

Rural Fire Halls.

Rural Fires for 1944

No - 1

V. H. Weaver - - - Grass Fire
4-Mile North on U.S.-27- No damage

No - 2

Howard Rosenberry House Fire
Hodunk Mich.
Hot stove pipe set fire to floor Loss - \$50.00

No - 3 contents no Loss
Jess Russell - Farm Grass Fire
Bethel Twp.

No - 4

Wesley Doolittle House Fire
7-Mile North on U.S. 27 then
East to first House Sparks from
chimney Loss - \$32.00
contents no Loss

No - 5

Mrs. Angeline Settles House Fire
6-Mile North of city on River
Road - Hot stove pipe set fire to
beltex wall covering Loss - \$15.87
contents no Loss

No - 6

Mr. Geo. Sanford Brooder + House Fire
2-Mile N. of Grand on U.S.-27
Brooder - 150 chicks small hole in upper
floor Brooder + chicks \$40.00
House - \$25.00

No-7 - March 10-44 Truck Fire

Time - 6¹⁵ A.M.

called 4 Mile East on U.S. 112 to extinguish fire in Truck owned by Pittman Trucking Co. and driven by Vanice Richardson. Truck was loaded with aluminum castings for Detroit Air Plane Factory. License No-7, M, 9573 Tires + Tractor burned with about 20% of load.

No-8 March-21-44 - (Grass Fire)

Time - 2⁵⁰ P.M. (No Loss)

Farm 3 Mile South of Fisk School owned by W.E. Faulk, of 912- Bedford drive Cross Pointe. Tenant Wilford Ash greas burning no damage

No-9 March 21-44 (Grass Fire)

(No Loss)

Time - 4³⁰ P.M. called to Wm Acock farm 2 Mile West of Stokes corner and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile North. grass burning no damage booster line used.

No-10 - April-18

Time - 12⁰⁰ A.M.

called to the R. E. Pember Farm Home or the old Fisk Farm 2 Mile East of city on U.S. 112 to extinguish grass fire burning in center of old Race Track. Paddles used nothing from truck no damage.

(Grass Fire)
(No Loss)

No-11

April-18-44

Time called 2⁰⁰ P.M.

Called to Raymond Goyer Farm 7 1/2 Mile North West of City or 13 Mile West of Spruce corner.

Sparks from chimney set fire to Roof burning left hole through West side of House - 1 - Large

Chemical used

Route - No-6

(House Fire Loss)

No-12 - April-19

Time 1¹⁵ P.M.

Called to the Hugh Holderbaum Farm 1/2 Mile West of Batavia Baptist Church

Grass burning nothing used.

Mail Coldwater Route - 2

(Grass Fire)
(No-Loss)

No-13 -

Time - 1225 P.M.

Called to William C. Rickett home at 500 E. Chicago road paper burning in Fire Place filled house with smoke no damage

(House no damage)

No-14

July-19-44

Time - 300 A.M.

Called to Ray Sroufe Farm 3 Mile north on U.S.-27 + 3 Mile East

Fire started in Garage in rear of

had destroyed Garage & Milk house
& had burned into wing of house wing
of house & contents. bushfield fire stopped
in upper part of house with damage
to roof and upper floor. Booster lines
used
(Garage Milk House & House)
Loss - \$2503.75-

No - 15-
July - 23 - 44 Time 1:30 P.M.

called to extinguish grass fire near
cottages on West side of Grays Lake near
Hodunk. Owner Mr. W. L. Gray Union
city. Booster lines used no damage.

(Grass Fire
No damage)

No - 16
Aug - 8 - 44 Time - 2:30 P.M.

called to extinguish grass fire at
W. L. Park farm 3 miles south of city on
old Coldwater Lake road. Booster line used
fire started by Mr. Park had burned to
farm of Mr. C. L. Stander on arrival of truck.

(Grass Fire
No damage)

Mo-17

Aug-9-44

Time-3³⁰

called to extinguish grass fire on farm of Ora Wood 3¹/₂ Mile North of City on U.S. 27
out on arrival fire burning near barn
nothing used from Truck.

(Grass Fire)
(No damage)

Mo-17 - Aug 10 - 44

Time 3⁰⁰ P.M.

called to Mrs. A. Finnan home 1¹/₂ Mile West of City on U.S. - 112 grass burning extinguished with footer line & paddles
Afton Fox Tenant.

7755 Morgan St So.

Chicago Ill.

(Grass Fire)
(No Damage)

Mo-18

Aug-11-44

Time 11³⁰ P.M.

called to Wolverine Portland Cement plant to extinguish fire burning near buildings in grass & coal dust
North of plant Footer line used

(Grass & coal dust)
(No damage)

40-(19)-

Aug-25-44

Time-4³⁰ P.M.

Called to Willow Brook Road $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile East of City then South from U.S. 112, to extinguish grass fire that had started near the New York Central Tracks + had spread south to the farms of Mr Frank Pope + of Mr Martin Ford. Small amount of damage to seedling + fence posts, called by Mrs Ford, Booster line + paddles used. Returned to station at 5³⁰ P.M.

Grass Fire.
Loss

Driver - Harold Barnes
Firemen - G. O. Gist - Roy Wood
Clarence Loveless, + Chief Lewis K. Ginn.

(20) John Manock

Oct-31-44
Time-7²⁰ P.M.

Grass burning near buildings on John Manock Farm 3 Mile West of City on Branch Road. Booster line used to extinguish fire that was burning near cottage on Spring Lake.

Subscriber to Truck. Ins Farmers
mutual.

No - Damage
Driver - Crawford (Grass Fire)
Firemen - Garvin - Hennighan + Jagues
(Grass Fire)

(21)

Nov-3-44

Time 3³⁰ P. M.

called to Leon Urbon Farm 3 1/2 Mile
East of U. S. 27 on State Street to
extinguish fire that was burning in
woods paddles used to put out fire
no damage done. called by Mrs
Urbon. Ins. Farmers Mutual
Driver. Barnes
Firemen. - Garvin - Gist + Wood.

(22)

(Grass Fire)

Dec-16-44

Time-10⁰⁵ P. M.

called to United Trucking Co. Garage
5 Mile South on U. S. 27. Fire started around
stove pipe where straw had collected around
it in upper floor of Barn.

Fire out on arrival. Nothing used
Mr Beagle manager + Tenant
Ins Farmers Mutual (No. Damage)

Driver - Crawford.

Firemen - Garvin - Gist + Miller

No - (23)

Dec - 24 - 44

Time -

called to William Flint farm 11 Mile south on St. S - 27. clothes hanging to near stove pipe in upstairs of tenant house occupied by Jack McLugan caught fire sitting fire of to bedding + burning small hole in floor neighbors carried bedding out door + extinguished fire, discovered by young son who was alone in house at time. Nothing used from truck. out on arrival. called from Kinderhook Store. (Loss \$5000)

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Gist - Reed - Hodgman

No - 24 - Dec - 22 - 44 Time 6:10 P.M.
American La France truck made run to Union City to assist at fire in Coldwater Provision Co - Locker Plant out on arrival. called by Alderman Flecker.

Driver - Crawford

Chief Firemen - Gist - Culbert + Lovelace
(Damage)

Rural Fires for - 1945

No-1

Jan-22-45

Time 8³⁰ P.M.

called to Bethel School No-5

Fire started from Furnace on floor.

Booster lines extinguished fire

Ins Farmers Mutual

Driver-Barnes

Garvin-

Loss - \$417.82

Overheated Furnace

No-2

Feb-6-45

Time - 4³⁰ P.M.

called to Mrs. Fanny Tompkins
Home West of Store at Girard.

Fire that had started around Smoke Pipe
in Basement had burned up through
partition to attic. The fire which
was confined to partition was quickly
put out with Booster lines.

Ins - Village Mutual (Subscriber to Truck

Loss - House \$900.00
Contents - \$300.00

Smoke Pipe to near sill.

Driver - Crawford - Fireman - Garvin - Gist + Lovelace

No-3 - March-25-45

Time 4⁰⁰ P.M.

called to Ward Gruner Farm to extinguish
fire burning in Marsh near house put out
with Booster Line

Driver-Barnes. (Grass Fire)
No Loss

Firemen - Garvin - Gist - Wood.

Fire No - 4 - April - 43 Time - 11³⁵ A.M.

Called to Carl Ryder farm $2\frac{1}{2}$ Mile East of city just north of Fremont Road on the old Lincoln Lott Farm. Lawrence Wilbertson children with matches had set fire to Barn. Total Loss with 10 Ton of Hay 300 Bales of straw + Farm machinery also 25 Rabbits. Ins - Farmers Mutual. Cause - children with matches (4 Years Old.)

Loss - (\$1970.50)
Barn - \$1000.00 contents \$970.50

Fire No - 5 April - 21 - 43 Time 6⁰⁵ P.M.

Called to Home of Mrs Mammie Lawton South of Bethel Store, drop board had set fire to Bedding. Out on arrival. Damage only to bedding Ins. Citizens Mutual. Driver Crawford. Firemen - Garvin - East + Reed.

House - \$40.00
Loss - contents - \$100.00

Fire No - 6 - May - 3 - 43 Time 4⁰⁰ A.M.

Called to Loyd Mohr farm $1\frac{1}{2}$ Mile south of U.S. 112 on Fremont Road. Brooder House with 500 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb chicks burned. Boomer line used to clean up fire.

Ins - Farmers Mutual
Started from oil heater.
Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Gist - Wood + Jacques

Loss - (\$337.06)

Fire No - 7 - May - 27 - 43 Time 10³⁰ P.M.
Called to F. H. Flandersmeyer cottage
at Pearl Beach Coldwater Lake. Fire started
on north wall under stairs probably from
Radio. Burned hole in floor & part of stairs
confined to the one room put out with
one booster line 240 Gal. water used
Ins. with Hodgman.
Driver - Crawford.
Firemen - Garvin - Bulbert + Jepson

2nd Half of Year Loss - (\$700.70)

Fire No - 8
June - 26 - 43 Time 4¹⁵ P.M.

Called to State Home + Training School
Fire started in closet of under stairs of
first floor in bucket of cleaning material
in Dept. Small amount
of damage done to contents none
on building. Careless Smoking.
Loss - No loss
Answered with full company.

Fire No - 9

June - 27 - 43 Time 9:25 A.M.

Dept called to State Home & Training School. Fire started in Basement of old Main building in pile of old lumber was quickly extinguished with no loss on building except by smoke.

Cause - Set by inmates. (No Loss)

Answered with full company.

(Fire No - 10) Last Half Year

July - 8 - 43 Time 12:15 P.M.

called to old Mr. Baldwin Farm, 3 Mile North of City on River Road.

