor injuries at Metropolitan Hospital and was released.

The two men, employees of Liquid Carbonic Canada Ltd., had been westbound on Highway 401 and were exiting on the interchange just east of Howard Avenue when the truck failed to negotiate a sweeping turn.

The 18-wheel truck, carrying a load of nonflammable carbon dioxide, tipped over on its left side. It slid across the pavement for about 50 metres (54 yards) before striking a steel guard rail and then coasted a further 20 metres (21 yards).

Traffic was rerouted through a field for several hours while emergency crews freed Foster, transferred the tanker's load to another truck and removed the damaged one.

The truck's half-metre (1.6 foot) protective shell prevented any serious damage to the inside cylinder containing the

potentially-dangerous cargo.

Emergency workers were warned not to get any of the carbon dioxide on their skin, in their eyes, or breathe it too deeply.

Curious motorists stopped alongside the road to view the accident on both the eastbound and westbound lanes of Highway 3.

A Liquid Carbonic spokesman from the company's branch office in Sarnia said Foster and Hurtle were delivering the cargo to various Windsor industries, including Ford of Canada, a soft drink bottler and a fire extinguisher company.

The spokesman said Foster had recently joined Liquid Carbonic in Toronto and had just transferred to the Sarnia area.

He said Hurtle has been driving for the company for the past 10 years.

Damage to the tanker-trailer has been estimated at \$100,000.

FEB. 17/81

\$100,000 Blaze Destroys Barn, Hay and Straw Bales

By Ted Shaw
Star Staff Reporter

A stubborn barn fire caused an estimated \$100,000 damage in Sandwich South Township Monday, and kept volunteer firemen busy for 12 hours.

The blaze, touched off by a back-firing truck, destroyed a huge barn and 18,000 bales of hay and straw.

Dave Curtis, of Curtis Farm and Feed Ltd., South Talbot Road, said the fire destroyed his entire inventory of hay and straw, which he sells mostly to area racetracks. Curtis, 28, said he believes it was the first fire ever in the 175-year farming history of his family.

The blaze apparently started at about 8:30 a.m. Monday when two farm employees said a 1969 International Harvester stake truck caught fire after being started inside the barn. The flames quickly ignited the thousands of bales of dry hay and straw and soon engulfed the entire barn.

Only 3 years old

The three-year-old structure was in flames when volunteers from both the Sandwich South and Sandwich West fire departments arrived. All 25 members of the Sandwich South volunteer force showed up during the day, said Fire Chief Frank Nostadt. Some of them were there for the 12 hours it took to finally douse the fire.

Although the height of the fire was during the first two to three hours, Chief Nostadt said, firemen remained on the scene dumping an estimated 60,000 litres (about 15,000 gallons) of water on the hay. Small pockets of smoke and flame erupted periodically during the day as the fire worked its way into the huge piles of hay.

"We are afraid the wind might change overnight," said Chief Nostadt. "We didn't want to leave it burning in case of a wind change. You can pour water on straw until you're blue in the face. The fire just seeps down into the stuff and flares up again."

Winds Worrisome

Curtis said he was concerned the strong southerly winds might swing around and spread the fire to the adjoining buildings, including his family home and a cattle barn.

Only the charred south wall of the huge barn was left. Curtis

said the barn had measured 21 metres (68 feet) wide, 37 metres (120 feet) long, and 7 metres (22 feet) high. When full, it held 26,000 bales of hay and straw, he said.

Workers were successful in getting a baling machine out of the barn before it was damaged, but the stake truck was destroyed.

Curtis was hauling a shipment of hay to Windsor Raceway, one of his main customers, when the fire erupted. He also sells straw, hay, germ oil, peat moss and other products to several Michigan racetracks.

"This (fire) basically set me back in terms of the inconvenience it will cause," said Curtis. "It's all insured, but I'll have to buy my straw and hay from West Lorne (west of London) to keep my contracts."

Losses at \$100,000

He estimated the wholesale value of the loss of the barn and contents will be approximately \$55,000, but retail value will put that figure over \$100,000.

The effects of the fire could be felt as late as spring, Curtis said, because the thousands of gallons of water dumped on the fire could destroy an adjacent alfalfa field.

Curtis, a father of four, is a member of the provincial committee of the Ontario Wheat Board.

Recently, Curtis and five other hay and straw producers in Ontario, who call themselves "the Hayshaker", met in Guelph to discuss enlarging the Ontario supply 15 per cent of the province's needs and Ontario-grown hay and straw are highly regarded in U.S. markets.

Sick Man Killed in Crash Hospital Trip Ends in Death

An Essex man on his way to hospital for treatment of pneumonia was killed Saturday in a single-car crash near Essex.

Frederick Burns Shepley, 55, was killed when the car in which he was riding crashed into a ditch on County Rd. 34 at County Rd. 19, about eight km (about five miles) west of Essex.

Shepley, of 219 Gosfield Town Line East, was being driven to the hospital by Marie Deveau, 40, of Essex, a friend of the family. Also in the car were Shepley's wife and two children.

Shepley was forced to retire two years ago from his job at Hick's service station in Essex because of severe asthma.

He collected a disability pension.

Provincial police said Shepley was in the rear seat behind the driver of his 1979 station wagon, Shepley's wife Bertha, 55, and his daughter Edith, 16, were listed in serious condition in the intensive care unit of Windsor Western Hospital today.

Frank Shepley, his 17-year-old son, was treated and released from Windsor Western following the accident.

Deveau, the driver of the vehicle was in fair condition in Windsor Western.

Police said the station wagon crossed the road and slammed into the far bank of a roadside ditch before a support column on a hydro pole.

Police are continuing the investigation.

Funeral will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. from Kennedy Funeral Home in Essex.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1982

JUNE 10/82

Ruptured Oil Line Suspected in Blaze at County Factory

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office is investigating a two-alarm fire that burned out a mould factory Wednesday causing more than \$50,000 in damage.

Sandwich South Township firefighters were called to Regal Tool and Mould Ltd., 3786 North Talbot Rd., about 10 p.m. after an oil line apparently ruptured and the oil ignited.

Employees attempted to extinguish the fire but were driven out of the building by smoke, flames and intense heat.

Moments after Sandwich South firefighters arrived on the scene, Chief Frank Nostadt called for assistance from Sandwich West Township.

Nostadt said while cause of the blaze is under investigation he believes it was started accidentally.

"**WE'LL BE ON** the scene today to try to find out what happened," he said. In the meantime, damage estimates soared upwards of \$50,000. "We lost about 40 per cent of the building. The roof came in, one whole side went and we have two weak walls that will have to come down," he said this morning.

There were no serious injuries but two men, believed to have been working in the building when the blaze broke out, were taken to Metropolitan Hospital.

Robert Richie, 41, and Keith Leverine, 23, suffered minor chest pains and possible smoke inhalation. They were treated and released.

As firefighters worked feverishly to smother columns of smoke that rose for inside the concrete structure, employees, weeping openly, joined about 50 passersby who gathered to watch the spectacle.

ONE MAN, WHO refused to identify himself, said he was operating a machine that malfunctioned and caused the fire.

The machine, an "electrical discharger," burns holes in steel to form moulds for plastic parts. The man said it was functioning normally when he and another man stopped to check their work.

Suddenly, an oil substance used as a coolant on the steel, caught fire.

"I've never seen anything like it," he said, with tears in his eyes. "It started smoking. We emptied two fire extinguishers on it but it just kept getting bigger. I don't understand it."

The man who helped him, and also refused to give his name, wept openly.

"It was an accident," he said. "The oil line must have ruptured. There was nothing I could do about it."

