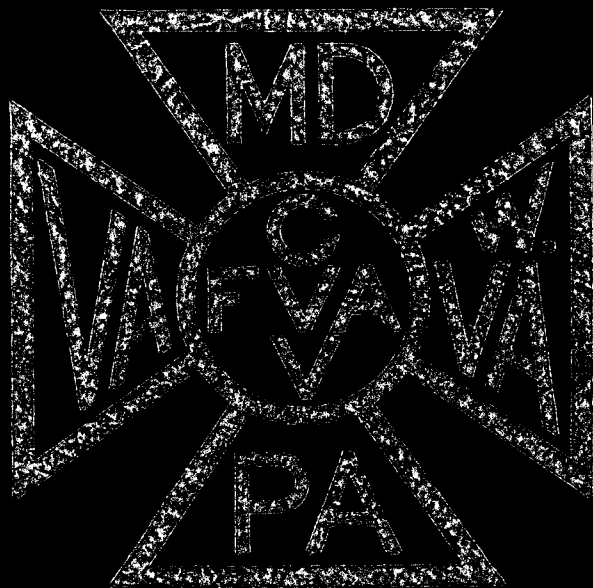


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## Prefatory

The undersigned in the following sketch has not attempted to give a complete History of the association. He has sought chiefly to bring to notice matters which have escaped the attention of our members. Knowing that he has brought together many things connected in the past. This History has been brought down for a period of 40 years.

Care has been taken in selecting extracts which compose the main body of the work, yet as much attention as possible has been given to insure authenticity.

The compiler takes this occasion to return his sincere thanks to its members and the association for the honor conferred upon him as Historian.

G. Fred Gibbs,  
Chambersburg, Pa.

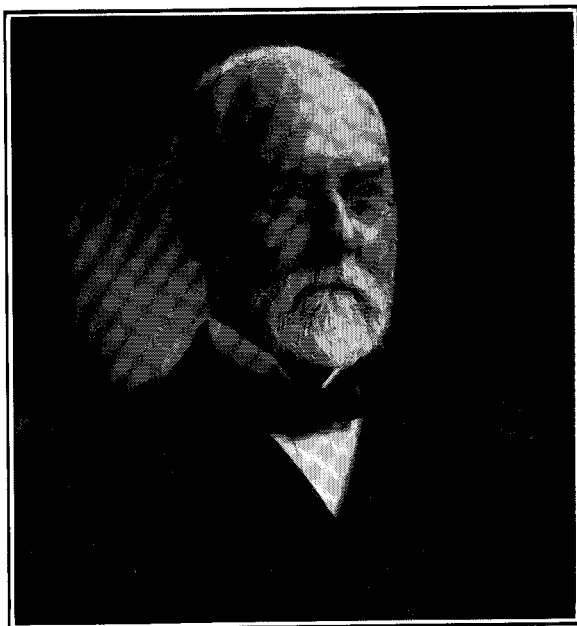
## Ex-Presidents

Ex-Presidents	Elected at	
*W. R. Kline, Martinsburg, W. Va.	Winchester, Va.	1902
*George W. Lutz, Harrisburg, Pa.	Hagerstown, Md.	1903
*Robert L. Gray, Winchester, Va.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	1904
†C. A. Spahr, Waynesboro, Pa.	Waynesboro, Pa.	1905
G. Fred Gibbs, Chambersburg, Pa.	Chambersburg, Pa.	1906
†A. L. Shafer, Chambersburg, Pa.	Chambersburg, Pa.	1907
*John Rowe, Waynesboro, Pa.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	1908
*J. E. Einstein, Carlisle, Pa.	Carlisle, Pa.	1909
*E. B. Munson, Hagerstown, Md.	Hagerstown, Md.	1910
*Chas. H. Clippinger, Greencastle, Pa.	Greencastle, Pa.	1911
†Harry Henneberger, Waynesboro, Pa.	Waynesboro, Pa.	1912
*J. H. Johnston, Martinsburg, W. Va.	Chambersburg, Pa.	1913
*G. H. Bitner, Chambersburg, Pa.	Chambersburg, Pa.	1914
*H. K. Baxter, Shippensburg, Pa.	Shippensburg, Pa.	1915
†P. M. Black, Middletown, Pa.	Middletown, Pa.	1916
†J. L. Bateman, Martinsburg, W. Va.	Hagerstown, Md.	1917
†C. E. Heller, Waynesboro, Pa.	Waynesboro, Pa.	1918
†W. W. Long, Keyser, W. Va.	Keyser, W. Va.	1919
*Robert L. Gray, Winchester, Va.	Winchester, Va.	1920
*Robert L. Gray, Winchester, Va.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	1921
W. J. Roop, Middletown, Pa.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1922
*J. J. Connors, Harrisburg, Pa.	Hagerstown, Md.	1923
Philip Bietsch, Chambersburg, Pa.	Waynesboro, Pa.	1924
*Martin Quinn, Martinsburg, W. Va.	Chambersburg, Pa.	1925
†H. R. McGowan, Westernport, Md.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	1926
Geo. R. Ridley, Hagerstown, Md.	Westernport, Md.	1927
Geo. W. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.	Hanover, Pa.	1928
†H. Clay Manuel, Winchester, Va.	Winchester, Va.	1929
Chas. M. Webb, Shippensburg, Pa.	Shippensburg, Pa.	1930
*J. L. Redman, Harrisburg, Pa.	Winchester, Va.	1931
*C. O. Oyler, Harrisburg, Pa.	Alexandria, Va.	1932
Elmer Gonso, Greencastle, Pa.	Greencastle, Pa.	1933
*M. M. Tawney, Harrisburg, Pa.	Waynesboro, Pa.	1934
C. E. Auld, Martinsburg, W. Va.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1935
Lee M. Lamp, Winchester, Va.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	1936
A. M. Staubly, Martinsburg, W. Va.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	1937
John W. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.	Chambersburg, Pa.	1938
Val. E. Vanderau, Chambersburg, Pa.	Winchester, Va.	1939
John D. Sanders, Hagerstown, Md.	Hagerstown, Md.	1940
Marvin Gonso, Greencastle, Pa.	Greencastle, Pa.	1941
Wesley Shockey, Martinsburg, W. Va.	Martinsburg, W. Va.	1942