O.H. Ac Moody Tenant

Fire started in east side of Barn near door, was quickly extinguished with one booster line.

discovered by Robert Ac Moody.

called by Mrs Ac Moody, Inc Farmers mutual. Cause unknown.

Loss - ~~\$400~~ (\$25.00)

Driver Crawford

Firemen - Wood, Loveless & Reed,
(for Garvin.)

(Fire-No-11) Monday - July - 9 - Time - 6⁰⁰ A.M.

called to Guy Fellers farm 8 Miles North + West of City on Union City road. Morris Bell Tenant, 2 - Barns burned with 17 acres hay + some small tools Union City called when water gave out but were not used as we had water before they arrived 1 - Barn + 2 corn cribs saved. Spontaneous ignition cause. called by Mrs Bell Ins Farmers Mutual.

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jacques - Rotins - Kennehan.

Loss - (\$3049.00)
Barn - \$2500.00 contents \$543.49

(Fire-No-12) Friday July - 13 - 45

Time 11³⁰ A.M.

called to Bert Hilborg farm 4½ Miles North + West of City on River Road - 25 x 60 Poultry House burned with about 35 or 40 laying Pullets Put out with Booster lines. called by Mrs - Hilborg. Ins - Harry Spaulding bank - Struck by Lightning.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Miller - Reed - Jacques

Loss - (\$2074.77)

(Fire No-13) Friday-July-13
Time-1¹⁵ P.M.

called to Philip Poloff farm 3-Mile
north on U.S. - 27-1 Mile East + $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile north
 Cecil Jones Tenant. Barn burned nothing
 used. Barn struck by Lightning was
 down on arrival. American To France
 with Garvin driving made the run.
 Returned ~~immediately~~ immediately to
 Station. 12 Acres of Hay + some small
 tools lost. No Ins on Contents
 Ins. in Farmers Mutual on Barn.
 (Loss - (\$1000.00))

Driver - Garvin
Firemen - Hood - Knowles + Teal.

(Fire No-14) July 30 Time 100 A.M.

called to Albert Dorey Farm 2-Mile South of
 city on old Goldwater Lake road House
 occupied by John Perdue burning upper
 part of house badly damaged, cause
 unknown Ins - Farmers Mutual

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Jipson - Reid - Jagues
Loss - \$ 80.00

(Fire No-15)

July-31-45 Time-6¹⁰ P.M.

called to Herman box farm 7½ Mile
South + east of city on Wood Road
Dale Parker tenant. Oil stove overflowed
scorching walls + furnishings of
kitchen. Out on arrival of Truck
nothing used. One Farmers Mutual
called by Will Wood - P.P. No-4
Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Garvin - Wood + Reed

Loss - (\$80.55)

(Fire No-14)

Sept-5-45 Time-12⁴⁵ P.M.

called to Mrs Olive Matheson farm
8-Mile North + West of city on Burlington
road Sparks from chimney set fire
to Roof of House causing much damage
to wing of House all furniture removed
from lower part of house. Union City
Dept also called Booster lines used.
P.P. No-2 Union City
Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Wood - Reed + Teal.

Loss - (\$500.00)

(Fire No-17)

Sept-20-45

Time-3⁰⁰ A.M.

Called to Wolverine Portland Cement
factory to extinguish fire in Coal Hopper
and dust on roof. Not much damage.
Subscriber to Truck.

Driver Crawford

Firemen - Garvin - Jagues + Teal

Loss -

(Fire No-18)

Oct-15-45

Time 2¹⁰ P.M.

Called to Harley Norihave farm Barn
~~was~~ destroyed with 20-Ton Baled Hay
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Baled straw 2-Hogs 1 Heifer calf
and some farm Tools House + Poultry
House damaged but sent out with Boole's
lines, Cause unknown

Ins - Farmers Mutual. Farm located
5-Mile south on U.S. -27-2 Mile West +
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile South. R.R. No-2

Driver Crawford

Firemen - Garvin - Wood + Teal.

Loss (\$2713.20)
Barn - \$1282.⁰⁰
Contents \$1431.20

Fire No-19-



Oct-27-45

Called to Hodgman cottage at Morrison Lake. Fire started near Fire Place burned up through partition to attic extinguished with Booster line. P. S. Munna and party in cottage. Small amount of damage done. Called from Emmett Store at Lake.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Wood, Hurley & Miller.

Loss - \$120.93

Fire No-20

Nov-20-45

Time - 6:50 A.M.

Seely Morey Farm Home $4\frac{1}{2}$ Miles South of City. Fire started in kitchen around stove pipe got much damage 1-Booster line used. Ins. Farmers Mutual.

Driver - Barnes Loss -

Firemen - Robins - Teal - Reed.

Loss - House - \$25.00

Fire No - (21) Dec - 4-45-

Time - 1:30 P.M.

Robert A. Duboise House first West
of Oak Grove Cemetery on H.S. - 112.
Fire started in north wall of kitchen
and was burning in attic on
arrival quickly extinguished with
booster lines. Cause probably started
from thawing pipes.

Called by Geo. Duboise.

Ins. with Chas. Howe

Loss - \$300.00

Driver - Barnes.

Firemen - Jim - Garvin - Jaeger.

(Paid to ^{Ins.} Robt Duboise) & Paid up to Dec 4

(Fire No (22)

Dec - 13-45

Time - 8:00 P.M.

Called to Robert Paradine farm Home
5 Mile south on H.S. - 27 and $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile west
Fire started around stove pipe in
living room & burned up through into
attic. Extinguished with Booster lines
3 - Rooms & some furnishings badly
damaged.

Cause overheated stove pipe.

Ins. - Farmers Mutual - Loss - House - \$500.00

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jaeger - Wood & Teal

(Fire No - 23) Dec - 15 - 45
Time - 10²⁵ A.M.

Called to Beasie Taylor farm 4-Mile east of Girard. House was nearly down on arrival of truck. Fire started in upper east end of House probably from sparks from chimney. Nearly all of the furnishings & canned fruits were saved.

Paul Reese Tenant - Mrs Hugh Wagner Guardian, ~~of~~ called by Rott Wagner,
Ins - Farmers Mutual
driver - Crawford.

Firemen - Miller - Jagues + Wood.
(Loss - \$1200.00)

(Fire No - 24) Dec - 20 - 45
Time - 7³⁰ P.M.

Called to Forrest Haylett farm Home at Bethel corners upper part of House + living room badly damaged. Cause unknown first discovered around bed in upper room. Bronson also called. Returned to station at 1⁰⁰ A.M.

Ins - Farmers Mutual
driver - Hore

Firemen - Garvin - Jagues + Reed.

Loss - House \$1500.00
contents - \$300.00

(Fire No - 25 - 45) Dec - 23 - 45
Time - 5⁰⁰ P.M.

called to G. B. Williams Farm No - 4
Garfield Ave. Tractor on Barn floor
back fired setting fire to tractor. Fire out
on arrival of Trucks nothing used.
Full company answered.

Ins. - Farmers Mutual.
Drivers - Gore + Gillespie
Loss - No Loss

(Fire - No - 26) Dec - 23 - 45
Time - 11⁴⁵ P.M.

called to B. M. Geluff farm 4 Mile
south of city on M. S. R. Motor in
furnace of Blower of tenant house
burned out filling house with
smoke. No damage except to
Motor. Ins. - Farmers Mutual.
Subscriber to Truck.

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Garvin - Jagues + Smith
Loss - \$15.00

(Fire No - 27)

Dec - 28 - 45
Time -

called to Robert E. Lawther dairy $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile East Chicago Road. Fire of unknown origin that started in Boiler room was burning through roof was quickly extinguished with 3 - Booster lines. Involved in damage were Boiler room Pasteurization room and roof with whole building involved in loss from smoke. Alarm answered by full company. Ins -

Loss - Building - \$1500.00
Loss - contents - \$3500.00

Fire No - (28)
Jan - 14

(Fires - 1946)
Time

(No - 1)

called to Robt Lawther Dairy fire started around chimney burned hole in Roof, + partition Booster lines used to extinguish fire slight damage to machines. Rural + La France trucks used Ins - Farmers Mutual

Drivers, Crawford - Rural
" " Garvin American La France

Firemen - Jagne - Wood - Reed

Loss - Building - \$5500.00
contents - \$1183.89
Total \$6683.89

(Fire No 2)

Jan - 19 - 46

Time - 6:20 P.M.

Called to Robt Weinmiller's Home
2 1/2 Mile North of City on Union City
road fire of unknown origin near
bathroom destroyed home & contents
small amount of damage to shop
hole burned in roof.
Coldwater - Union City - Quincy
called. I was with Sanford Agt.
Subscribe to Truck.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Garvin - Wood & Reed

Loss on Building -
Loss on contents -

Fire (No - 3) Jan - 25 - 46 Time 2:10 P.M.

Called to Hodunk Store sparks from chimney
set fire to roof. one line used from State
Truck. Store owned by Gerald Reed.
Union City also called were not used.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Garvin - Jagues - Reed

Loss Building -
Loss - contents -

Fire - (No - 4) Feb - 21 - 46

Time -

Called to Tekonsha where 5 Business places were burning made trip with American La France were first to put water on fire pumped through 2 lines Marshall was next with one line Tekonsha + Union city had pumps frozen. Temp - 2° below zero Fire discovered by Truck driver started in Millman garage spread rapidly through other buildings brought under control at Bank Building driver - Barnes Firemen - Garvin - Jague - Jepson + Wood.

Fire (No - 5) March - 9 - 46

Time - 9:00 P.M.

Called to Wolverens Portland Cement Co. Fire of unknown cause had gained much headway before discovery. Engine room total loss with equipment. 800 ft 2½" Hose used from American La France to bring fire under control pumped water 4 hrs from coal dock at Lake. Nightwatch William Marvin last round driver - Crawford 8:15 A.M. Firemen - Jepson - Hurley - Jague - Reed

Loss on Building - \$60,000.00
Loss on contents -

(Fire No-6) Jan-3-46
Time 3⁴⁰ A.M.
1936 - De Sota car owned by J. T. -
Stryker caught fire on Route Road
west of cemetery badly burned.
short in wiring. Lost Auto Owners
driver - Crawford
Full company responded to call
from Patrol Knob
Loss - \$600.00

(Fire No-7) Time 3⁰⁰ A.M.
May-9-46
called to Alfred box Slaughter
house & Meat Market. Fire that
started in roof of smoke house
was quickly extinguished
with 2 Booster lines from
new truck.
(Loss - \$1500.00)

Ins. Farmers Mutual
driver - Barnes
Firemen - Garvin - Teal
Reed.

(Fire No - 8)

Time - 1:30 P. M.