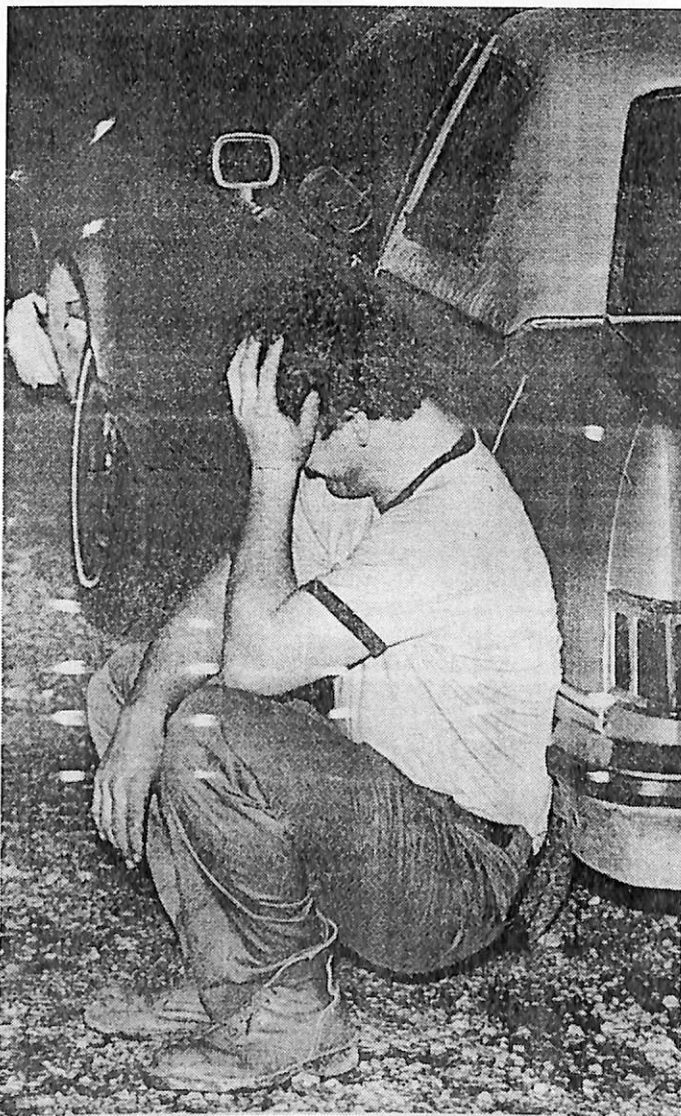
One firefighter who had entered the burning building twice and was going in a third time, described the scene inside where barrels of oil remained stacked on wooden skids:

"**IT MUST BE** a thousand degrees in there," he said, donning a protective mask.

Ambulance attendants were aided by off-duty attendant Mike Hanifan and Don Easby, a volunteer firefighter in Tecumseh. Both were monitoring a scanner when they heard about the fire and rushed to the scene themselves.

They administered oxygen to firefighters as they emerged from the building.

Firefighters had difficulty extinguishing the flames because part of the roof had collapsed. They remained on the scene for more than two hours.



A UNIDENTIFIED employee weeps openly as fire destroys a Sandwich South Township factory.



Star photo/Stan Andrews

A CLIFFORD TRANSPORT Trucking employee escaped injury this morning when his truck, carrying a load of glass jars, toppled on its side at Walker Road and Highway 3. The driver, Al Meyers, 50, said his wheels locked but company owner Bob Pettapiece says he hasn't had a chance to determine the cause of the accident. Damage estimates were not available. The truck was enroute from the trucking firm in Ruthven to Holiday Juice, 1030 Walker Road. Police are investigating.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1983

Airplane Crash 1983



Plan 'Flying Funny' Before Nosedive

A small plane in which three people died was "flying funny" when it nosedived into the ground near Windsor Airport on Monday, an eyewitness said.

Pilot Robert McCarthy, 55, his son Neil, 14, both of Toronto and Emon Fleming, 21, of Sarnia, died when their single-engine craft crashed and burned at 2:45 p.m. in a farm field less than two kilometre (1.2 miles) east of the end of Runway 30.

The three had taken off from Buttonville Airport near Toronto to visit Mr. McCarthy's daughter, Mary Kay McCarthy, 20, a University of Windsor nursing student.

The second-year student was waiting in the airport terminal for her father, brother and boyfriend Mr. Fleming when the

Comanche PA24 crashed.

TRANSPORT CANADA investigators, Sandwich South Township firemen and Ontario Provincial Police worked under floodlights Monday night to recover the bodies from the wreckage.

Two investigators were to return to the scene today, on Baseline Road about one kilometre (0.6 miles) east of 8th Concession Rd. in Sandwich South, to continue their investigation into the cause of the crash.

"It was just a nice day and her (Mary Kay's) father liked to fly," Mr. McCarthy's sister-in-law Elizabeth Ludgate said of the flight.

Mary Kay hadn't seen her family since Easter and her father decided on a short visit, said Ludgate.

Mr. Fleming, who had just graduated from the University of Windsor had been hired for the summer by Mr. McCarthy, owner of R.J. McCarthy Ltd., a manufacturer of school uniforms, Ludgate said.

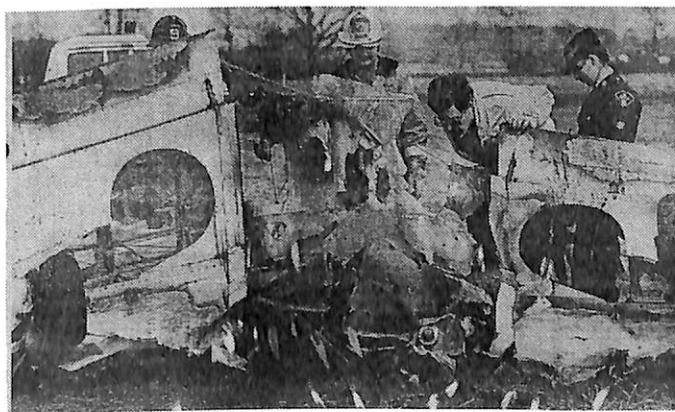
FOLLOWING THE accident, friends drove Mary Kay to Toronto to be with her family. About a dozen family members, relatives and friends gathered to offer support at the family's home.

"They're a very beautiful family, a very close-knit family," Ludgate said. Mr. McCarthy had been flying for years, she said, and had owned the aircraft for some time.

His son Neil was an "excellent" Grade 8 student, Ludgate said.

Mr. McCarthy had radioed the control tower shortly before the crash that he was worried about his landing gear, according to flyers who said they were listening to radio traffic at the time.

3 Killed in Crash of Small Plane



CORONER DR. Robert Drake peers through the wreckage of small plane which crashed Monday near Windsor Airport.



Firefighter looks at the charred remains of a wing on the crashed airplane.

Toronto Victims Windsor Plane Crash Kills 3

A single-engine plane crashed in a farm field about a mile southeast of Windsor Airport Monday, killing all three people aboard.

The victims were Robert McCarthy, 55, the pilot, of Islington, a Toronto suburb; his son Neil, 14, and Emon Fleming, 21, of Sarnia, a family friend.

THE PLANE was en route from Toronto when it stalled, went into a nose dive and crashed in a farmer's field in Sandwich South about 2:45 p.m.

Police said the plane burst into flames when it hit the ground.

McCarthy was going to visit a daughter in Windsor, Ontario Provincial Police said.

All that was left of the plane was charred remains of one wing and wheel. Witnesses told police the Commanche made a routine pass over the airport before crashing.

Officials from the Canadian Department of Transport will investigate the incident.



SANDWICH SOUTH firefighters and a passerby remove a tarpaulin from a tractor-trailer that went out of control on Highway 401 Tuesday. Essex OPP said 36-year-old Robert Wallace of Mannora, Ont., suffered severe scalp lacerations after he lost control of a tractor-trailer, Police said he was headed south when his vehicle, loaded with aluminum ingots, left the road near Highway 3 overpass. Wallace was taken by ambulance to Windsor Western Hospital where he was in stable condition in the intensive care unit today. No charges were laid. Police are continuing their investigation.