†—Membership terminated.

\*—Deceased.

*The Father  
of  
The Cumberland Valley Volunteer  
Firemen's Association*



GENERAL JOSEPH FULTON BOYD

Born in Marion County, Ohio, October 4th, 1832.

In 1853 he began his life as a Railroad man with the Bell Fountain and Indiana Railroad; in the following year became Freight and Ticket Agent. In 1860 became General Freight Agent. In 1861 he left the railroad to enter the Military Service of the United States. He was taken prisoner October 4, 1863 and confined to Libby Prison; on February 9, 1863 he was one of the prisoners who made their escape from the prison. Four days later he joined the union lines and was assigned Quartermaster of the 23rd Army Corps serving under General Schofield, General W. T. Sherman. After completion of his service he was made Brigadier General.

There was never a more modest and interesting man than Boyd and never was there a more polite gentleman than he. He became in 1873 Superintendent of The Cumberland Valley Railroad and remained so until time of his death, March 23, 1907.

Beloved through a long life, full of activity, without a blemish.

ORGANIZATION  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

In the year 1901 the late General J. F. Boyd, superintendent of the Cumberland Railroad Company, father of this association, a gentleman who was known, not only in this community, but throughout the entire country, as one of the most efficient railroad men, who was always performing his duty in an impartial way to all with whom he came in contact, having the welfare of the community at heart, saw the necessity of having better fire protection in our valley towns. After consulting with several friends in regards to the matter, and after having investigated the conditions of all the fire companies and realizing the necessity for a plan by which all towns in the Cumberland Valley can assist each other in case of destruction by fire, he requested Burgess J. A. Hamilton of Chambersburg to write to the mayors of the towns in the valley — Winchester, Martinsburg, Hagerstown, Greencastle, Waynesboro, Mercersburg, Shippensburg, Newville, Carlisle, Mechanicsburg, and Harrisburg — inviting them to attend a conference to be held in Chambersburg, Tuesday evening, August 13, 1901, in Junior Hose & Truck Co. parlor, on North Second Street.

At this meeting the matter of adopting a uniform coupling for all towns in the valley was taken up and by all present approved. The idea was welcomed by forming a permanent organization and from this beginning the Valley Firemen's Association sprang.

A motion was made to make the organization a permanent one, and the officers of the meeting permanent officers.

President—James A. Hamilton.

Secretary—H. A. Logue.

The following were firemen who attended the meeting:

Harrisburg—George Lutz, C. E. Murry, Marion Verbeke.

Mechanicsburg—J. C. Saxton, S. M. Wagoner.

Carlisle—P. W. Morris, Jos. Einstein.

Newville—W. W. Dougherty, J. M. Reed.

Shippensburg—Q. T. Mickey, C. R. Fenstermacher.

Scotland—W. H. Stewart.

Waynesboro—M. E. Sollenberger, C. E. Funk, M. L. Gift.

Chambersburg—General J. F. Boyd, H. A. Logue, James A. Hamilton, G. Fred Gibbs, Christ Frederick, Clay Henninger, W. H. Richter, Frank R. McGrath.

Mercersburg—G. W. C. Myers.

Greencastle—J. A. Carl, J. E. Omwake.

Hagerstown—E. M. Schindle, J. W. Ricker, J. E. Powles, C. A. Spangler.

Martinsburg, W. Va.—W. R. Kline.