May - 26 - 46

Hodes on Cartis Canon farm
Howard Canon tenant. Fire started
around chimney from overheated
stove pipe. small amount of damage
to partitions. Ins. Farmers
Mutual. R. R. - No - 2 Coldwater

Driver Crawford

Firemen - Jagne - Wood - Reed

(Loss \$341.11)

(Paid to Mrs Mary Carr Fire)

(Fire - No - 9)

June - 10 - 46

Time - 7:00 P. M.

Miss Mary Carr - Route - 1 - Union City
owner. Mrs Margaret Thayer
tenant Barn burned cause unknown
booster line used to wet house & chicken
coop. Complete loss with storm
windows & screens & some used
lumber. Ins - Farmers Mutual

Driver - Barnes + Fore

Full company answered.

Loss - \$200.00

Jan - 19 - 46

(Fire No - 10) Time 8:00 P.M.

called to R. ~~at~~ L. Pember Home 2
Mile East of City on U.S. - 112 - the
old Fisk Home. Chimney burning
out filled House with smoke
No damage except from smoke

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Zinn - Jacques + Wood

Ins - Harry Spalding

Loss - \$100.00

(Fire No - 11) June - 23 - Time - 6:00 P.M.

called to Peter Bronson farm
Larry Bronson 4-year old ~~son~~ grandson
had set fire to straw stack at West end
of Barn. Tractor + fence used to pull
stack away from barn. Bronson Dept.
also called arrived shortly after Goldwater
arrived. No damage other than stack of
straw. Ins Farmers Mutual
11-Mile south + West of City in Bethel Twp.
R. Route No - 1 Goldwater

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Reed - Neal - Wiser.

(Loss - \$100.00

(Fire No-12) June-24-46 Time- 5-45 P.M.

^{Mrs} ~~Jeffries~~ ^{Jeffries} called to A. F. ~~Jeffries~~ Store + Dwelling
12-Mile West of City on Holon road.
Fire that started in closet on upper floor
had involved store proper and was burning
in wing on east side Bronson Dept was
first at fire but lack of water soon had
fire out of control. Holon and Union City
were called. Bronson laid line of $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hose
to Pond 800 ft from fire but were unable
to take suction. Holon set their pump
and pumped through Bronson line
but were unable to do any good as store
was nearly down when they got water.

Mr + Mrs Jeffries + Mrs Jeffries mother
occupied the rooms in store, where Mrs
Jeffries operated a beauty parlor.

Store + Dwelling complete loss
Most of contents of Store + Home on lower
floor were removed.

R. Route - Bronson

Insured -

8-Room Dwelling + Store

Driver Barnes
Firemen - Reed - Teal - Wood.

(Loss -

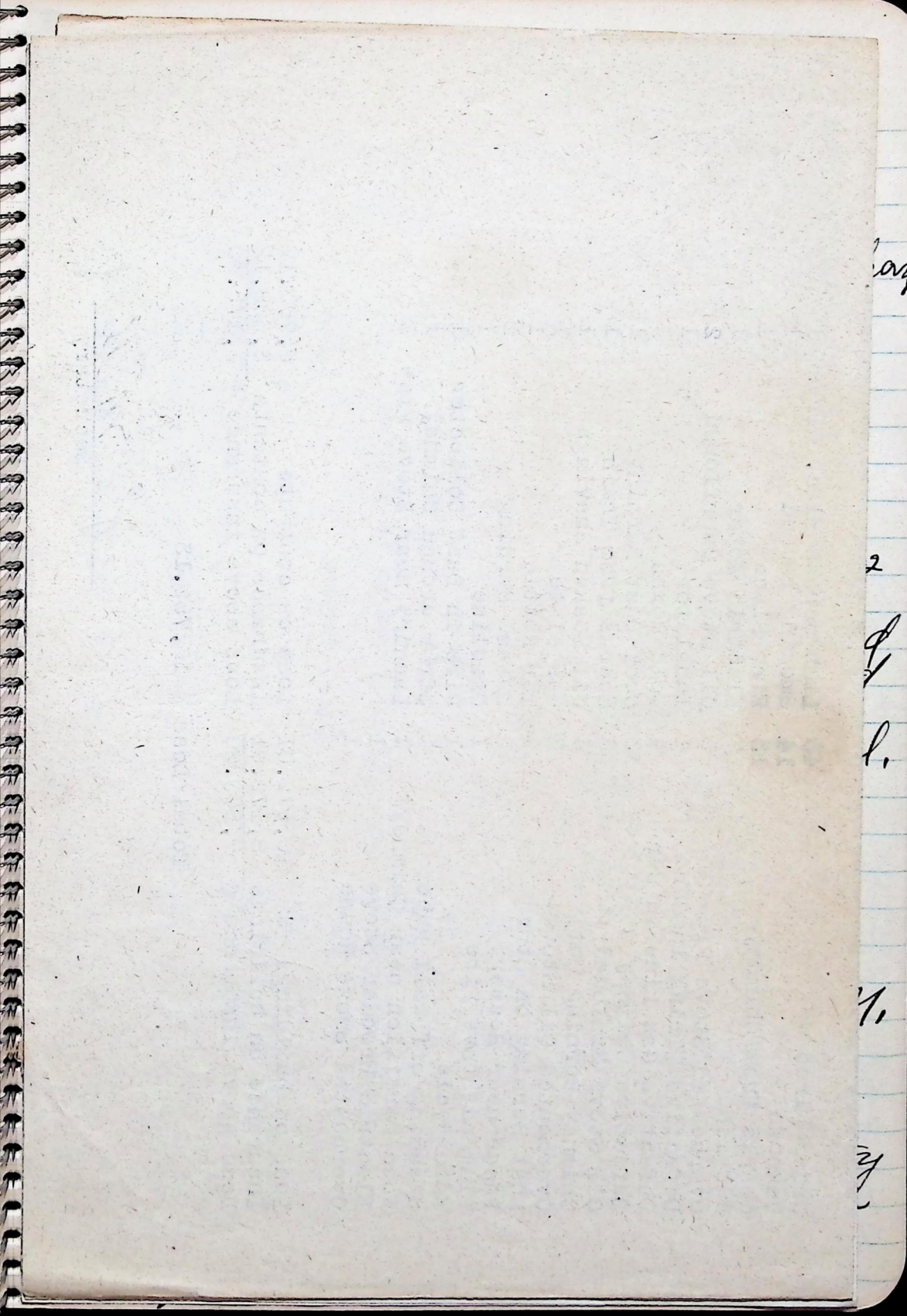
(Fire No - 13) July - 4 - 46
Time - 11:05

Called to Fred Wyatt cottage at Morrison Lake on the North Drive to extinguish grass fire out on arrival fire started from outdoor incinerator burning papers.
R.R. Coldwater - No 16.

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Jacques - Wiser - Jefferson.
(No Loss)

(Fire - No - 14) July 5 -
Time -

Called to Nelson Hye Farm Garford King Tenant 9 Mile South on U.S. 27 - then 2 Mile West 2 - Barnes 1 - 34 X 64
1 - 22 X 6 were down on arrival cause probably spontaneous combustion. Also contents
12 - Ton of New hay 12 - Bales of old hay 400 - Bushell of Oats
75 - Bushell of Wheat 14 shock of corn - Milking Machine and some small tools



Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1940

Ald. Baum moved that the Council approve the following rules governing the Fire Department as presented by the Fire Chief and Fire Committee. Motion carried.

Section 1. All drivers to consider their employment by the City: To be subject to the orders of the Mayor and Common Council, or the duly appointed agents of the Council and will be subject to call at any time.

Section 2. The duties of the drivers shall consist of all the janitor work in the City Building with the exception of that part occupied by the Board of Public Works.

Section 3. All the equipment must be kept clean and in good condition. Trucks to be checked daily. Hoses to be checked and cleaned after each fire in which they have been used.

Section 4. Floors to be mopped and windows and blinds cleaned each week, or as often as conditions may make it necessary. Sleeping rooms to be swept and dusted, beds neatly made each day. Repairs, sweeping and dusting, walks cleaned, or any other work of that nature to be done each morning or any time that may become necessary.

Section 5. Drivers will work on twenty-four hour shifts. Meals to be taken in the building. No driver to leave the building for any purpose other than City business during his hours on duty. Or to leave at his usual time for shift change until his relief man is in building ready for work.

Section 6. No work but that required of you as an employe of the City shall be carried on in the City Building during hours on duty.

Section 7. Vacations will be of one week duration. During that time the Department will operate on a three man schedule.

Section 8. One driver to be on main floor and available to the public at all times during the day unless called to a fire. Or while his work takes him to upper part of building.

Section 9. All work in the Department to be divided as equally as possible.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1944.

Number of regular alarms	97
" " still "	6
" " rural "	27
" " false "	1
Courtesy call to Allen	1
" " " Union City	1
Total Alarms	<u>133</u>

The alarms occurred in the different months as follows:

January	21	July	11
February	10	August	16
March	15	September	2
April	17	October	14
May	3	November	8
June	3	December	13

Alarms between the hours of 6 A. M. and 6 P. M. were	93
Alarms between the hours of 6 P. M. and 6 A. M. were	40

Locations of fires by wards.

First	27	Third	24
Second	23	Fourth	29

Average attendance of firemen out of a possible 12, 11 21/100 men per fire.