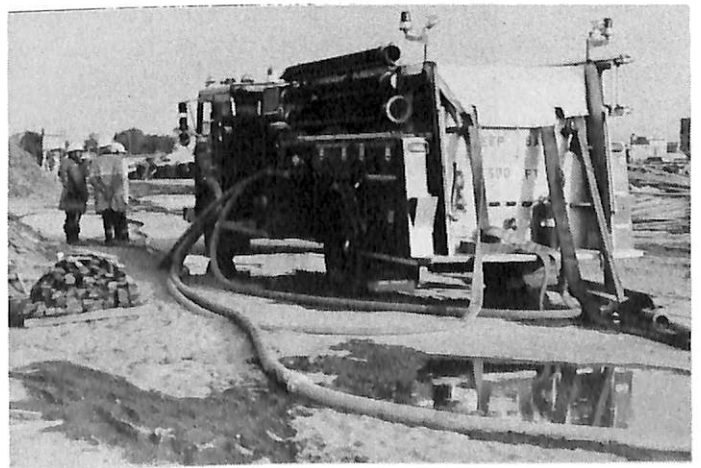
TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1984



House Fire on Outer Boulevard
1984



The Sylvestre Barn Fire
1984



Basic Extrication Training Session
Ontario Fire College
1984



TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1985

JAN. 11/85



Ed Dumouchelle (seated centre) recently received two more citations in recognition of his service to Sandwich South Township. The 94 year old former reeve served in that capacity and as councillor for 37 years. Recently the fire department, of which he was an organizer, gave Mr. Dumouchelle a custom trophy (centre on table) with Fire Chief Frank Nostadt (left) making the presentation. Mr. Dumouchelle is wearing the Bicentennial medal of Ontario for which the township nominated him this fall. Among other citations on the wall behind him is the Federal Centennial medal of 1967. The township clerk, who served under Mr. Dumouchelle, was Bert Bedford (standing centre right and a successor was Bob Pulleyblank.

Sandwich South Treasure of 37 Years Honoured

The reeve who is said to have been Sandwich South township's treasure, has been honoured by the province and the township.

Ninety-four year-old Ed Dumouchelle was nominated to receive Ontario's Bicentennial Medal, and more recently the fire department presented him with a customized trophy for distinguished service.

"If it hadn't been for the steps taken by him as reeve we wouldn't have the fire department we have today," said Fire Chief Frank Nostadt.

"His leadership in establishing the fire department, his decisions when we went into planning, how he brought us through annexation, is something the ratepayers can admire," his successor, Bob Pulleyblank stated. "He is one of the treasures of Sandwich South."

Mr. Dumouchelle served on the township council for 37 years, nine of them as reeve.

Establishing the fire department was the only thing to do, according to him.

"We were paying Anderdon Township to handle our fire calls. After Sandwich East was added (to Sandwich South) they phoned to say the township was too big for them (to answer its fire calls) so I came to council and said we'd better get a machine of our own. In three months we had it."

Typical of the decisive way he handled municipal affairs.

He recalled some of those decisions during the depression of the thirties.

"During the dirty thirties, - I remember clearly, - a woman was thrown out of her home with what little furniture she had piled up by the road. Her boy, about nine years (of age), came to the house and said his mother wanted to see me. She had no place to go. I looked around a bit and found a little flat. I put her in there.

But the bedroom window didn't have a curtain and I went and bought a curtain for her. At the next council meeting they asked me who gave me the authority to spend that money."

Tapping his head with a finger, Ed Dumouchelle repeated his answer of years ago, "I said nobody did but my own common sense. Put yourself in that position and see how you'd feel in having to undress without a curtain on your window!"

But no spendthrift was he, according to Bob Pulleyblank who served under him on council. "There was always the saying Ed never spent the taxpayer's money. That is the outstanding thing I remember. He always made council remember where the dollars came from."

And Sandwich South residents revered him for it, Bob added.

"His faith was a tower of strength. The bottom line was his belief in his faith and his family. It made him an outstanding person in the community."

When the person who supported him most died in 1967, Ed retired. That was his wife, Lily, and he speaks of her yet with pride and affection.

His daughter Doris recalls Dad bringing council members home after meetings.

"Mom would say, Doris, your Dad is bringing the councillors home. You get sandwiches ready."

Another of his five daughters recalled the New Year celebrations when Dad won an election. They were held annually in January, right after the holiday.

"We'd have a party at the house. All the councillors and staff would come. New Year's is never like the parties I remember as a child."

Lily provided the same hospitality for the needy. Ed recalled another experience of two children coming to the door for help.

"Lily asked if they had breakfast. They said, no, there's no bread in the house. We ain't got nothing. Lily fixed breakfast for them."

"I never saw anybody in trouble that I couldn't help them with something. Help them get a job or something." And he repeated his comment about common sense being his authority for his action. All this was in his early days on council, when

members had to insist that anyone applying for welfare bring the licence plates off his car, if he had one, before his application was granted, to avoid any of the welfare money being spent on gas. That was not considered a necessity in the depression days of the thirties.

Taking a stand for the township in Windsor's bid to take over the airport in 1966 was the triumph.

"Sandwich South came through annexation better than any other municipality," Bob Pulleyblank maintained. "And the decisions he made when we went into planning, on whether we were content to be covered with houses or maintain our rural identity, have kept us rural."

Ed explained it. "I went to a meeting with city hall (Windsor) when they were reaching out and grabbing. They wanted the airport in the worst way. We told them they could have a piece in the area of Tecumseh but we were going to keep the airport. So they (Windsor councillors) pulled in their horns and went home."

MAY 12/85

Fire Damaged Facca Construction



Fire that started at the edge of the yard destroyed construction equipment owned by Facca Construction Co. Ltd., County Road 46, in Sandwich South Township.

Forms of concrete installation stored outside were burned but owner Mario Gardonio said most of the damage was to building that houses equipment. He estimated loss at \$3 to \$5 thousand.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt said the fire had been burning in the yard before the department received the call, and had spread to the building. However, there was no problem in bringing it under control.

The fire call was dispatched to the Essex department as a call for the Maidstone Township fire truck which is operated by the Essex firefighters. Time was lost when that department had to

refer the call back to the dispatcher for the call to Sandwich South. Chief Nostadt said he presumed the confusion was caused by the Maidstone telephone number which Facca Construction has.

Sandwich South firefighters are seen battling the blaze.

JUNE 25/85

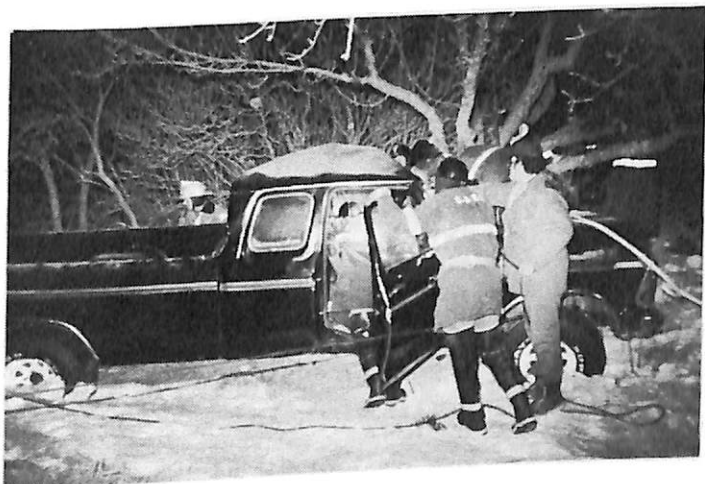


SANDWICH SOUTH Township firefighters clear debris from an accident scene on County Road 42 this morning as medical technicians load the victim into an ambulance. Const. Bob Day of Essex OPP said 32-year-old Doreen Cartier suffered internal injuries when her car collided with two trucks near Con. 8 of Sandwich South about 7:35 a.m. Day said Cartier was driving west on County Road 42 when her car skidded into the eastbound lane and collided with a garbage truck driven by 39-year-old Mitchell Wayne of Belle River. Cartier's vehicle then bounced off the garbage truck, owned by B.F.I. Waste Disposal, and collided with a second truck which was eastbound. Neither Wayne nor the driver of the second truck, 65-year-old Yasuo Masuda of Chatham, were badly hurt. Cartier, who had to be freed from the wreckage by firefighters, was in serious condition at Metropolitan Hospital this morning. Total damage to all three vehicles was estimated at about \$20,000. No charges have been laid but Day said police are continuing their investigation. Police said Cartier's life may have been saved because she was wearing seatbelts.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1986