Winchester, Va.—James Haymaker, Robert Gray.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Hagerstown, Md.  
May 7, 1903

The second annual meeting was held in the Junior Hall, about 36 delegates being present. Vice President Augustus Hemiel presided. Wellington G. Jones was elected secretary Pro-Tem. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Heimel. Mayor Henry Holzapple, Jr., delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Chas. Scout of Harrisburg responded. President Wm. R. Kline and Secretary Kiger were unable to be present on account of sickness. Mayor Holzapple, Jr., presented the meeting with a handsome bouquet of carnations and at this meeting the following officers were elected for the year 1903-4:

President — George W. Lutz, Harrisburg.  
First Vice President — Jos. E. Einstein, Carlisle.  
Second Vice President—H. T. Garver, Mechanicsburg.  
Secretary — Jos. E. Kiger, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Treasurer — Wm. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

Messrs. Armstrong and Einstein escorted the new President to the Chair, after which he made a few brief remarks and thanks for the honor conferred upon him. After this morning session a banquet was tendered to the delegates at the Franklin Hotel at 3 o'clock. The Addresses were made by President Lutz, Mayor Holzapple, Jr., James Green, Palmer Tennant, Robert L. Gray and Harry Funk.

After the banquet Alarm Box 25 was sounded. The Hagerstown department was out in full to show the visitors some quick work and excellent apparatus and teams.

Delegates present at this meeting were as follows:  
Winchester—Robert L. Gray, James Haymaker, J. A. Long, C. H. Hardy.  
Martinsburg—H. T. Garver, W. R. Kline.  
Hagerstown—George Burkhart, August Hemiel, William Armstrong, Edw. B. Munson and Chas. Spangler, Palmer Tennant, E. M. Shindle.  
Chambersburg—G. Fred Gibbs, Wm. H. Richter, F. D. Rhoads, Alex Lafferty, C. Frederick, Frank McGrath.  
Mechanicsburg—Harry McElhenny, S. M. Wagner.  
Harrisburg—George W. Lutz, Wellington G. Jones, Marion Verbeke, George M. Shook, E. C. Murray, Chas. Scout.  
Greencastle—C. E. Danner, J. A. Carl, J. E. Omwake.  
Shippensburg—John Jacoby, C. R. Fenstermacher.  
Carlisle—Junus Wetzell, Jos. Einstine, Cyrus Spahr, Wm. Green.  
Waynesboro—C. E. Funk.  
Scotland—Wm. Stewart.  
Newville—J. M. Reed.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Winchester, Va.  
July 4, 1902.

On the fourth day of July, 1902, the firemen of Winchester gave a firemen's demonstration in that city at the request of Mr. Haymaker and Robert Gray, they being at the meeting called in Chambersburg, August 15, 1901, when all fire chiefs of the valley met there for the purpose of adopting a uniform coupling for all towns in the valley. The firemen of Winchester issued invitations to all fire companies in the valley to be present and organize what is now called Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association. The meeting was called in the city hall, and officers were elected:

President — W. R. Kline, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Secretary — Joseph E. Kriger, Winchester, Va.  
Treasurer — W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.

A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws and other committees were appointed at the time. Martinsburg was accepted as the next meeting place in 1903. The minutes of this meeting were lost or mislaid as nothing of this meeting is on record, as of many other meetings of the association and the historian of the association will kindly add anything other members of the association will give him of this meeting as the above is about all he can gather.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Waynesboro, Pa.  
May 11, 1905.

The Association met in the Fireman's Hall, the meeting being called to order by President Robert L. Gray of Winchester. After a brief address by the Mayor the regular business was as follows:

Minutes were read and approved. Report of Treasurer was also adopted. All present were anxious to have meeting over as soon as possible on account of lots of excitement on the streets. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President — C. A. Spahr, Carlisle.  
First Vice President—August Heimel, Hagerstown.  
Second Vice President—Adam Forney, Winchester.  
Third Vice President—Edw. K. Ellis, Hagerstown.  
Secretary—Wellington G. Jones, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

The meeting adjourned to meet the next year in Chambersburg.

At this meeting which caused the greatest anticipation in connection with the firemen's meet, the prize drill with a great bunch of rooters. The Chambersburg firemen marched like a glittering army upon the field. The judges were Maj. A. H. Raber, York; Capt. J. W. Brunthouse, York; Wm. H. Long, Hanover. The contest was between the two fire companies of Chambersburg — Junior and Cumberland Valley. Results were as follows: Junior Hose & Truck Company scored 92 points; Cumberland Valley — 95 points.

There was a very large parade. \$1050.00 prizes were offered. Awards: Largest number of men in line — Vigilant of York—105

Company coming largest distance—Keyser of Keyser, W. Va.  
Most attractive carriage—Friendship of Winchester.

Best darktown—Shamrock of Harrisburg, Pa.

Best engine & hook & ladder in line—Junior, Chambersburg

The Springtown Band of York made a fine appearance.

Indian Band of Carlisle lost none of its prestige and delighted many.

Hand Engine of the Baltimore Vetrons was a novelty—Old type fire apparatus with red shirts, reminded all of the good old days when a fireman paraded "good as you please."

Mr. James D. McNiell of Fayetteville, North Carolina, of the National Association, was a surprised and delightful spectator.

The Sarah Zane and Rouss companies of Winchester made a fine appearance in line of parade. The town was in an uproar for three days. Cowbells, Tin pans, brigades were the noisemakers; were out in full.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Martinsburg, W. Va.  
May 5, 1904.

The City was filled with visiting firemen from four states.