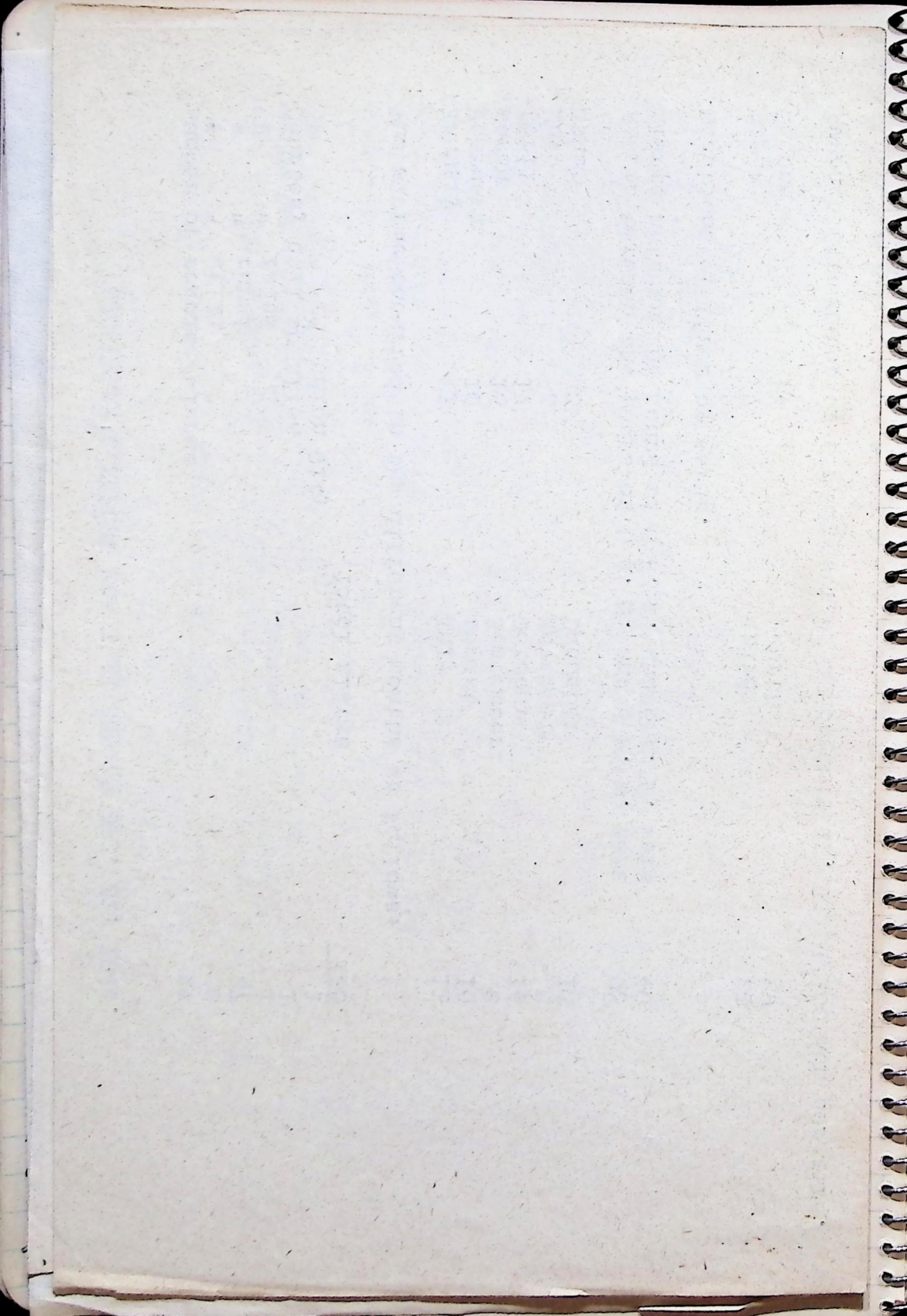
Causes of fires, and other reasons for calling Fire Department.

Grass Fires ✓	43	Limb across Elec. Wires	1
Unknown	14	Smoking in Bed	1
Sparks from Chimney	13	Fire Place	1
Rubbish	7	Electric Motor	1
Overheated Stove Pipe	✓ 5	Oil Stove Overflowed	2 ✓
Defective Wiring in Car	4	Inhalator	1
Defective Gas Line in Car	4	Mold Boxes	1
Defective Chimney ✓	3	Coal Dust Burning	1
Oil Stove Exploded ✓	3	Sparks from Train	1
Chimney Burning Out	4	Oil Soaked Shavings	1
Overheated Oil Stove ✓	2	Gas Plate ✓	1
Meat Burning on Stove	2	Tar Kettle	1
Paper near Heater	2	Grease Burning	1
Plugged Stove Pipe	1	Gasoline	1
Motorcycle	1	Fire in Dust Collector	1
Steaming off Wall Paper	1	Straw around Chimney	1
Wood Partition near Chimney	1	Laundry near Stove Pipe	1
Electric Brooder Stove ✓	1		
Overheated Smoke House	1		

Loss on buildings \$	10,972.01	Loss on contents \$	5,783.12
Insurance on buildings	8,172.01	Insurance on contents	3,608.12
Loss above insurance \$	2,800.00	Loss above insurance \$	2,175.00

Total Loss \$ 16,755.13

R. E. Miller
Secretary



Loss in Farmers Mutual
Loss probably around \$7000.00

Driver Gillespie

Firemen - Garvin - Niser - Hennighan

(Fire No - 15)

Loss - Bldg	\$1400
Contents -	\$742.88

July - 13 - 46

Time 4⁰⁵ P.M.

called 7 Mile West of city on U.S. - 112
in Batavia Twp. near Vicksburg to
extinguish grass fire that threatened
Pat. Burk Honey Boozer line used
no. damage done.

Ins. Farmers Mutual.

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Garvin - Teal + Reed
(No - Loss)

(Fire No - 14)

July - 20 - 46

Time - 11²⁵ A.M.

called to Rex Nibble farm 8 Mile
north + West of city on Union City
road. Barn burned with 20 tons
hay 700 Bw. late Dairy feed
1-dial mower and other small

tools, Spontaneous combustion
caused, called from Feed store at
Hodunk. Barn was 30 x 45 feet.

Union City was called around
shortly after coldwater.

Mail from Union City Route No-1
Lns (Farmers Mutual.)
20-bord of wood also burned.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Garvin - Teal -
Sist - for -

(Loss - Bldg. \$2000.
contents \$1,500.)

(Fire No-17) July - 31 - 46
Time - 11:20 A.M.

Called to State Home farm on
Michigan Ave. Roof of East Barn
nearly burned off on arrival of Dept.
Said to have been set by Robt Smith of
the State Home. Water taken from
~~reservoir~~ reservoir on hill, line 2 1/2 in
and 2 - Boger lines used.
1100 Bushels of corn & 5 Ton of Hay
Burned. Barn 35 x 75 ft

^{Loas}
Driver Gillespie + Crawford
Full company answered.

(Fire No - 18) Aug - 3 - 46

Time - 9⁴⁰ A.M.

called to Geo. Greenwalt farm
4.9 mile west on U.S. - 112 Fire
burning along railroad track
set by section men who were
burning off grass on right of way
Greenwalts were concerned about
that field near by as they did not
know Section men were burning
grass. (No damage)

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Garvin - Jagues - Hurley

(Fire No - 19) Time - 11³⁰ A.M.
Aug - 7 - 46

Grass burning on Grand St near
Mud creek No damage
Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Garvin - Jagues + Reed

(Fire No - 20) Aug - 7 - 46
Time - 2⁴³ - P. M.

called to Elsie Gorman farm 1st
House south of Fish School on east
side grass fire burning threatened
House & buildings. Booster licensed.
cause unknown, M. C. Tassenden
tenant, called by Jo. Hickey.
Driver - Farmers Mutual,
Driver - Crawford.
Firemen - Garvin - Jepson
Henneghan. (No - damage)

(Fire - No - 20) Aug - 8 - 46

called to Carlton Perry farm in Girard
first farm west on North side. Barner
Wilson Tenant.

1 - 35 x 70 - Barn 1 - 35 x 45 Barn corncrib
Sheep shed & chicken house Milk house
+ Pump house all burning on arrival
30 Ton Baled hay + Farm tools destroyed
Thot. to have started in Baled hay.
(Loss - \$4,086.

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jagues - Reed - Wood.

(Fire No - 22) Aug - 12 - 46 Time - 3:00 P.M.
called to Drville ^{Wise} farm 5 Mile south
on U.S. - 27. Grass burning set fire
to pile of lumber in field
Alarm turned in by Big King who
saw fire burning while drinking by
Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Wood - Reed + Gist
Ins - Farmers Mutual
(No Loss)

(Fire No - 23) Aug -
Time -
called to Robt McCollough farm
8-Mile South on U.S. - 27 then $\frac{1}{4}$
mile east grass burning overmuck
called by Reed for Mr McCollough.
Ins - Farmers Mutual
Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Reed - Teal - Wiser
(No Loss)

(Fire No - 24) Aug - 24 - 46
Time - 10:30 P.M.
called to Wilford Horton home 7 Mile
north of city on Morrison lake road
House with contents burned complete
loss. Cause unknown. Ins - Farmers
(Mutual - \$1000 House \$2000 contents)
Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Jepson - Teal - Bulbert for Garvin

(Fire-40-25) Aug-30-46

Time-4:10 P.M.

called to Carl McConnel cottage back
of Linker store at Morrison Lake
McConnells were in Battle Creek
Smoke discovered by Mrs Keith
of Chicago who had cottage north of
McConnells. was coming out of
upper part of cottage. Dept called from
store. Got ~~was~~ furnishing in stove pipe
set fire to ceiling + roof of cottage
on Boosta line used
(Loss - \$113.00)

Driver -

Barnes

Firemen - Jagne - Teal - Wiser

Sept - 4 - 46

Time - 3:00

Edward Williams Farm 3 1/2 miles
south on old Coldwater Lake road.

Driver - Barnes

Reed - Jagne + Larvin

(Fire No - 24) Oct - 15 - 46
Time - 2⁰⁰ P. M.
called to Millers Lake & Mill North +
West of city to extinguish fire
burning in Marsh on the farm of
Leland Wheeler & on the Ben
Grove farm.

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Reed - Binkley + Warner for
Garvin.
(Paid to Millers Lake Fire)

Oct - 22 - 46 Time - 8⁰⁰ P. M.
Girard. Scooter Fire + crash

Barnes -
Firemen - Garvin - Reed - Hinkley
Reed

(Mo-1) 1947 - Fires

Dec - 13 - 46

Time 1¹⁵ P. M.

Called to the Edward Horn farm 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile East of U. S. - 27 on State Street fire discovered by Mrs. Horn in upstairs floor around stove pipe had spread to east wing attic and also up west partition to roof fire was quickly extinguished with one booster line loss around \$200.00 called by Mrs. Horn and I. in Farmers Mutual, cause over heated stove pipe.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Garvin - Reed + Teal

Loss ^{Bldg} \$128.67
contents \$50.00

(Mo-2)

Dec - 16 - 46

Time - 7:35 P. M.

Called to V. H. Weaver farm 4 Mile North on U. S. - 27 - chimney burning out covered house with smoke. nothing used.

I. in Farmers Mutual.

R. R. - Ho - 6 Coldwater

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jepson - Wiser + Ginn

(No Loss)

(No-3) Dec-14-44-Time-9³⁵P.M.

Called to Ray Archer filling station
6-Mile South on U. S. - 27 - Fire burning
on commercial barrier Truck loaded
with 4-bicycles bare fire out on arrival
of Truck. Truck home address 11997
Buffalo Ave. Detroit Mich.
Chas Bast driver. Trailer
License No - 2632 - One tire burned

Loss -
Driver - Crawford.
Firemen - Gavin - Henneghan
+

(No-4) Jan-8-47 Time 3⁰⁰A.M.