**Automobile Accidents
1986**



JULY 7/86

Blast to be Probed; Neighbours Save Home

A bucket brigade of friends and neighbours saved James McKee's home in Sandwich South Township Saturday after fire consumed his two-storey wooden shed adjacent to the house.

Charles Banwell, 9, saw clouds of smoke from almost a mile away and alerted his father, Allan. By the time they arrived several spot fires had started on the wooden-shingle roof of McKee's home, down wind from the shed on South Talbot Road.

About 10 friends and neighbours en route to nearby Maidstone Township and from Sandwich South stopped to help farm hand Scott Curtis, 17, and McKee's wife Barb who saw the flames and called the fire department.

"It was a bucket brigade out of a trough just like the old days," Allan Banwell said.

"We're lucky to have such good neighbors from Sandwich and Maidstone townships and they know who they are. We want to thank them all. If it wasn't for them we'd have lost our house," said McKee.

SANDWICH SOUTH Fire Chief Frank Nostadt speculated spontaneous combustion of garbage in the shed and strong hot winds reduced the large shed to cinders but no cause has been confirmed.

In Windsor, fire officials said the cause of a Friday afternoon explosion and fire that left a Peter Street man in critical condition is still unknown.

Investigators will begin searching through the ashes at 3461 Peter St. this morning in an effort to determine what caused the explosion that hurled 31-year-old Mark O'Keefe out of his third floor apartment.

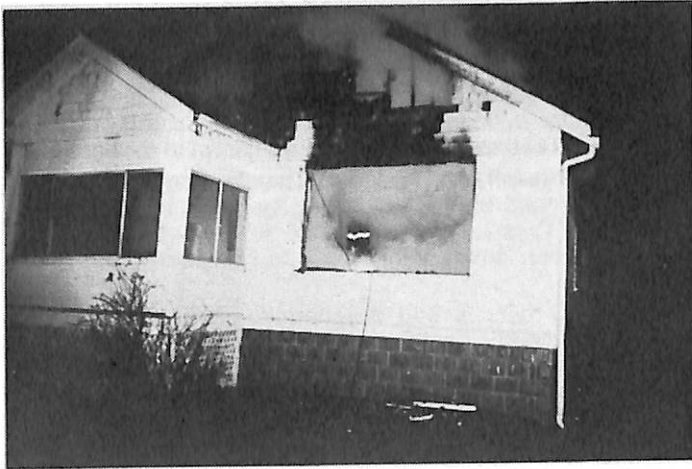
"We've got a lot of work to do," said Brian Mulligan of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office. He couldn't say how long the investigation would take.

O'Keefe, who suffered third-degree burns to 85 per cent of his body, is listed in critical condition at Metropolitan Hospital.

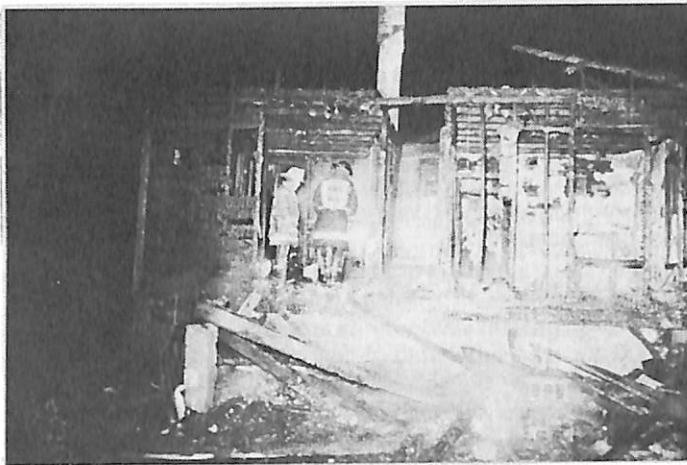
Another burn victim, University of Windsor professor Dietmar Lage, is listed in fair condition at Metropolitan. Lage suffered third-degree burns to about 30 per cent of his body while fueling a lawn mower with gasoline in the basement of his home Thursday.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1987

DEC. 1/87



House Fire
1987



Star photo/Brad Honywill

IN THE COUNTY, the first snow of the year made driving treacherous and contributed to collisions like this one, which occurred 2:30 p.m. Tuesday on County Road 46 of Sandwich South Township. Marilyn Neilipovitz, 57 of Leamington, here being removed on a stretcher board by Sandwich South firefighters, ambulance attendants and an Essex OPP officer, was taken to Metropolitan Hospital in Windsor in critical condition after her 1982 Ford EXP went out of control on the slippery roadway and crossed in front of westbound traffic. Firefighters spent about 30 minutes freeing Neilipovitz. James Whelan, 29, of Windsor, driver of the 1984 Chrysler Laser which collided with the woman's vehicle, was treated for chest injuries at Hotel Dieu hospital and released. Essex OPP Const. Dale Dyck said no charges will be laid.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1988



Star photos/Grant Black

SANDWICH SOUTH firefighters check the Tecumseh Health Care Center for damage after Thursday's fire.

Careless Smoking Blamed For Blaze

Only one person was taken to hospital from a fire at a Tecumseh Nursing Home that forced the evacuation of 142 residents, 90 of them in wheelchairs.

Officials said careless pipe smoking in one of the rooms caused the blaze at Tecumseh Health Care Centre on Tecumseh Road East at Banwell Road.

The fire began in the corner of the room where a closet went up in flames before it spread to the ceiling and roof.

While damage estimates were not yet available, Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt said the room's furniture was destroyed and there was heavy smoke and water damage.

A staff member who fought the fire with an extinguisher was credited with containing the blaze until fire crews arrived on the scene shortly after the 4:19 p.m. call.

Residents were evacuated to private vehicles and four Transit Windsor buses to keep warm for the hour before they could return to their rooms.

While some residents were disoriented, there was little panic in what was described as a quick and efficient evacuation.



AN UNIDENTIFIED resident is carried to safety



Star photo

THE PERSONAL EFFECTS of a Windsor woman, killed after being thrown from her car when it flew along County Road 46 Saturday, are grim reminders of the tragedy.

Fatal Weekend Car Accidents Claim Two Lives

A Windsor woman killed in a weekend single-car crash likely would have lived if she'd been wearing her seatbelt, police and firefighters say.

Neither Deborah Quaife, 34, nor her three children, who range in age from four to 12, were wearing seatbelts when their four-door Toyota went out of control as they were travelling eastbound on County Road 46 shortly before noon Saturday.

It was one of two area fatal accidents on the weekend. In the other Steven Gales of Chatham died early Saturday morning when his friend's car struck a hydro pole in Chatham.

In the first fatality, witnesses told police that Quaife, lost control of the car going around a sharp corner just west of Sexton Sideroad. Police believe Mrs. Quaife overcompensated while steering in an effort to bring the car back onto the road, causing the car to roll. After cartwheeling six times, the Toyota came to rest on its hood, sideways across the road.