The Convention was held in the Hall of the Martinsburg Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by President George W. Lutz of Harrisburg. Mayor George F. Evans made the address of welcome to the firemen on behalf of Martinsburg. Mr. Wm. R. Kline made an address on behalf of the City Fire Department.

The regular order of business was followed. After all was transacted up to new business, election was then in order. Election was as follows:

President — Robert L. Gray, Winchester, Va.

Secretary — Wellington G. Jones, Harrisburg.

Treasurer — Wm. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

A grand parade at 2 P. M. 43 companies were in line, 10 drum corps and 11 bands.

Mr. John Boyd was Chief Marshal, assisted by Roby. Burkhardt and C. A. Miller. This was the largest gathering of firemen ever visited Martinsburg and much credit was given to Mr. Wm. R. Kline for the interest he had taken to make the meeting a success.

Prize drill — Juniors of Chambersburg, 1st place—\$25.00.

Most men in line—Friendship of Winchester—\$35.00.

Best Engine—Cumberland of Carlisle—\$25.00.

Best Appearance in line of Parade—Good Will, Chambersburg—\$25.00.

Waynesboro was elected for the next meeting in 1905.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Chambersburg, Pa.  
May 9-10-11, 1906.

This was a three-day celebration of firemen. The City was elaborately decorated for the firemen. The first day, meeting of delegates and trip to the mountain on trolley.

Meeting of the Convention delegates — 2nd day. Meeting held in Rosedale Theater. Call to order by President C. A. Spahr of Carlisle at 11 o'clock. Rev. Dr. E. H. Leisering of the 1st Lutheran Church made the opening prayer. The President introduced Mr. A. L. Shaffer, President of the local committee, who made the welcome address to the firemen in behalf of Firemen's Association, also introduced the Burgess, Wm. J. Zacharias, who welcomed all the delegates and firemen on behalf of the City. He said it takes a good man and above all a gentleman to make a good fireman, also that you never have cause to regret having to entertain the C. V. V. F. A. anywhere in the Valley.

Meeting for business was in order. Minutes of last meeting read and approved, also report of treasurer approved. It was at this meeting the Constitution and By-Laws were found, bulked and in bad shape, and it was ordered that they be resurrected by a committee and presented at the next annual meeting. At this meeting the decision was made to extend the association to include York, Adams County, Columbia, Middletown, and all towns covering the radius of 50 miles north, south, east and west of the C. V. R. R.

The Executive Committee was instructed to have the Constitution and By-Laws for the next meeting.

The financial standing was very good from report of the Treasurer, W. H. Richter.

The meeting was adjourned to meet for the election of officers.

Meeting called to order by President Spahr.

Election of officers as follows:

President—G. Fred Gibbs, Chambersburg.

First Vice President—Edw. Ellis, Harrisburg.

Second Vice President—H. T. Gabler, Mechanicsburg.

Third Vice President—John Middlekauff, Hagerstown.

Treasurer—Wm. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive Committee who will decide on where the convention will be held next year. There was a very large parade but have not the space to make note of it all.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Chambersburg, Pa.  
May 9-10-11, 1907.

After trying to locate the place for the meeting for the year 1907 by the Executive Committee many places began to hunt for excuses for not having the meeting. The Executive Committee was at sea.

G. Fred Gibbs in the meantime consulted the Chambersburg companies and finally got their consent to invite the Convention back to Chambersburg again for the year 1907 meeting and not to look forward to having a meeting here again for many moons. This meeting was a one day affair, meeting of delegates. Bad weather, chilly support of newspapers of other towns, all helped to account for the companies not present.

At 10:30 G. Fred Gibbs, President, called the meeting to order in the Rosedale Theater. Rev. Clifton White of the Trinity Lutheran Church made opening prayer. Burgess W. J. Zacharias made cordial address of welcome. Hon. W. H. A. Hamilton of Hagerstown, responded. Roll call and minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of Treasurer received. The following officers were elected for the year:

President—A. L. Shafer.

First Vice President—H. T. Gabler, Martinsburg.

Second Vice President—Harry Willis, Winchester.

Third Vice President—Joseph Weisner, Hagerstown.

Secretary—Wellington G. Jones, Harrisburg.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

Vote for meeting place for 1908 as follows:

Martinsburg—20, Hagerstown—18, Gettysburg—8.

The meeting to be held in Martinsburg second week in May, 1908.

A very successful parade was held and everybody was amazed at the crowd of firemen. Dr. J. C. Greenawalt, Chief Marshal, Dr. W. F. Skinner, assistant. The parade was a grand success after which luncheon was served to all at the N. G. T. armory.

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Martinsburg, W. Va.  
May 20, 1908.

Wednesday, May 20, 1908.

Reception for the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association delegates and firemen of the Valley.

Thursday, May 21, 1908.