Called to C.K. Grocery owned by Clarence
Surger - 8-Mile South on U. S. - 27 Fire caused
by Perfection oil heater under apartment of
Charles Brown. tenant had burned hole in
floor & filled house with smoke Smith had
fire out on arrival nothing used by Dept.
Insured with -
called by Brown from store side.
Loss - \$1. Loss

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Reed - Jague - Wiser

(Fire No - 5) Feb - 20 - 47

Time - 1:10 P. M.

called to Mrs Effie Locke farm $3\frac{1}{2}$ mile east on U.S. - 112 then 2 mile north. Sparks from chimney set fire to roof of North House occupied by her and had involved about half of uprught on arrival of Dept. Quincy came in just after we arrived and with 2 lines from Quincy & 2 lines from ~~our~~ our Truck ~~was~~ had fire under control in short time damage confined to ceilings of upper room & roof.

Ins. Farmers Mutual.

Loss (\$2343.33
\$2865.)

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Gist - Warner & Hinckley

(Fire No - 6) March - 30 - 47

Time - 6:15 A. M.

called to the cottage of John Parker at Crystal Beach

Goldwater Lake. Motor on blower
to Furnace became hot filling
cottage with smoke. Fire in
motor was extinguished with
co-2 by Mr Parker before arrival
of Truck. Motor damaged +
cottage filled with smoke
Ins Hartford Ins Co.

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Jague - Wiser + Sherman
(Loss - \$3500)
Collected \$28.50

(Fire No-7)

April 12-47 Time 11:10 A.M.

Called to Lake View Tourist Camp
House car owned by Lester Swope burning
Started from oil stove completely destroyed
with contents. no Insurance carried.
Mr + Mrs Swope were in Union
city for week end. Called by Mr Roy
Campbell owner of camp.

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Jague - Wiser +
Huckley.
Loss \$800.00

(Fire No - 8) April - 18
Time - 1:50 P.M.

called 9 Mile South on U.S. - 27 where
Ford Truck. Modly loaded with 400
lbs of Asphalt roofing Tar + several
rolls of felt Roofing paper was burning
cause unknown. Rack + 3 Tiers
with load destroyed. Truck owned
by the Herrod Roofing Co of Loganport
Ind. was enroute south driven
by Walter Keck of Kendallville after completing
job of Roofing at Kings Clearers.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Wiser - Jagues - Warner

(Loss -

(Fire No - 9 -) April - 26 - 47
Time - 2:30 P.M.

called to the Robt George Home farm
3-Mile West on U.S. - 102 Roof of House
burning discovered by passerby and
who with help of team had fire
nearly out on arrival of truck.
Edward Webber tenant. sparks
from chimney cause. Damage
about \$5000 Ins Farmers Mutual

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Jagues - Warner - Hodgkynan

(Loss \$3500 Paid \$3600

(Fire No-10) May-7-47

Time - 9¹⁵ A.M.

called to the Chas Church cottage at Pearl Beach, Goldwater Lake where fire started from defective chimney had started in outside partition had burned from ground floor to attic in belotex sheeting doing damage around \$500.00. Extinguished with booster lines. Called by Mrs Church & me with Mrs Max.

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jague - Wiser - Hodgman.

(Loss ^{\$223.50 Paid} \$278.00)

(Paid to June 23-47)

(Fire No-11) June-28-47

called 1 1/2 mile south on Spreague St to extinguish fire in 1946 Chev owned by Chas Harmon. Wiring badly burned also Hood of car. Gas leak probably cause. Ins - 3-A

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Hodgman Jague - Wiser

Wiser

Loss - \$14.50

(Fire No-12) June 30 - 47
Time - 6:00 P.M.

called to H. V. Roberts farm Home
5-Mile east on U.S. - 112 then 1-Mile
north. Quincy Dept had been
called but as the fire had made
such headway it was decided to
call Goldwater. The home of 13 rooms
was nearly down on arrival one
line was used to cool Gas tank &
some ~~of~~ buildings at rear, probably
started by sparks from chimney.
House & part of contents destroyed.
Ins - Farmers Mutual.

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Henneghan - Jacques
Ferguson.

Rural Route No-4 Goldwater
(Quincy Hall)

(Fire No-13) Time 3:50 P.M.
July - 6 - 47

called to Herman Lusk home
4-Mile south on U.S. - 27 then
2-Mile west to Lockwood corners.
Fire started by brook stove charred.
kitchen doing about \$100.00 damage

Mr. Luh who called from Bud
Lockwood home had fire under
control on arrival of Truck.

No Inj.

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jim - Wiser - Furgason
(Loss - \$100.00)

(Fire No - 14) Time - 9:15 A.M.
July - 15 - 47

Called to the Warren box farm to
extinguish fire that started in a
John Deere Tractor owned by Ivan
Box his son. 6 1/2 Extinguisher
used to extinguish fire.

house

Damage around \$2000.00

Ins. Farmers Mutual.

Farm located 4 Miles South of Fisk
School House.

High Pressure Truck answered
with the chief driving.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Wiser - Garvin - Warner.

(Loss \$203.80
\$72.33)

(Fire No - 15) July - 20 - 47 Time - 1⁰⁰ A.M.

called to Randall Shumaker farm
2-Mile North of city on U. S. - 27. where
a fire that started by spontaneous
combustion in Hay completely
destroyed Barn with John Deere
tractor Plough drag + other small
tools + about 25 ton of Hay. fire was
discovered by Mr + Mrs Fred Shultz
who were passing by on their way
home. Ins - Farmers Mutual.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Wiser - Warner - Hunkley
Ferguson.

Revised (\$3200.00
Loss \$4300.00

(Fire - No - 16) July - 20 - Time - 8⁰⁰ A.M.

called to the Milton Shupps farm
3-Mile south on U. S. - 27 then $\frac{1}{2}$
Mile east. Fire that started in $\frac{1}{2}$
oil stove in kitchen had spread
through partitions to attic on arrival
of Dept. there was no one in house
when fire started Mr Shupps +
housekeeper were in barn doing
morning milking the fire was
quickly brought under control

and confined to 2 rooms below
+ the attic above, only the arrival
of the High Pressure Truck saved
the House from a complete loss.
The John Bean High Pressure Fog
truck was used for the first time
on this fire, to support the Ford
General. Contents of the 3 rooms
involved also burned.

Ins in Farmers Mutual.

Rural R-40 - 3 holdwater
Ford General Truck driver Crawford
Firemen - Wiser - Furgason & Warner

High Pressure Truck manned
by driver - Barnes & Chief John

(Loss Building +
contents \$1800.00)

(Fire - 40 - 17) July - 24 - 47

Time - 5:15 P. M.

Called to Howard Swan home 1 mile east of
city limits on Willow Brook road Mr. Swan
set fire to grass in field near house under
control on arrival. Ins. Farmers Mutual
(No. Damage)
driver - Crawford

Firemen - Garvin Jaquez + Hodgman.

Aug - 23 - 47

(Fire No - 18) Time - 7³⁵ P. M.

called to extinguish grass fire that was burning on New York Central right of way about 200 ft west of the U. S. 112 crossing West of Quincy on the south side of Track. Alarm was turned in by a West bound motorist from High Speed station east of Coldwater.

Driver - Crawford (No Damage)

Firemen - Furgason - Warner + Peterson for Jacques.

(Fire No - 19) Sept - 1 - 47

Time - 4⁰⁰ P. M.

called to the Dean Bowen farm home to extinguish fire in small shed that Mr Bowen had purposely started to get rid of building. Alarm was turned in by a passerby on U. S. - 112 who called from filling station.

on corner of 112. Mr Bowen
carried on Ins. on building
being burned. other buildings were
Ins. in Farmers Mutual.

driver - Barnes
Firemen - Wiser - Warner & Minton
(No Loss)

(Fire No - 20) Sept - 9 - 47
Time -

called to Towbridge Stanley farm
house at Crystal Beach Coldwater
Lake. The Stanleys discovering smoke
coming from house and not able
to find out source called Fire Dept.
Smoke is that to have came from
Oil Range in Kitchen as Smoke
soon cleared up and one burner
was found to be open.

(No - Damage)

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Garvin - Jaques
Teal - Hickley

(Fire No-21) Sept-11-47

Time - 7:20⁰⁰ P.M.

called to the foot of Warner's Hill
on U. S. - 27 near Elliot's market
where a tire on a United Service
truck was on fire. The truck a 46
blue tractor Michigan License
No-10-86-20 was driven by
Virgil Richwine of Anderson Ind.
Fasti bat driver saw tire a fire
as truck went out 27 and stopped
driver and called West. driver
had fire out on arrival of truck.
nothing used and damage only to tire

driver - Barnes

Firemen - Jeferson Wiser - Teal
(No - Loss)

(Fire No-22) Sept-20-47

Time - 3:30⁰⁰ P.M.

called to the farm home of
Ernest Vorce 1st House south of

Maple Grove School on east side
or 1 mile south of cement factory.
Fire that probably started from smoking
burned bedding + clothing. Blackened
the walls of upper 2 rear rooms,
burning a hole through floor. The
fire was confined to the one room
and was quickly extinguished
with 2 - Booster Lines. Mrs
Vore discovered fire and called from
the Sanford Home. In Farmers
Mutual. R. R. - No - 2 Mailing address.

Driver - Vore
Firemen - Jagne - Wiser + Minton

Loss (\$1845.00
\$1323.48)

(Fire No - 23) Nov - 1 - 47

Time - 10⁰⁰ A. M.

called to Arthur Bergman cottage on
the south drive into Morrison Lake
Burner on furnace had become faulty,
filling the cottage with smoke + sending
flames out through furnace door most
of damage to furnace. Tenant - Art White

Loss -

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Garon - Hodgman + Warner.

(Fire No - 24) Nov - 3 - 47

Time - 10⁰⁰ A.M.,
called to the Russell Henderson farm
Home 2 Mile south of U. S. - 112 on the
Fremont road. Mrs Henderson had
attempted to kindle fire with kerosene
when an explosion occurred setting
fire to the house and to Mrs Henderson
and her 4 year old son the son
was dead on arrival of dept. Mrs
Henderson was taken to Health Center
badly burned. Mr Clint Carpenter
with Floyd Hollister rural mailman
carried Mrs Henderson and
son who had both got out of the house
away from the flames. House was
completely destroyed with contents
No insur. and carried on any
part of House or contents.

Glen Hart home & church parsonage
across from burning home caught
fire but were quickly extinguished.
Glen Hart - Ins with Spaulding
Lenord Kelly - Ins Farmers Mutual
on contents.

(Loss \$700.00)

Denver - Crawford
Fremont - Jacques - Warner - Sherman.