MRS. QUAIFFE was thrown from the car and despite efforts from two passing motorists and ambulance attendants who attempted CPR, she could not be revived. The children received minor injuries.

If she'd been wearing her seatbelt, "she'd have probably lived," said Const. Rick Derus of the Essex OPP.

Derus said it's believed the Qualifes were going to visit friends when the accident happened.

Staring at the children's clothing, tennis balls and a half-eaten piece of toast lying amid broken glass and smears of blood, a Sandwich South firefighter shook his head.

"That makes a pretty good case for wearing a seatbelt," he said. "Even on a rollover like this, you stay in the car. There's no need for anyone to have died in that."

Christine Paquette heard the sound of screeching tires and looked out the window just as the car came to rest on its hood. She phoned the police who in turn called the ambulance.

"This road is so bad," she said. "This is a bad curve."

About 500 metres from where the Toyota left the road is a sign warning motorists of a curve and to slow down to 70 km/h. But Paquette said cars regularly take the turn too fast and end up on the gravel shoulder.

Paquette said she first saw two people on the ground, Mrs. Quaife and one of the youngsters. Neighbours from another house rushed to the scene and took the children down the road a bit and wrapped Mrs. Quaife in a blanket.

The two boys, Ryan, 4, and John, 12, were taken to Metropolitan Hospital and treated for bumps on the head and other minor injuries and released. Rachael, 8, was kept overnight for observation. She complained of a sore head and pain in her collarbone.

Mrs. Quaife, a homemaker, is also survived by her husband Gilbert, who works for a local welding company, and another daughter, Leah, 14. The family lives at 2227 Highland Ave.

"I told her 50,000 times to wear it (a seatbelt)," said Bishop Kirk Sorley, a close friend of the Quaifes and head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Forest Glade.

IN THE CHATHAM accident, Mr. Gales died about 2 a.m. Saturday, said Const. George Sanderson of the Chatham police.

The two men were travelling west on Riverview Drive in Chatham. Their 1979 Camaro struck a hydro pole near Bloomfield Road.

Gales, 21, of Lot 3, Con. 1. Raleigh Township, was the only passenger in the car driven by John Bocchino, 20, of Lot 18, Highway 2.

Bocchino was treated at Chatham's St. Joseph's Hospital and released. He was charged with impaired driving causing death and will be arraigned on April 26. Mr Gales leaves behind no immediate family.

OCT. 24/88

Arson Fire Devastates Garage Door Firm

By Alan Cairns - Star Staff Reporter

A break-in preceded an arson fire Sunday that struck two businesses housed in a Sandwich South Township industrial building, Essex OPP say.

When volunteer firefighters arrived at the Manning Road site of Ropat Construction (Windsor) Ltd. and Canadian Garage Doors at about 8:40 p.m., they found flames roaring in two separate areas of a section occupied by the door company.

Firefighters also noticed an exterior door leading to the firm's makeshift office was missing a pane of glass.

Over an hour later, when a tricky roof fire was out and smoke had been cleared from the charred interior of the concrete block structure, Essex OPP found that a burglar had broken the glass, slipped a dead bolt, and turned the handle from the inside.

OPP Const. Greg Skinner said police also found evidence of theft.

Fire "fully engulfed" two areas of the garage door company

when firefighters arrived, said Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt, who believes the fire probably started in the office.

Brian Mulligan of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office was to examine the scene today.

ALTHOUGH POLICE and fire officials say it is too early to estimate damage to the building and contents, Lorne Michaelis, manager of Canadian Garage Doors, said an estimated \$260,000 in inventory and \$60,000 in office equipment are at stake in his half of the building. After the fire was out, firefighters carried dozens of charred and smouldering door units from the building. Doors not hit by fire could suffer water damage.

Canadian Garage Doors is wholly owned by Toronto-based Century Wood Door Systems. It employs 15 people and supplies about 80 per cent of the new construction industry in the Windsor area, Michaelis said.

"I'll have to put everybody in an office and work out of a trailer for the time being," he said.

Ropat Construction lost little to the fire but had severe smoke and water damage.

Thieves have struck an adjacent pleasure boat outlet several times in the past, Michaelis said, but there has never been a problem at his building.

"WHAT THEY WANTED in there was beyond me."

Bruce and Gary Ropat, owners of the building and the construction company, hope to continue the construction business while working on the fire damage. The building is without heat and power.

Fire Chief Nostadt said the fire caused extensive damage to almost half the structure and parts of the roof. Steel beams may also be affected by the heat, he said, and in some places sections of concrete block wall were badly buckled and scorched.

After three years of leasing from the Ropats, Michaelis was due to move into a new building - built specially for him - as early as next week.

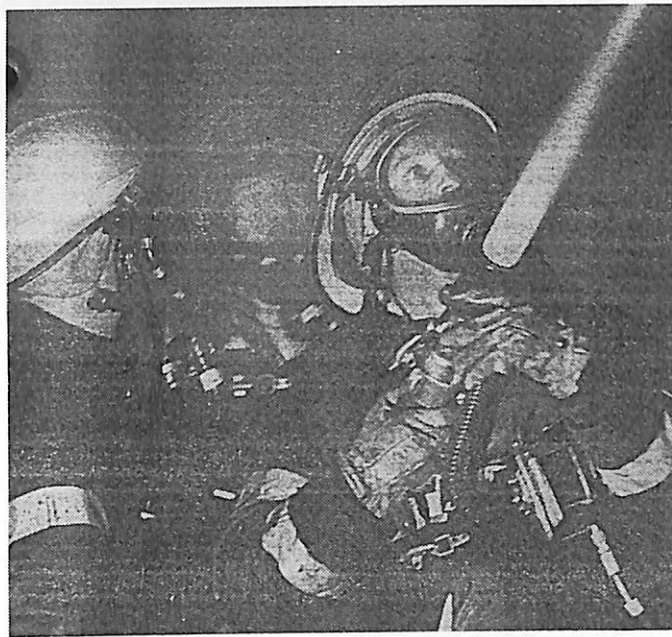
Both Michaelis and the Ropats said they have insurance, but Bruce Ropat said insurance does not cover the inconvenience and agitation that will come their way.

Ropat said he can't imagine a reason for the incident.

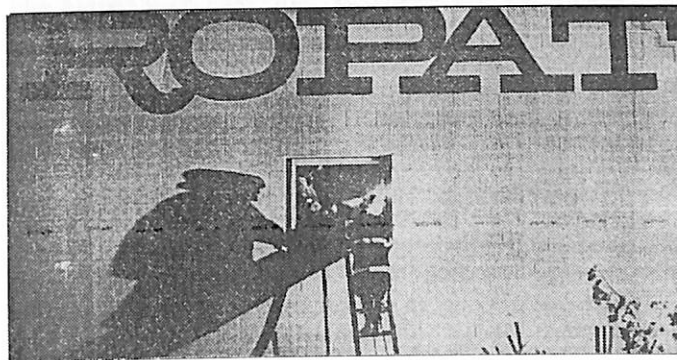
"Anybody knows we don't keep cash in these places; they're not retail outlets. What are they going to do, walk away with a garage door?"

"I can kind of understand it when somebody steals from you to feed the wife and the kids, but it just doesn't make any sense to do malicious damage. It's crazy."

The Tecumseh fire department assisted with manpower under mutual aid. Windsor and Maidstone Township departments also assisted. Firefighters were on the scene until after midnight.



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FIREFIGHTERS SPRAY WATER into a Sandwich South building heavily damaged Sunday by a fire believed to have been started by arsonists.

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1989

JUNE 2/89 - Date of Accident

Cycle's Headlight Not on, Police Say

By Sandra Smith
and Brad Honywill
Star Staff Reporters



The motorcycle that collided head-on with a car Friday night killing both of its passengers didn't have its headlights on, said Essex OPP.