Meeting of the delegates at the Fire Hall. The attendance of delegates was extra large at this meeting — 44. Meeting was called to order by President A. L. Shaffer of Chambersburg with Secretary Jones and Treasurer W. H. Richter. Rev. Chas. S. Trump, pastor of the St. John's Lutheran Church, delivered the opening prayer. Mayor Harrison delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the City of Martinsburg. Mr. H. T. Gaver respondent in behalf of the Association. Mr. Max Robison welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Martinsburg Fire Department. Mr. W. R. Kline of Martinsburg made a few remarks on behalf of the Association. Meeting adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P. M. Meeting called to order by President Shaffer. After reports of committees, election of officers for the coming year was in order, with results as follows:

President—John A. Row, Waynesboro.

First Vice President—Owen Middlekauff, Hagerstown.

Second Vice President—James W. Barrick, Martinsburg.

Third Vice President—Edward Martin, Greencastle.

There were two nominations for Secretary—Wellington G. Jones and G. Fred Gibbs. First Ballot for Secretary—Jones 22, Gibbs 22. Second Ballot for Secretary—Gibbs 23, Jones 21.

Secretary—G. Fred Gibbs, Chambersburg.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

Meeting adjourned to meet in Carlisle May 25-27, 1909.

Parade in afternoon at 2 o'clock. Col. John E. Boyd, Chief Marshal. 23 fire companies in line, 12 bands and drum corps, 20,000 people witnessed the parade.

Shamrock Company No. 1, which came longest distance, 1st prize of \$25.00; Largest company in line of parade, Franklin Fire Co. of Winchester — \$25.00; Best Appearance Company, Always There H & L Co. of Waynesboro—\$25.00.

Hose Race—Friendship Co., Winchester—38 5/6 seconds.

Hook & Ladder, Waynesboro—36 1/3 seconds.

Drill Contest—Friendship of Chambersburg, Pa.

At this meeting it was decided to meet at Carlisle for next annual meeting, Aug. 25-27-, 1909.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Carlisle, Pa.

August 25-26-27, 1909.

A grand Firemen's demonstration of firemen. Every company almost in the Valley was present and took part in the Parade. Also company from York, Hanover, Middletown. The parade, the largest for some time, was fine day and throngs of people witnessed the parade. The Convention meeting was held in the courthouse. A very large attendance of delegates. Meeting was called to order by President John A. Rowe of Waynesboro, Secretary G. Fred Gibbs, and Treasurer W. H. Richter, being present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of Treasurer read and approved. Expenses for the year were very small. Many new members were added to the list. Debate on By-laws was before the meeting and new Amendments were made. Meeting was opened by prayer and address by the Mayor. The next place of meeting was voted to be Harrisburg. The date to be announced later.

Election of officers:

President—Jos. E. Einstine, Carlisle.

First Vice President—J. Fred Goss, Winchester.

Second Vice President—S. J. Rhoads, Martinsburg.

Third Vice Preseident—A. W. Lenig, Harrisburg.

Secretary—G. Fred Gibbs, Chambersburg, Pa.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.

Contests and Prizes for contests:

Company making the best appearance—Junior Hose & Truck Co. of Chambersburg, Capt. Lester Etter.

Drill—Friendship vs. Junior Hose & Truck Co. No. 2.

Juniors—\$100.00. Friendship—\$50.00.

President Einstine appointed Owen H. Middlekauff as Chairman of Executive Committee for coming year.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Hagerstown, Md.  
May 11-12, 1910.

Big Eagle Convention and Parade held in Hagerstown. The Firemen of the Cumberland Valley V. F. A. met there for their 9th Convention. Delegates from every town in the Valley present, 46 in all. The business of the association was held in the Junior hall at 10:30 A. M. and meeting was called to order by President Joseph E. Einstine of Carlisle. Welcome address by the City Mayor. After regular business was disposed of, the election of officers were as follows:

President—Mr. E. B. Munson, Hagerstown, Md.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Secretary—A. E. Gordon, Waynesboro, Pa.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15. Delegates to meet at Baldwin Hotel at 12:30 and all present were entertained at a fine dinner.

The Big Parade at 2:00 P. M. Eagles and Firemen took part. Winchester Company, Chas. Rouse and Friendships, Martinsburg Fire Department. From Chambersburg—C. V. Hose Co. No. 5, Friendship No. 1, Good Will No. 3. Also companies from Williamsport, Md., Shenandoah, Carlisle, Newville and Mechanicsburg, Waynesboro and Greencastle. The firemen made a great showing in the parade. Friendship No. 1 of Chambersburg, 1st prize for best appearance. For contest drill, C. V. Hose, 1st prize, \$100.00; Friendship—\$50.00. Hose drill contest:

Good Will, Chambersburg	42-13-20
Union Fire Co., Winchester	41 $\frac{3}{4}$
Shenandoah Company	43-17-20
Antietam, Hagerstown	39 $\frac{1}{4}$
West Enterford	39 $\frac{1}{4}$ Tie
Cumberland of Carlisle	39-7-20

Judges for drill contest: Wm. P. Lane, Col. Chas. Letter and Capt. John K. Brukenbaugh.

The Convention adjourned to meet in Greencastle, August 14, 1911.

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Greencastle, Pa.  
August 9, 1911.