To Firemen
(Fires paid to Dec-4-47)

(Fire No-25) Dec-28-47-Tues 2⁵⁵ P

called to Funont road on U. S. -112
where a tractor driven by Melvin Nichols
and owned by the Dealers Transport Co
of Detroit was on fire due to a crash
with a Freight car driven by Louis
B. Kehrer Kansas City Missouri.
High Pressure Fog made from 2 lines
Quincy also called fire was out when
they arrived.

(Loss)

Driver Barnes
Fireman Warner - Sherman's firm

Dealers Transport Co.
4151 - Cabot Street
Detroit-10 - Michigan

(1948) Rural Fires

(Fire No - 1) Jan - 1 - Time - 4:50 P.M.

called to the Robt Winemillers Shop +
Home $2\frac{1}{2}$ - Miles North of city on Hancock City
road where fire of unknown origin had
started over heat pipe near ceiling in
shop on south side very little damage
done. Water used from booster line.

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Hodgman - Jagnez + Wiser.

(Loss Insured with Sanford)

(Fire No - 2) Jan - 17 - 48 - Time - 2:00 A.M.

called to Ruben Porter farm 4 Miles north
to little city then $1\frac{1}{2}$ Miles east. Arnold Ostrum
tenant. fire probably started by 38 Ford 2dr
car. in Tool House & Garage building
complete loss with car. 1st in House and
Barn on North also damaged.

Ins - Farmers Mutual
Loss - \$500.00 + \$432.00

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Ferguson Wiser + Jagnez.

(Fire No - 3) Jan - 28 - 48

Called to the Claude Peavey farm
home Easton U.S. - 112 to Fremont road
then 3-Mile South. Sparks from
chimney had set fire to roof and
spread through upper part of House
and upper floor on arrival of Dept.
House with part of contents complete
loss. Lack of water prevented saving
back part of House

Ins Farmers Mutual
House - \$2000.00
Contents - \$1000.00

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Garvin - Hodgman - Hinkley

(Fire No - 4) Feb - 4 - 48 - Time 12²⁰ P.M.

Called to Hasler + Roney Store at Crystal
Beach Coldwater Lake over-heated stove pipe
had set fire where pipe goes through roof
eating inched before arrival of Truck,
not much damage

Ins with Harry Spaulding,

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Furgason - Hodgman - Minton

(Fire No - 5) Feb - 16 - 48

Time - 3³⁰ P. M.

Called to the Diamond School (old water)
No - 9 - 3 - 1/2 mile North of - 8 - 27 then
1 - 1/2 mile east. Fire had started under
furnace that had been set on wood
floor, burning hole through floor
small amount of damage done.
Ins - Farmers Mutual.

Teacher - Miss Mary Anne Murphy
School Board - Leo Paul - John Lewis
Joe Harter.

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Carwin - Jaquez + Warner

Loss -

(Fire No - 6) Time 10³⁰ P. M.
Feb 20 - 48

Called to the home of Mrs Mary Wolson
4 - 9 mile south + West of city on Lockwood road 1st
place south of Black Hawk Mill east side.

Barn + Garage 20 x 35. Burned. complete loss with
garden tractor + small tools. Defective wiring
probable cause. Ins - Farmers Mutual
Loss about \$2000.00 Ins \$5000.00

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Hinchley - Wiser + Furgason.

Feb - 21 - 48

(Fire No - 7) Time 2:25 P.M.

called 11 Mile south on H.S-27 near Silver Lake where a transport truck loaded with 4 Olds mobiles. Owned by the Howard Soder Inc. Co 2400 St Joseph St Lansing Mich. and driven by Allen R. Kimmel of Marshall Mich had an Oldsmobile 4 dr Sedan Serial No - 166-497 - in nose of trailers on lower deck on fire. Driver Kimmel had ~~all~~ unloaded the 3 other cars without damage but was unable to unload the one on fire. Fire that was inside car completely burned out cushions + wiring (Cause unknown)
Ins - Liberty Mutual Ins.

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Jacques - Wiser - Warner.

(Fire No - 8) Feb - 22 - 48
Time - 3:25 P.M.

called to Bethel Store 10 Mile south + west on Bethel Black top road and owned by Rudy Wilkins. where tar being warmed to use on roof became ignited close to building. Out on arrival of dept. nothing used
Ins - Mills Mutual

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Garvin - Furgason + Warner

(Girard)
(Fire No-9) Feb. - 24-48
Time - 4:45 P.M.

Called to the farm of Woodie Mc Bride,
4-9 miles north on Union City road. Harold
Mc Bride Tenant. Fire started when
gasoline leaked into pump pit from
tractor tank and ignited when switch
to pump was thrown in. Shop &
Garage completely destroyed with
contents High Pressure used with
portable pump & also American & A.
France also taken out.

Ins - Farmers Mutual \$600.00
on building

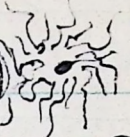
Estimated Loss - Building - \$2000.00
contents - \$2500.00

Owner - Barnes
Firemen - Garvin - Hodgman & Warner.

Loss -

(Girard)
(Fire No-10) 2/26/48 - Time 1:35 A.M.

Called to Warren Goodwin Saw Mill in
Girard Village West of 4-3-27 - fire caused by
backed up stock was burning in dry kiln
extinguished with booster lines from
High Pressure. Damage around \$1300.00
No - Ins. mostly to Timber returned at 4:50
Driver - Crawford Loss \$900.00
Firemen - Jepson - Ferguson & Hinckley

(Farm groups billed to March-1-48) 

(Batavia twp.)

Fire No-11 March-9-48

Time - 6⁵⁰ A.M.

called to the Floyd Lampman farm home
7-Mile west on 86 - then 3-Mile north.
sparks from chimney had set fire to
roof burning small hole through
near deck of upper part of roof. discovered
by Clyde Hawley a neighbor who
carried 100 ft of garden hose over and
had fire nearly out on arrival of Dept.
Address - Hamont City R.R. No-1
Ins Farmers Mutual.

Estimated
Loss. \$200⁰⁰

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Jaques - Wiser - Hodgman

Fire No-12 March-25-48

Time -

called to the Arthur Mohr farm $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile
east of Horvance School in Quincy Twp.
Sparks from chimney set fire to roof of
house fire confined to upper part of roof
Quincy - Holdwater & Fremont called.

(Driver - Barnes) Ins Farmers Mutual
Firemen - Jaques - Wiser - R. Route-3 Holdwater

Fire No-13

March-31-48

Time - 4:15 P.M.

Called to the Edward Stander farm $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of city on Sprague St. Tractor in tool shed back fired and caught fire when Mr. Stander attempted to start it. also set fire to building. Fire was quickly extinguished with 2 lines from High Pressure with damage to building about \$200.00 and about \$250.00 on tractor.

Ins. Farmers Mutual; R.R. No-4

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Garvin - Jagnez & Hodgman.

Loss Building -
Tractor -

Fire No-14

April-8-48 - Time 12:25 P.M.

called to east end of Chicago Ave and also to Willow Brook road where fire was burning in grass along the New York Central Rail Road. Fire to west of Willow Brook road on South side was confined to right of way. Fire east of Sprague started on Rail Road and turned north over land to houses on Chicago Ave

Drivers were on General Ford Crawford - High Pressure. Full company responded.

Tru No - 15-

April - 19 - 48

Time - 11⁰⁰ P. M.

called to the bland Paradine farm
1/2 mile south on U.S. - 27 then 1/2 mile west
Brooder House set fire by Oil Burner
quickly extinguished with High Pressure
lines Paradine + neighborhood
removed all chicks but 4 that were
burned. of 350. (Ins Farmers Mutual)

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jaguez - Nicer - Warner

Loss -

Tru No - 16

April 20 - 48

Time - 7⁰⁰ P. M.

called to the Thompson Buckaroo
Garage 1 1/2 miles west on U.S. - 112
where fire started in dump pile
threatened buildings. 2 - High
Pressure lines used to extinguish
fire. (no damage)

Ins. -

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Nicer - Warner + Hinckley
(George M. Thompson Owner)

Fire No - 17) Time - 4⁰⁰ A.M.
(May - 10 - 48)
called to the Homer McDonald farm 1 1/2
Mile south of Fisk School then 1/4 Mile west
of Fox School. A small barn 16 x 30 ft
with lean to 12 x 30 with contents
completely destroyed. down on arrival
of Hupt. Struck by Lightning
probably cause.

12 Rabbits some hens + 2 setting
ducks also burned fire discovered by
Mr McDonald who was awakened by
glare of fire on window. called from
Hudon as 1/4 Mile west.

Ins - Farmers Mutual)
Driver - Crawford. Barn - 1271.00
contents - \$500.00

Firemen - Wiser - Hodgman + Warner

(Fire No - 18) May 13 - 48
Time - 11:15 P.M.

called to the Mayle Barber ~~farm~~
farm Home 2 - 1/4 Mile south of Garfield
Ave on Sprague St. Electric conduit
in part tree started fire that burned
from cellar to attic doing about \$500.00
damage to partition and roof.

(Ins - Farmers Mutual)
Driver - Crawford Loss - \$661.33
Firemen - Hodgman - Hunkley - Zwigason

Fire No - 19 May - 30 - 48 Time 5:00 A.M.

Called to the Charles Peavey farm home 3
Mile south of Coldwater on old Coldwater Lake
road. Explosion of oil range in kitchen of home
destroyed House & all of contents, and sent
Mrs Ming Peavey the wife and Robert Lee
6 years old son to hospital with painful
burns and Mr Peavey and sons Clyde
& Russell for emergency treatment and
later released. Three smaller children
were taken to the home of a neighbor for
temporary care. nothing was saved
tenants had barely time to get out
of building. (Ins Farmers Mutual)

Loss - \$1000.00

Driver - Crawford Cont. - \$300.00
Firemen - Furgason - Wiser & Jagues

~~Fire No - 20~~ June 21 - 48
~~Time 4:00 P.M.~~

~~Called to the Paul Foster~~

Fire No - 20 - June 2 - 48 Time 4:15 P.M.

Edwin Ganner Tenant - Howard Yearling farm
near road to first turn left 1st House - Chicken House
burned. House on arrival of Truck building 12 x 20
Ho - Ins on Building Loss about \$200.00
Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Jagues - Wiser - Warner

Fire No - 21 June - 21 - 48.

Time - 3:30 P.M.

called to the Paul Foster farm $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of ~~27~~-S-27 on State St. where Barn 42×60 with lean to 24×60 was on fire. Fire that probably started in hay had completely involved main barn which Garage & were completely destroyed with 9 Ton of Hay & 5 ton of Straw. Milking machine Stanchions & drinking cups for 19-cows, Garage & Tool House that were connected to Barn were saved. Clarence Keith is tenant on farm. (Ins Farmers Mutual.)