"There was a headlight on the bike. I saw it. Why it wasn't on, I don't know," said Const. Mike McCormack on Sunday.

Dead are Mark Vermette, 22, and his girlfriend, Judy Lessard, 31, both of 51

Regina St. in the Suncrest Mobile Home Park on County Road 42 south of Tecumseh.

The driver of the car, Douglas Legrow, 30, of Toronto, was in stable but improving condition at Windsor Western Hospital this morning, recovering from injuries to his hand and left arm.

POLICE SAID Legrow's black 1985 Buick was southbound on Manning Road at 9:35 p.m. when it attempted to pass another vehicle, just north of Highway 401, and collided with Mr. Vermette's northbound 1981 Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Several witnesses told police the motorcycle did not have its headlights on, although it was after sunset. A witness behind the Legrow vehicle told police he only saw a silhouette of a motorcycle a split second before it drove into the front of the Buick, ripping metal back to the driver's compartment.

Family told police Mr. Vermette had experienced difficulties with the motorcycle's alternator earlier in the evening, which could have affected the performance of the headlight. But investigating officer Henry Lemieux said the bike was so badly damaged it was impossible to determine the exact cause of the headlight failure.

Police said the female passenger was thrown almost 40 metres north of the impact point while the driver of the motorcycle was driven into the bike's handlebars and landed 4.5 metres north of the impact point. Both suffered massive injuries and died instantly.

It appeared as if the couple were on their way home when the accident occurred, police said. Family told police that earlier in the evening the couple had been at the Airport Tavern in Windsor.

The results of a blood/alcohol analysis on the motorcycle's driver was yet available.

Police said Legrow, a Brampton firefighter, was on his way to his North York home after visiting with his in-laws in

Windsor. His wife, Heather, had decided to stay on with her parents.

Shirley Lessard, 32, said her younger sister owned the canteen at Pillsbury Foods Ltd. in Tecumseh.

"She was a hard worker who was always doing something for somebody else. We've lived in Tecumseh all our lives and she has a lot of friends here," said Lessard. "We were close. We used to go rollerskating with the kids and go out socially together."

Mr. Vermette was a former employee of Highway Stamping near Emeryville.

The couple, along with her two children, Robby, 12 and Chrissy, 9, were planning to build a house on West Pike Creek Road in Maidstone Township.

"She was just waiting for the paper work to go through," said Lessard. "She had a good business and she saved enough money to build the house."

The two deaths bring to 16 the number of persons killed in traffic accidents in the county this year. Seven more have been killed in traffic accidents in Windsor.

Ms. Lessard is survived by her parents, Helen and Paul Ruggaber, of Tecumseh, a brother and four sisters.

Funeral services for Judy Lessard will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Gregory's Church in St. Clair Beach. Visitation will be at Marcotte Funeral Homes Ltd. in Tecumseh on Monday from 2 to 9 p.m.

Mark Vermette's funeral was scheduled at 3 p.m. today at St. Anne's Church in Tecumseh. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vermette of St. Anne Street, Tecumseh.



OPP OFFICER checks wreckage of a pickup truck that sailed from Highway 401 onto Walker Road below.

Man Dies in Fiery Wreck

By Robert Croley and Simon Tuck
Star Staff Reporters

Police are checking dental records to confirm that the badly burned body of a man killed in a weekend crash is that of 29-year-old Richard Roy of Windsor.

The driver lost control of a Honey Bee Sanitation pickup truck Saturday evening on Highway 401. The truck became airborne after slamming into the guard rail and soaring off the Walker Road overpass, police said.

The truck landed near the shoulder of the road below, rolling several times before it came to rest in the ditch. The truck then caught fire and exploded.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Dr. Morris Bull of Windsor.

MR. ROY HAD recently been given the company vehicle after receiving a promotion that required him to travel between London and Windsor, said Sgt. Mike Kirk of the Essex OPP.

Mr. Roy has held a number of jobs and lived in a number of places, Kirk said. For the last week he had been living at the Skyline Motel on Division Road.

Lou Bertoia president of Honey Bee, described Mr. Roy as "a good guy - a nice individual." But Bertoia said he didn't know him well and didn't want to comment further.

ESSEX OPP Sgt. Jim Swan said the driver was killed after he lost control of the vehicle going west along Highway 401 just outside the city boundary about 11:30 p.m., bouncing off the left guard rail before veering right and hitting a second rail and soaring upside down to an embankment near Walker Road below.

The 1984 Dodge pickup landed on its roof at the foot of the embankment before tumbling and rolling across Walker Road and coming to rest on its caved-in roof in the east ditch that runs along the road. The man lay trapped beneath the twisted wreckage.

Police probing the wreckage could not determine if a seat belt had been worn, Kirk said.

Robert Carnahan, a trucker who passed by shortly after the crash pulled over and tried to extinguish a fire that started in the truck's engine.

Carnahan, of Anderdon Township, said his extinguisher was working well on the flames until it ran out. The truck "was pretty well twisted...the way it was positioned, I didn't think there was much hope."

Wayne Wilson of Harrow was driving south along Walker Road when he happened upon the scene.

"We could see his legs...but he wasn't moving. There was a small fire in the engine, there was just a flame under the hood," he said.

"The truck driver started working on (the fire) and we went to get more help," Wilson said, shaking off Saturday's bitter cold winds. "The fire was right at his feet."

Wilson's companion, Doug Stroud, said he drove to the nearby Sandwich South Township fire station and kicked and screamed at the door but the station - staffed by volunteers - was unmanned. He called 911 from a phone at an Oldcastle storage garage.

WHILE THE MEN were trying to get help, the truck exploded.

"The truck was fully involved when we got here," Windsor Fire Capt. Jack Hawkins said after firefighters extinguished the blaze. He said there was no hope the man could have survived the intense fire that consumed the pickup if he lived through the impact of the crash.

The burned body was finally recovered after crews managed to set the truck upright an hour after the crash.

Local Hazard Teams Set Up

By Mark Stewart
Star Leamington Bureau

What you wear may be a matter of life and death.

Some county firefighters will soon have an outfit for almost any occasion - a new wardrobe to help them handle everything from flames to formaldehyde.

Essex County Council has agreed to provide three fire departments with the protective suits and equipment needed to deal with chemical spills and hazardous materials.

"There's a tremendous potential for hazardous materials coming through this area," said Barry McKinnon of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office. "We want to enhance the county's rescue capabilities."

County councillors have endorsed a plan which would give firefighters in Leamington, Tilbury West and Sandwich South the equipment and training needed to tackle emergencies involving hazardous materials.

McKinnon said, ideally, the three county rescue units would include six protective suits worth \$5,500 each, six backup suits worth \$3,500 each and \$16,000 in special breathing apparatus.

The three municipalities are already partially equipped. McKinnon said location was a factor in the choices as two of the three fire halls are close to Highway 401 - a likely route for any hazardous materials.

McKinnon addressed Essex County council this week asking for moral support which would allow the fire marshal's office to pursue federal and provincial funding. He also asked council for an initial investment of \$20,000 and another \$2,000 annually to maintain request was deferred to budget deliberations.

"It's something that will benefit the entire county," McKinnon said. The suits could be used in accidents involving gasoline, sulfuric acid, ammonia and even radioactive materials.

McKinnon said many of the volunteer fire departments go into such emergencies without proper equipment and training. Officials want to reduce the risks.

"We don't know what's out there," Leamington Fire Chief Murray Cascadden said later. "You're taking a real chance going in without the proper equipment."

Cascadden said the role of the local units would be as a "first response team" going to a scene, identifying the hazardous materials and making any necessary rescues.

The goal is to have a rescue team no more than 30 minutes from anywhere in the county. Kent County is considering a similar proposal and the fire marshal's office has begun to implement the rescue units in Lambton County.