The Tenth annual convention of the C. V. V. F. Assoc. was held in the Rescue Hose Co. Hall at 10:30 A. M.

Meeting was called to order by President E. B. Munson of Hagerstown. Meeting opened by prayer by Rev. B. B. Farrel, pastor of Presbyterian Church. Address of Welcome was delivered by Watson R. Davison whose remarks were of a highly humorous character which put the delegates in a good humor and made them feel at home. Regular business in order as follows:

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of Treasurer approved. Reports of Committees after which election of officers were as follows:

President—Chas. Clippinger, Greencastle.  
First Vice President—J. B. Talhelm, Martinsburg.  
Second Vice President—D. T. Gross, Chambersburg.  
Third Vice President—George Garrison, Mechanicsburg.  
Secretary—A. E. Gordon, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.

Meeting adjourned. President Clippinger announced that a banquet would be given to delegates which all enjoyed.

The following day Firemen's Parade—20 companies on hand. Contests and prizes were given. Parade was in charge of Mr. John Reeder, Chairman of Convention Meeting. The next meeting to be held in Waynesboro, June 4-5-6, 1912.



ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Waynesboro, Pa.  
June 4-5-6, 1912.

Meeting called to order by President Chas. Clippinger. Rev. Edward C. Keen made opening prayer. On behalf of the Board of Trade, Secretary J. H. Deardorff extended briefly welcome and then Mr. C. H. Gordon of the Record welcomed the delegates and members in behalf of the City.

President Chas. H. Clippinger made his report and urged that the Companies of the Association should come closer together. Meeting adjourned to meet at 1 P. M.

The afternoon session called to order and these officers were elected:

President—Harry E. Henneberger of Waynesboro, Pa.  
First Vice President—W. L. Fisher of Winchester, Va.  
Second Vice President—Guy Waltrick of Chambersburg, Pa.  
Third Vice President—Ira C. Klein, Martinsburg, Pa.  
Recording Secretary—C. H. Carns, Carlisle, Pa.  
Treasurer—Wm. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.

The Convention passed resolution on the death of A. Edward Gordon.

Several changes were made in the Constitution. Salaries were paid as follows:

Secretary—\$25.00. \$10.00 goes to Mrs. A. Edw. Gordon; \$10.00 to W. H. Hawman; \$10.00 to Treasurer.

The big parade at 1:45 P. M. Dr. J. W. Croft was Chief Marshal with a number of aides. Companies from Shippensburg, the Vigilants with 30 members; Friendship, Cumberland Valley and Franklins of Chambersburg; Nos. 1, 3 and 5 from Martinsburg, and both Companies of Waynesboro. This was the largest parade ever held in Waynesboro.

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Chambersburg, Pa.  
June 19, 1913.

The meeting was held in Rosedale Theater. Called to order by President Henneberger at 10:30 A. M. Opened by Prayer by Rev. T. A. Alspach. Address of Welcome by William Alexander, Burgess of the City. After regular business was finished, election of officers was in order and resulted as follows:

President—J. H. Johnson of Martinsburg, W. Va.  
First Vice President—E. E. Spear of Chambersburg.  
Secretary—D. T. Gross of Chambersburg.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, of Chambersburg.

Banquet was served at Armory for all firemen. Parade at 2 P. M. Capt. John Gerbig, Chief Marshal. Fire Chief Stewart Klenzing, Assistant. Elmer Spear, 2nd Assistant. At this meeting only four of our fire companies took part in parade. All out except Junior Hose & Truck Co. No. 2. Companies in line of parade from Winchester, Martinsburg, Shippensburg, Greencastle, Waynesboro, Hagerstown, Carlisle. During parade all shops closed at 1:00 P. M. Prizes were given for best appearance and also for drilling in parade.

At Convention meeting it was decided to meet in Chambersburg again in 1914. They having Old Home Week.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Chambersburg, Pa.  
July 29, 1914.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention meeting of the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association was held during the Old Home Week celebration last week in July. The City was decorated for both occasions and was wonderful. Arches on all four entrances of the Public Square. Arches were painted white and electrically lighted. Arches were erected by Aug. Wolf for only \$125.00 as a member of the Fire Department. Cost would have been \$300.00. Never was there such a display of decorations.

The Convention meeting was held in Rosedale. Meeting was called to order by Pres. Johnson of Martinsburg Fire Dept. Prayer by Rev. Dr. O. C. Roth, pastor of the 1st Lutheran Church. Address of Welcome was made by Burgess Edmund C. Wingert. He spoke on the formation of the Valley Association and expressed the hope that all the visiting firemen would enjoy their visit during the Old Home Week here. Meeting was in order. Minutes read of last meeting and approved. Treasurer report approved. Committee reports also approved. Meeting adjourned until 1:30. Lunch was served at Armory for all firemen.

1:30 P. M. Meeting called to order for Election of Officers. Resulted as follows:

President—G. H. Bitner, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Secretary—Ed. Strannel, Waynesboro.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 for parade.

Place for next meeting—Shippensburg, Sept. 9, 1915.