Loss - Barn - \$3180.00
contents 2000.59

Driver - Brockway
Firemen - Jaques - Wiser & Warner
(Paid to Airport Fire)

Fire No - 22 July 4 - 48

Time - 9:30 P.M.

called to Memorial Airport where grass that was being burned to clear land for grading caused an alarm to be turned in (No damage done)

Driver - Brockway
Firemen - Furgason - Hinckley
Garvin.

(Fire No - 23) July - 9 - 48

Time - 9⁵⁰ A.M.
Called to the Leo Morrissey Mill $\frac{1}{2}$
mily north of Girard on H. S. - 27
Motor in Basement of Mill had
become overheated filling Mill with smoke
Damage confined to Motor.
Loss

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Wiser - Truckley + Hodgman

(Fire No - 24) Aug - 22 - 48

Time - 4³⁰ P.M.

Called to Murphy Dairy Bar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mily East of City limits on H. S. - 112
Motor on Refrigerator compressor
burned out. Damage confined to
Motor.

Driver - Brockway

Firemen - Garvin - Ferguson
Minton.

Loss -

(Fire No - 25) Aug - 23 - 48

Time - 2²⁰ P.M.

called to the Geo Hoblit farm 5 miles south on Rt - 8 - 27 - then $\frac{3}{4}$ mile west North at first turn to first House. Burning rubbish in yard set fire to grass burning into field on the Art Smith farm. Extinguished with fog lines with no damage done. In Farmers Mutual. (No - Loss)

Driver - Crawford -

Firemen - Garvin - Jague - Warner

(Fire No - 26) Aug - 24 - 48

Time 2²⁰ P.M.

called to the L. A. Davis cottage at San Souci Beach & Oldwater Lake where garage was burned. Fire of unknown origin burned garage with loss of about \$500. Two of High Pressure lines used also portable pumps. Line - Chas Kapp.

Loss - \$600

Driver Brockway

Firemen - Garvin - Jague & Warner.

(Fire No - 27) Aug - 28 - 48

Time - 3:00 P.M.

Called to the Fred Miller + Sons farm $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of M-84 - at Batavia center
~~to~~ 650 - Bales of straw that had been struck by lightning were on fire near north end of large Barn. fire was confined to straw without any damage to Barn. Ins. Farmers Mutual.

(Loss - \$300.00)

Driver - Brockway
Firemen - Jacques - Warner - Mintion
(Billed to Treat Farm)

(Fire No - 28) Aug - 30 - 48

Time - 4:40 P.M.

Called to the Frank Treat farm on Garfield Ave - at the end of Jay St where fire of unknown origin had started in Silo. Fire was quickly extinguished with no loss to Barn or Silo.
Loss - Farmers Mutual

Driver - Brockway
Firemen - Garvin - Jacques + Hodgman.
(No Loss)

(Fire No - 29) Sept - 27 - 48

Time - 3¹⁵ P. M.
called to the Clifford North 8 to 11 - 9 Mile
south on U. S. - 27. then 3 Mile west
small Barn 20 x 24 was burning. down
on arrival of Truck. children + patches
probably cause. 2-High Pressure lines
used on barn and other buildings.
Ins - Hodgman Loss - \$500.00

Driver - Barnes

Firemen - Wiser - Warner - Hodgman

(Fire No - 30) Oct - 10 - 48

Time - 10³⁰ P. M.
called to the Donald Clark farm 4¹/₂ Mile
south on old Coldwater Lake road.
Mrs Paul tenant.

Fire had started in bedding from baby
bed that had come in contact with the
smoke pipe in upstairs room fire was
discovered by Mr Paul who heard
youngster laughing and looked up
stairs to see what was going on and
discovered burning bedding. took
Lynn Paul - 2¹/₂ year old from bed and
extinguished fire before arrival of Dept
Ar - Ins on contents - House Ins -
(Farmers Mutual) Loss - \$2500

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Wiser - Warner - Hodgman

Fire No - 31

Nov - 14 - 48

Time - 12⁴⁵ P. M.

called to William Brown farm home 3 1/2 Mile east on U-S-112 to Fremont road then 4-Mile south. Fire that started around stove pipe in upper part of house had burned through outer walls & roof of house on arrival of Quincy and Goldwater Hqts. The fire was quickly brought under control with 4-Rooms & roof badly damaged also part of contents. Loss probably around \$3000.00

Ins (Farmers Mutual)

Rural R - No - 3

Driver - Brockway

Firemen - Garvin - Furgason & Jepson.

(Loss ~~\$2000~~) \$1500.00
contents - 500.00

(Fire No - 32) Nov - 22 - 48

Time - 100 P. M.

called to the Robert Davison farm 4-Mile north & west of city on River road. Large Barn burned with contents. Small barn & Pump house with contents also house saved. Cause of fire undetermined. Discovered by Richard Joughin Tenant. Ins Farmers Mutual Large Barn \$4000.00 Small Barn \$1500.00 contents \$15000.00 Loss probably - \$25000.00 Truck at fire 7 1/2 hrs. Barn - \$6150.00 Driver - Brockway cont - \$15000.00 Firemen - Chief - Minton - Warner & Jaques.

(Not added to Farm group)

(Fire No - 33) Time - 7:08 P.M.
Nov - 25 - 48

Ball came in that boy was burning in a car 3-7 miles east of city on 21-S-112.
A car driven by the Mobit headed west and make a left hand turn cut in front of a car driven by Donald Wigent & Harlow Smith of 66 Liberty St Quincy causing accident. He was hurt and damage was confined to the Quincy car. Quincy Dept was also called also 2 ambulances.

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Garvin - Furgason - Jacques
& Chief Ginn.

Paid To Nov 25-48

(Bronson hall) Dec - 10 - Time - 1:43 P.M.
Fire in basement of White Drug Store
fire started in basement near furnace
burned hole through floor & badly damaged
stock from heat & smoke & water
Sturgis also called Bronson had fire
under control on arrival of Dept.

Driver - Gore
Firemen - Jacques - Minton & Hodgman
(Ford General used)

(Fire No - 34 -) Dec - 10 - 48

Time - 10⁵⁵ P. M.

called $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ Mile North of city on Union City road where a ~~W~~ Lincoln car owned by P. F. Bollers + sons of 169 - Otwa St North West and driven by W. R. Stansbury 112 - Court St Otsego Mich was on fire car completely lost

High Pressure Truck answered call and used one line on fire.
Bar License - F. L. - 32 - 01

Driver - Brockway

Firemen - Jepson - Furgason - Wiser

(Fire No - 35 -) Dec - 15 - 48

Time - 6⁵⁰ A. M.

called to the Alfred Brown home 7 - Mile north of city on Union City road at Hodunk fire had started above furnace in basement of home burning hole through floor and up partitions to attic damaging 2 - rooms below + one above Union City also helped to subdue flames.

Damage ~~House~~ \$2500.00 I use Farmers Mutual
Mail Route No - 1 - Union City
Contents \$973.17

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jague - Furgason + Wiser

(Fire No - 36)

Dec - 23 - 48

Time - 3:00 P. M.

called to the Charles Mill & b. H. Anspaugh
Garage & Sales Barn 1 1/2 Mile east of
Coldwater on U. S. - 112 Overheated stove
pipe had set fire to ceiling and upper
floor of Garage where pipe goes through
floor.

Damage confined to space around
stove pipe

Ins -

(Loss \$50.00)

Driver - Gillespie

Firemen - Wiser - Hunkley - Jacques
Warner.

(Fire No - 37)

Dec - 27 - 48

Time - 3:50 P. M.

called to the Karl Evans home at Batavia
Station first house south of U. S. - 112 on
west side. Burning grass threatened
to get out of control, fire was about out
on arrival of Dept. (No damage done)
(Ins - Farmers Mutual.)

Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Garvin - Jacques - Warner.

No-1 (1949) (Fire-No-1)

Jan-1-49 Time 1:10 P.M.

Called to the home of Mr. Wash, 1 1/4 miles east of city on U.S. 112 where fire that probably started around stove used to heat Hog Kennels a 12x36 building that joins the large Barn was involved. Lion Trib with kennels badly damaged also some damage to Garage & large Barn. 10 - Hogs perished in kennels. Water was furnished truck by Mr. Anderson & Son, Fredric of Anderson's Dairy.

Ins - Building \$2600.00
Contents \$700.00

Driver - Barnee

Firemen - Garvin - Jagne - Warner.
Hodgman.

(Fire No-2) Jan-4-49

Called 3 Miles south of Coldwater on U.S. 27 - where a Bus owned by the Tri State Bus Co. was on fire. Broken exhaust pipe was cause. Bus was transporting pupils from school. Damage confined to Motor.

Driver - Lester Kerwin with - 12 children

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Jagne - Warner - Jim.

Fire No - 3 Jan-7-49 Time - 6⁰⁰ P.M.

called 7-Mile west to Webb School ^{1 1/2} Mile
north then west to Robt Gallup Home House
& contents completely destroyed. Mr Gallup
taken to Hospital badly burned.
Probably started by oil stove

Donald Johnson Owner
Ins Farmers Mutual - House \$10000.00
contents \$15000.00

Dept efforts were on Robt Porter buildings
that were showered with sharks from
burning house Loss on house - \$10000.00
contents \$15000.00

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Furgason - Waiser & Minton

Fire No - 4 Jan 17-49 - Time 2:25 P.M.

called to the Robt McCullough farm 7-Mile south
on U.S-27 then 1/2 Mile east. Fire started to near
house on east wing to thaw water barrels used
in well drilling operations caused damage
to east wall and attic & roof of house to the
amount of about \$3000.00. Quickly extinguished
with High Pressure Fog. Ins - Farmers Mutual
Max Kramer Tenant.

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Garwin - Jaques & Warner.

Loss on Building \$173.14

Called to Bronson - Jan - 27 - 49
Time - 6³⁰ P. M. Return at 8⁴⁰ P. M.

Called to assist the Bronson Fire Dept
on a fire in the box Division of the
Bronson Reel Co. Fire that started from
a motor or wire short on the first floor
had spread to the upper floor badly
damaging stock + interior of building
Ford General used.

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Sherman - Hodgman
Wiser + Furgason + Chief Jim.

(Fire No - 5) Time 10³⁵ P. M.
Jan - 27 - 49

Called to the Si Treat cottage at
Coldwater Lake near Moffit Landing
High Voltage Power line was brought
down by ~~the~~ falling tree making
quite a fire works display. No
damage done to cottage.

Driver - Barnes
Firemen - Sherman - Furgason
+ Hodgman.