McKinnon doesn't expect the Essex County program to be in place until late 1990.

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Chemical Spill Contained

Firefighters spent more than four hours cleaning up a small hazardous chemical spill at Magna's Intergram Seating plant on Highway 2 and Patillo Road on Saturday.

Maidstone Fire Chief Randy Cecile said about 40 litres of acetone spilled from a truck carrying chemicals to the plant. The flammable liquid has a strong odour but was contained to a truck and the area around the vehicle.

Although the vapours can be irritating and poisonous, no one was injured or moved from the area.

Under a new system set up to deal with chemical spills, the Sandwich South fire department was called to assist Maidstone firefighters. Sandwich South has special chemical suits needed for handling hazardous materials.

"It could have been a lot worse," but that system and a light wind kept the situation under control, Cecile said. Because the plant is not in a residential area, the spill did not force an evacuation.

Owner Criticizes Firefighters as Blaze Levels Home, Business

By David Morelli and Sarah Sacheli
Star Staff Reporters

OLDCASTLE - Steve Palencar thought he could reopen his Oldcastle butcher shop in three weeks after an afternoon fire damaged the back section of his store Saturday.

Ten hours later, a smouldering fire became a blazing inferno, destroying Castle Beef and Locker. With it went Palencar's 26-year-old business and second-floor home two days before Christmas.

Now his family is questioning the efforts of Sandwich South volunteer firefighters, who returned to the shop twice to put hoses on smouldering fires that had not been extinguished.

"We had a chance to get things out but no one told us to do anything," said John Courtney, Palencar's son-in-law.

"**THEY DIDN'T** tell us there was a chance it could start again."

Palencar was too upset to speak to *The Star*, but Courtney said the family plans to lodge a complaint with the county over the blaze, which took place Saturday afternoon and night at Walker Road and Highway 3, about 250 metres from the Sandwich South fire station. The original fire and two subsequent rekindled fires gutted the shop and upstairs living quarters, with damage estimated at about \$100,000.

Fire Chief Frank Nostadt defended his volunteer corps, saying he had "no difficulty accepting the performance of the firefighters."

"It's not uncommon to have it rekindle," said Nostadt. "Many buildings have rekindles, conceivably, we could be there forever putting out a fire."

The initial blaze broke out at 1 p.m. in the shop's smokehouse where meat is cured. Customers buying turkeys and sausage for Christmas dinners were forced out of the buildings as the fire engulfed the back section of the shop near the storage area, said Nostadt.

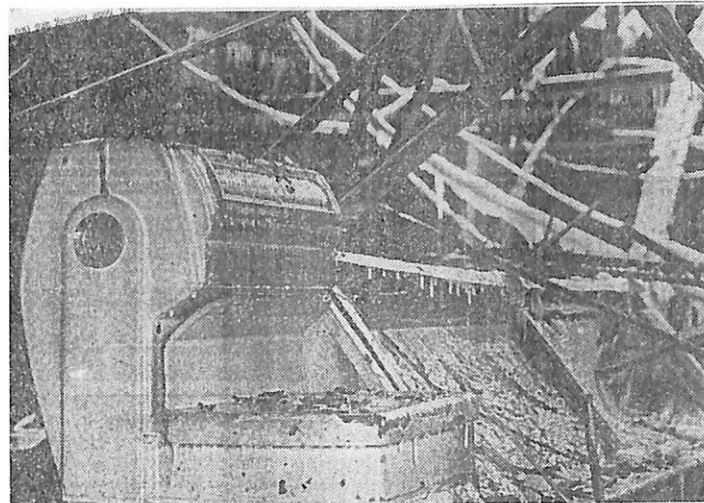
The fire was contained to the first floor of the two-storey building. The upstairs apartment, housing the 60-year-old Palencar, his wife Julie, son Steve Jr. and two employees, sustained only smoke damage, and the family removed a few Christmas gifts.

About 20 firefighters spent three hours extinguishing the fire. "We cleaned up with no visible fires," said Nostadt. "We packed it in at that point."

BUT FIREFIGHTERS were called out again about 4 p.m. when Courtney said he saw flames shooting out of the building.

He said he drove to the Walker Road fire station located next door to the butcher shop. "They were all standing around washing their trucks," said Courtney, adding firefighters were oblivious to the burning building just down the road.

The second fire damaged more of the main store, he said, and again firefighters left after the situation seemed under control.



A FROZEN SCALE is covered with debris at Castle Beef and Locker after a series of fires Saturday destroyed the Walker Road business.

Murray Edwards, a neighbour across the street from the shop, notified the department of the afternoon fire, and then was the first to respond to the final blaze that broke out at about 11:30 p.m.

From her front door, Edwards' daughter Margaret watched firefighters break ice off each other's helmets as they emerged from the burning building.

"In a way it's lucky it's right beside the firehall, but just looking at it it doesn't look like it matters."

Nostadt said a crew with three engines was at the scene within minutes, but the building was already filled with flames. The final fire start under the roof section overtop of some freezer units, he said.

"It's ridiculous," said Courtney Saturday as he watched smoke pour out of the building. "It's like they're just letting it burn."

"I'M NOT A qualified firefighter," he said later, "...but it looked like they were very casual fighting the fire."

"This is a tragedy," said Diane Buksa, a family friend. "Just before Christmas... They're a nice Czechoslovakian family. They work so hard all the time. It's just not right, this isn't just his business, it's his life."

Courtney said the family is upset firefighters never told them to remove any clothes or belongings, or warned them the fire may flare up again. "It was poor communication on their part."

Nostadt said the cause of the original fire may have been grease catching fire in the smokehouse. The Ontario Fire Marshal is not being called to investigate.

He also said the building was "very, very, old" and was probably not up to provincial building code standards for newly constructed buildings, though Palencar would not have been violating any regulations.

COURTNEY SAID Palencar, who came to Canada in 1948, is staying with Courtney and Palencar's daughter Theresa in Malden Centre, and will decide how to piece his life back together after losing his home and job.

"You know, if there's a fire at my house, I can at least go to work the next day," said Courtney.

"Not only did they lose their residence, their house - they lost their livelihood. Obviously this is devastating."

TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT 1990

Making a Caring Community

Sir: As a Sandwich South Goodfellow volunteer I wish to pay due respect to the Sandwich South Fire Department. Good work usually goes unnoticed while criticism makes the headlines. It is encouraging to note that there are people who take time from their busy lives and volunteer work, to reach out in an effort to help the needy of our community.

The Sandwich South Firefighters not only risk their lives as volunteers but take time away from their own families any day of the week to help and support the needs of our community. Without their continued assistance, many families in this area would have gone without a Christmas Goodfellow food basket and any other food emergencies throughout the year.

We are grateful to the Sandwich South Fire Department for its continued support and generosity to make our community and Essex County - Windsor a caring community.

WENDY HALFORD
Oldcastle

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County Fire Departments Receive Grants for Emergency Equipment



A \$25,000.00 cheque was presented to County Warden Greg Stewart on behalf of the Ministry of the Solicitor General last Friday. The Office of the Fire Marshal recognized the commitment of the municipalities and fire departments to ensure that the county is better prepared for any type of emergency.

In the photo, L - R, Leamington Fire Chief Murray Cascadden, Comber Deputy Chief Bob Miner, Essex-Kent MP Jim McGuigan representing Steven Offer from the Solicitor General's Office, Comber Fireman Wayne White, wearing a suit designed to handle hazardous materials, Anderdon Reeve and Warden of the County Greg Stewart, Sandwich South Fire Chief Frank Nostadt, Tilbury West Reeve Jack Morris, and Barry McKinnon from the Fire Marshal's office.