Every day during the week there was something doing. Many old timers came back to visit their friends and relatives. Would like to mention many but space for same is too small. Photo was taken on north side of Court House of old boys who had taken active part in making Old Home Week a success.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Shippensburg, Pa.  
Sept. 8-9-10, 1915.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention was held in the Vigilant Hall, Shippensburg, for three-day meet. Business and Parade. The Association meeting was called to order by Pres. G. H. Bitner of Chambersburg. Opening Prayer, followed by Address of Welcome by Burgess Barbour. Regular morning business transacted. Minutes read and approved. Report of Treasurer also approved. Meeting adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock. Afternoon meeting resulted as follows:

President—S. K. Baxter.

First Vice President—D. B. Davis, Chambersburg.

Second Vice President—G. H. King, Waynesboro.

Third Vice President—J. Albert Hess.

Secretary—E. F. Stremmel, Waynesboro.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

Meeting adjourned for parade. Companies from Harrisburg, Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, Newville, Chambersburg, Waynesboro, Hagerstown, and Martinsburg, Winchester, Greencastle. Seventeen companies in line, also darktown brigade. Drum corps and bands with all companies. Burgess J. Beattie Barbour, Chief Marshal at this meeting. Committee was appointed to draw up an amendment to the By-Laws to provide for an accidental death benefit to be voted on at the next meeting to be held at Middletown, July 3, 4 and 5, 1916.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Middletown, Pa.  
July 3, 4 & 5, 1916.

At the business meeting of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association held in Middletown, Pa., Percy M. Black was elected president. Mr. Shemmel of Waynesboro was elected Secretary, W. H. Richter, Treasurer; Vice President—J. L. Bateman of Martinsburg, W. Va.; Second Vice President—J. H. Davis, Chambersburg, Pa.; Third Vice President—Chas. E. Darr, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Attorney—Chas. H. Clippinger, Greencastle; Sergeant at Arms—Robert Stone, Carlisle; Delegate to National Convention—H. K. Baxler, Shippensburg, Pa.; Executive Committee—David Houser, Middletown; George Ellis, Harrisburg; George Garrison, Mechanicsburg; Val Vanderau, Chambersburg; Albert Sheldon, Waynesboro; A. M. Staubly, Martinsburg; W. A. Wilhide, Keyser, W. Va.

At this meeting the death benefit clause was brought before the meeting for final action and was rejected by a large majority. Hagerstown was selected as the next meeting place for the sixteenth annual convention in 1917.

After the business session was closed members all took part in the parade.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Hagerstown, Md.  
July 3, 4, 5, 1917.

The Association's Sixteenth Annual Meeting was held in the Court House, Hagerstown, July 3, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by President P. M. Black of Middletown.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. Lynn of the Lutheran Church, after which Mayor Scott made the Address of Welcome. President Black responded.

Assistant Secretary C. L. Jacobs called the roll, showing twenty members of the Association present. Next in order was the reading of minutes of the meeting held in Middletown which was approved, following the Treasurer's Report showing that the balance in Treasurer's hand was \$109.19. Following was election of officers:

President—J. L. Bateman, of Martinsburg.

Vice President—W. J. Roof, Middletown.

Second Vice President—George W. Garrison, Mechanisburg.

Third Vice President—C. P. Smith, Keyser, W. Va.

Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

Next was the place of meeting for 1918.

Waynesboro was selected for the place.

Banquet was served to the members of the Association by the Hagerstown Fire Department.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Waynesboro, Pa.  
July 3, 1918.

Meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 1918 in the Junior A. U. A. M. Hall, Waynesboro. The meeting was called to order by President Howard Cramer, Chairman of the Convention Committee. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph Guy of St. Paul's Reformed Church.

Watson Davison delivered the welcome address on behalf of the City and the Firemen. All were asked to rise at the salute of the flag.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Auditing Committee as follows was appointed: G. Fred Gibbs, D. S. Nelson and A. R. Stuart.

Resolution Committee: W. H. A. Hamilton, J. H. Johnson, Ralph Manon.

Ex-President John Baumgardner made Honorary member of the Association. He also made an interesting address in which he urged all present to buy as many war stamps as possible. The officers made usual reports for the past year. Treasury showed balance on hand of \$131.92. Auditing Committee report.

Motion was made that all members in government service be exempted from payment of dues. The following officers were elected for next year.

President—C. E. Heller.

First Vice President—W. J. Roof.

Second Vice President—George W. Garrison.

Third Vice President—Leonard Linthicum.

Attorney—W. H. A. Hamilton, Hagerstown, Md.

Place of meeting was left in the hands of the Executive Committee. Recess was declared. Session was reconvened at 7 P. M.

President Elect, C. E. Heller, made brief address thanking the members for the confidence conferred upon him by electing him President of the Association.

Mr. Baumgardner also made a short address and offered his assistance in any way to the Convention.

On suggestion by W. H. A. Hamilton, the meeting was closed by all present reciting the American creed and singing two verses of America.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Keyser, W. Va.  
July 3, 4, 5, 1919.