(Fire No - 6) March - 13 - 49
Time - 4³⁰ P.M.

called to the Ward Gruner farm
6-Mile north-west of Coldwater at
the north end of Millers Lake. Grass
that Mr Gruner was burning along
fence row jumped road and got
out of control. no damage done.
Ins (Farmers Mutual.)

driver - Crawford
Firemen - Garvin - Warner - Peterson
(No Loss)

(Fire No - 7) March - 15 - 49
Time - 3⁰⁰ P.M.

called to the Paul McCullough farm
7¹/₂ Mile south of Coldwater on R. S. 27.
in Ward Twp. Burning brush
set fire to grass in Orchard and was
burning out of control toward Barne.
Fire was under control on arrival of
Dept. Not much damage done

(No Loss)

driver - Crawford
Fireman - Warner - Hodgman
Smith.

(Fire No - 8) March - 17 - 49
Time - 10¹⁵ A.M.

called to the Charles Rasler cottage at north end of Morrison Lake. Fire probably started from overheated warm morning stove on lower elevation in kitchen and burned through floor to upper part of cottage. Damage to Building about \$2000.00 contents completely lost.

Ins on contents \$4000.00

Ins on Building - \$1000.00 with Hodgman.

Mrs Rasler was awakened by dog and was taken to Hospital suffering from shock + smoke.

Driver - Crawford.
Firemen - Jagne - Warner - Stickney
for -

(Loss

(Fire No - 9) March - 19 - 49
Time - 5⁰⁰ A.M.

called to the Leonard Morell farm 6 Mile West of Union City on Union - Sherwood road 20x24 Two story Garage burning. Sherwood + Union City called operation called Goldwater by mistake call was to have been for Union City.

fire probably started from electric
Brooder.

Driver - Barnes

Fireman - Wiser - Hodgman +
Sherman

Fire No - 10 April 2 - 49
Time - 2³⁰ P.M.
called to 150 - West State street where
a grass fire threatened nearby
buildings, quickly extinguished
with no loss.
Owner - Mrs. Mary Carr
Tenant - C. L. Lulow,

Drivers - Gillispie + Crawford,
Full company responded.

(Ins. Farmers Mutual)
(No Loss)

(Call to Union City)
April - 7 - 49 Time - 10³⁰ A.M.
called to Union City to help
with fire that started in the Ray
Randall flour Mill
Mill + contents completely destroyed.

fire started in several buildings
from flying embers. Coldwater
We extinguished two roof fires
before hooking pumper in river
to cover lumber yard.
Athens - Burlington - Tekonsha -
Bronson + Coldwater assisted
the Union City Dept.
Ford General was used with
Barnes driving + Chief Zim-
merman - Sherman - Rex Hays - Mark
Warner accompanied Truck.
950 ft of $2\frac{1}{2}$ in hose used in two
lines. Pumped water from river.
Returned at 2³⁰ P. M.

Fire No - 11 - April - 8 - 49
Time 11⁴⁰ A. M.
called to Coldwater Lake south of Moffitt
landing where grass fire burned out
of control on land south of Louie
Legg in Ford Twp. no damage
done. Ins -

Driver Crawford
Firemen - Garvin - Minton +
Hodgman.

(Fire No - 12) April - 10 - 49
Time - 4³⁵ P. M.

called to the William Starr farm
home - 4-Mile south on U-S-27
1-Mile west then $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile north.
Grass fire burned out of control.
quickly extinguished with no
damage done (Ins Farmers Mutual

Driver - Crawford
Firemen - Warner - Wiser + Hinckley

(Fire No - 13) April - 28 - 49
Time - 10⁵⁰ A. M.

called to the Guy Bailey farm 6 Mile west
on U-S-27 - then $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile north. Fire
started from burning rubbish set fire to grass
and threatened cottage on Lakeshore. Fire
was quickly extinguished without
damage to buildings.

Ins - Farmers Mutual.
Driver - Crawford

Firemen - Jaques - Sherman +
Wiser.

June - 10 - 49 - Time 9⁵⁰ A.M.

Call to Girard to recover body of Carol Ann Kortright who burned to death in fire that destroyed her home & contents.

Called to Girard to cool down fire that had destroyed home so that that body of Carol Ann who lost her life in fire could be recovered.

Fire started when Mrs Kortright the mother 30 years old attempted to kindly fire with what was supposed to be kerosene the last that followed destroyed home & contents Carol Ann was burned with home Mrs Kortright and son William very seriously burned and both died at Health Center the son at 11³⁰ A.M. and the mother at about 11³⁰ P.M. the same day. Another son Russell 7 years suffered only a burned hand.

Chief Zinn with High Pressure Truck Harold Barnes driving answered call and with undertaker Baggerly recovered body.

Mrs Kortright had apparently poured oil in small can then poured it onto stove as small can was taken from stove by Chief Zinn.

200000 + 100000

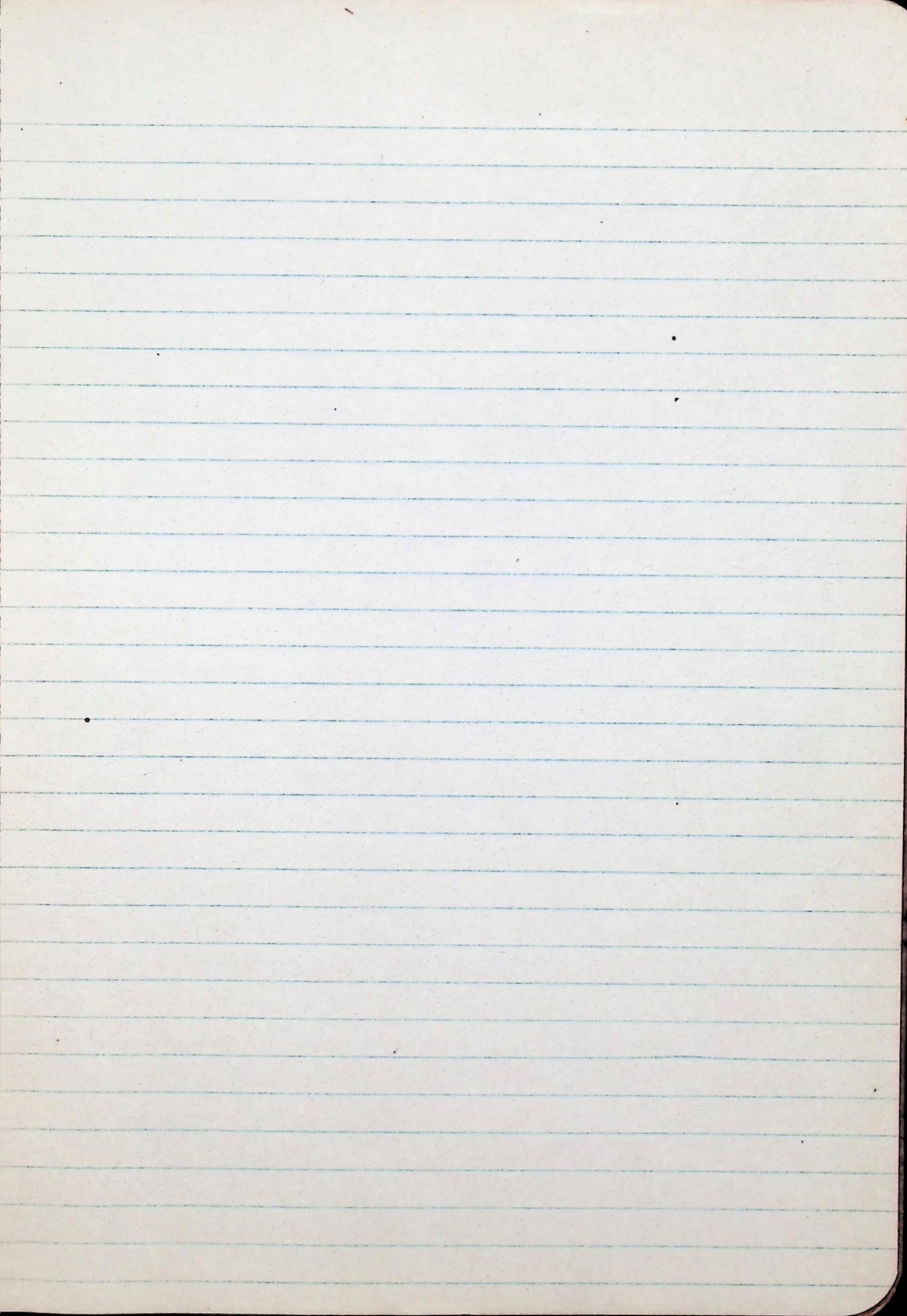
1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the cold air. It felt like a giant hand reaching out to grab me. I shivered and pulled my coat tighter around me. The ground below was a patchwork of green fields and brown roads, stretching out as far as the eye could see. The sky above was a pale, hazy blue, with a few wispy clouds scattered across it. I took a deep breath, trying to take in the new surroundings. It felt like I was starting a new chapter in my life.

2. As I walked through the town, I noticed how different it was from the city I had just left. The streets were narrower, the houses were smaller, and the people seemed more friendly. I saw a group of children playing in a park, their laughter echoing through the air. I stopped for a moment, watching them. They were so carefree, so full of life. I felt a pang of longing for that kind of freedom. I had been so busy in the city, so focused on my work, that I had forgotten what it felt like to just be a child again.

3. The next day, I went to the market. It was a bustling place, filled with people and the sounds of vendors calling out to customers. I saw fresh produce, colorful flowers, and all kinds of goods. I stopped at a stall and bought a bunch of apples. The vendor smiled at me, his eyes crinkling at the corners. I thanked him and walked away, feeling a sense of accomplishment. I had done something, I had bought something. It felt good. I had been so lost in the city, so unsure of myself, that I had forgotten how to do simple things like go to the market. Now I knew. I was back on track.

4. In the evening, I sat on a bench and watched the sun set. The sky was a mix of orange, red, and purple, with the sun a glowing orb on the horizon. The water in the lake reflected the colors of the sky, creating a beautiful scene. I closed my eyes and let the warmth of the sun soak into my skin. I felt a sense of peace, a sense of calm. I had been so stressed in the city, so overwhelmed by the noise and the chaos, that I had forgotten what it felt like to just sit and watch the world go by. Now I knew. I was back in touch with myself.

5. The next morning, I woke up early. The sun was still low in the sky, and the air was cool. I got up and went to the window. I looked out at the town, at the fields, at the roads. It all seemed so new, so different. I felt a sense of hope, a sense of possibility. I had been so lost in the city, so unsure of my future, that I had forgotten what it felt like to have dreams. Now I knew. I was back on track. I was going to make something of myself. I was going to live my life. I was going to be happy.



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