This effort began over a year ago and has only succeeded because of a concerted effort on behalf of those people interested in seeing their vision become a reality. The fire chiefs of this county recognized a need to enhance their overall resource

capabilities. They subsequently requested and received the support of their respective councils and the county council to implement a program whereby available grants could be secured.

In 1979 an interministerial task force on crash rescue made certain recommendations to implement an auto extrication program in the Province of Ontario.

One of the task force recommendations was the implementation of a provincial grant program to help municipalities pay for the equipment required to rescue victims of traffic accidents. The funds were first made available as of April 1, 1982 and an annual commitment of \$250,000.00 will continue each year for ten years.

The first objective of the program was to establish a province wide extrication program through the eventual equipping of every fire station in the province with a basic extrication kit, as recommended by the Office of the Fire Marshal. These kits are made up of twelve components which collectively are capable of efficiently dealing with at least 90% of the vehicle accidents a fire department may encounter.

As part of the overall plan for the county resource system, three basic auto extrication kits will be purchased, thereby ensuring that every fire station in Essex County, including Pelee Island, will be equipped with one of these basic kits, or similar equipment, to deal with the day-to-day accidents which may take place. Three individual grants of \$1,000.00 each through the provincial program will be made available following successful participation in a recognized training program. A three day course capable of meeting these requirements is being offered free of charge July 10-12 by the staff of the Office of the Fire Marshal. Additional funds required to purchase these extrication kits are being made available through the federal government's Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP). These funds are distributed in Ontario through the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

The second objective of the provincial program is to implement a system whereby a county, district or region will have specialized rescue units, strategically placed, to act as a back up to the local fire departments. Unanimous agreement has been reached between county council, the municipal councils and their respective fire departments, that the Township of Sandwich South, the Township of Tilbury West (Comber) and the Town of Leamington will provide the necessary vehicles and personnel to implement this system.

The province recognizes the fact that there are substantial costs associated with the implementation of this type of rescue system. Funding is available through the grant program, on a 50/50 basis, up to a maximum one-time grant of \$25,000.00 per county, district or region. \$125,000.00 per year has been set aside for this portion of the program. Funding is contingent on assurances being received that these specialized units will be made available for response on all provincial highways in the area. They must also agree that they will be available to assist the local fire departments, as required.



THE WINDSOR STAR MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1990

SANDWICH SOUTH firefighters inspect the damage done in a Sunday evening fire. An explosion and fire caused more than \$500,000 in losses when 10 boats were destroyed and a number of others damaged at a Sandwich South storage shed on township Con. 9. The shed is leased by Happy Days Leisure Products Inc. The fire is believed to have started when a fuel tank exploded, but officials are investigating.

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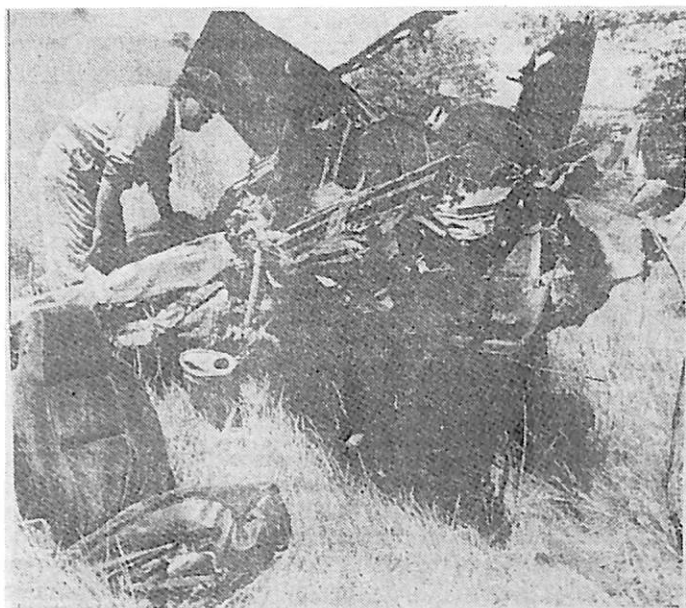
Fire Damages Firm

Provincial police are investigating a suspicious fire Sunday at Dualflex Co. Ltd., an Oldcastle manufacturer of sandpapers.

The fire broke out just before 10:30 p.m. and caused between \$10,000 and \$15,000 damage to a trailer of glues, solvents, nylon, foam and rubber used to make sandpaper and sanding discs, said Brian Clark, deputy chief of the Sandwich South Fire Department.

Company president Miksa Marton said plant operations were expected to resume today.

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Star photo/Rob Gurdebeke

SANDWICH SOUTH fire Capt. Art Lounsbury checks car wreckage in which Windsor pair died

Three Die in Area Accidents

By Ellen Van Wageningen
Star Staff Reporter

A Windsor woman and her son, and a Tilbury-area woman were killed in separate weekend accidents.

Dead are: Debra Menard, 31 and David Menard, 10, of Meadowbrook Lane in Windsor; and Marilyn Parkinson, 53, of R.R. 3 Tilbury.

Both accidents happened Saturday.

The Menards were killed early Saturday afternoon when their car skidded into the path of another on a county road just outside Windsor.

THEIR DODGE Mirada was heading south on Sandwich South Township Con. 9 and had just come over the top of an overpass crossing Highway 401 when the accident happened.

A technical traffic accident investigator with the Ontario Provincial Police found that Mrs. Menard overcorrected after her car veered to the right. Skid marks showed the car slid sideways into the path of a brown Chrysler Cordoba driven by Ronald Blais, 33, of Tecumseh.

Coroner Dr. Robert Drake said autopsies revealed mother and son died of massive internal injuries, and probably weren't wearing seatbelts.

Blais and his son, Ronald Jr. 9, were returning from Boblo Island, said Sgt. John Mero of the Essex OPP.

Blais and his son were taken to hospital by ambulance and released later the same day.

Mrs. Menard and her son were both thrown from their vehicle on impact and probably died instantly, Mero said.

The Menard car was split in two in the crash. The rear end flew over the guard rail and lay 10 metres from the Blais car at the bottom of a steep ditch on the east side of the road. The front end of the car ended up in the northbound lane about five metres south of the Blais car, which rested at an angle with the crushed front end resting on the curb.

A white pail and a dozen toy cars were scattered along the road, along with other debris from the crash.

Sandwich South firefighters were called to the scene and stood by while OPP officers waited for a traffic accident investigator to arrive from Chatham.

There were no witnesses to the accident. The next driver to arrive called an ambulance from a nearby farmhouse, police said.

It's unknown why the Menard car drifted to the side of the road, Mero said. An examination of her car showed that the tie rods and brakes appeared to have been in good condition before the crash, he said.

Blais and his son were wearing seatbelts, which probably saved them from more serious injuries, but a seat belt probably wouldn't have helped David Menard, who was in the front passenger seat, Mero said. As far as police could determine neither Mrs. Menard nor her son was wearing a seat belt.

Seat belts are most effective in head-on accidents and their increased use appears to be keeping down the number of fatal accidents handled by the Essex OPP so far this year, he said.

There have been four fatal accidents in the Essex detachment area this year, compared to 20 at this time last year. The detachment covers all of part of eight townships around Windsor and the town of Essex.

According to surveys by Essex officers, about 80 per cent of drivers now wear seatbelts, Mero said. Drivers and passengers are required by law to wear seat belts in Ontario.

Mrs. Parkinson was also involved in a two-car crash, Merlin OPP said.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chatham.



25th Anniversary Sign

A FIREMAN'S PRAYER

When I am called to duty, God,
Wherever flames may rage
Give me the strength to save some life
What ever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late;
Or save an older person from
the horror of that fate.

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

I want to fill my calling and
To give the best in me;
To guard my every neighbour and
Protect his property.

And if according to Your will
I have to lose my life.
Please bless with Your protecting hand
My children and my wife.

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