The 18th Annual Meeting was held in Keyser, W. Va., July 3, 1919. Meeting was called to order at 10 A. M. in the High School Auditorium. Mr. Chas. Finall, Chairman of the Convention Committee, presiding. The meeting was opened by the Keyser Band. Rev. Berryman, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, made opening prayer. Mr. W. V. Peifer, Mayor, made an able address of welcome on behalf of the Citizens and Firemen of Keyser, W. Va. Mr. W. J. Roof responded.

The meeting was turned over to Vice President W. J. Roof, in the absence of the President owing to sickness. Mr. W. L. Baker was appointed to serve in his place. Then the meeting was adjourned at 11 o'clock to meet again at 1:30 P. M.

Credential Committee—D. D. McKee, A. H. Lewis, J. W. Hughes.

Auditing Committee—C. Harry Hardy, H. J. Kense, Danl. Haffner.

1:30 P. M. Report of Secretary — Report of Treasurer showing balance in his hands, \$157.36. On motion of Mr. C. H. Lewis, reports of officers were accepted.

The Honor Roll was completed by Brother W. H. A. Hamilton of Hagerstown and a rising vote of thanks was given to Brother Hamilton. Motion by Mr. Bay of Shippensburg and seconded by W. H. Richter, the by-laws be turned back to Committee to be rewritten.

Next in order was the election of officers and resulted as follows:

President—W. W. Long.

Vice President—W. J. Roof.

Second Vice President—W. W. Glass.

Third Vice President—J. W. Hughes.

Attorney—W. H. A. Hamilton, Hagerstown.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter.

Next in order was the place for next meeting of the Convention. Winchester was selected for 1920. First Vice President, W. J. Roof, made the closing address.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Winchester, Va.  
August 9, 1920.

The Convention was called to order by Vice President W. W. Glass. Only a small number of delegates arrived for the morning session so the meeting was adjourned for the morning until 3 P. M. until more delegates arrived.

3 P. M. Meeting was called to order by Robert L. Gray, Chairman of the Convention Committee. The opening prayer was made by the Rev. Clarence Wood of the Reformed Church. The meeting was then turned over to Vice President Roof who made the welcome address in the absence of President Long. The minutes of the Keyser meeting were read and approved. Report of Treasurer Richter showed a balance in hand of \$120.20. Twenty companies attended the meeting. Now the Association has 120 members on the list, 78 beneficial. 49 were reinstated. 31 delegates attended the afternoon session.

Memorial Committee—H. Russell Potts and Robt. L. Gray.

Credential Committee—H. M. Bay, Francis F. Callahan.

After disposing of all old business, new business was in order.

Election of officers for coming year resulted as follows:

President—Robt. L. Gray, Winchester.

First Vice President—W. J. Roof, Middletown.

Second Vice President—W. W. Glass, Winchester.

Third Vice President—F. F. Callahan, Carlisle.

Secretary—C. L. Jacobs.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter.

It was then moved by A. M. Staubly, of Martinsburg, W. Va., and seconded by G. M. Johnson, that all officers be declared elected by rising vote. The place for next meeting was left in hands of the Executive Committee. Motion by Mr. A. M. Staubly, a membership committee consisting of one from each company, be appointed. Motion was made by Robt. L. Gray and seconded by W. J. Harmon that a rising vote of thanks be extended to the Chambers of Commerce and Mr. Thomas Beerley, its Secretary, and the Citizens Band for their assistance in making the convention a success.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Sept. 19-20, 1921.

The Convention was held in the American Legion Hall in charge of Mr. A. S. Poisal, chairman of the convention committee. Rev. Frank Steelman of the 1st M. E. Church offered the opening prayer. Mayor Cleveland M. Seibert welcomed the delegates to the city and said in part that the convention of firemen always brought pleasure to Martinsburg which had always been interested in the work of Volunteer Firemen and in the work of the Valley Association in particular. Mr. Robert L. Gray, President of the Association, responded in behalf of the Association. Meeting adjourned for dinner and the ball games. The Drum Corps of Company No. 5 escorted the delegates to the Parish House for dinner. Brief talks were made from many delegates during eating and songs were sung.

2 P. M. Minutes were read and approved. Report of Treasurer showed \$371.95 on hand. Expenses of \$100.41. 52 members present at this meeting. Memorial committee reported that two members of the Association have been removed by death — W. H. Reed of the Citizens Hose Co., New Cumberland, Pa., and G. Edw. Weagley of Friendship Co., No., Chambersburg, Pa.

Election of officers were as follows:

President—Robt. L. Gray, Winchester.

Vice President—W. J. Roof, Middletown, Pa.

Second Vice President—W. A. Willhide, Keyser, W. Va.

Third Vice President—D. S. Mason, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.

Chaplain—A. S. Poisal, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Place for next meeting left in hands of Executive Committee.

Evening session was called at 7 P. M. Resolution was offered by G. Fred Gibbs, Chambersburg, and E. B. Munson of Hagerstown, to be sent to the Pennsylvania and Maryland State Firemen's Association to try and get them to cooperate with us in trying to secure reduced rates on all railroads during the time of Firemen's Conventions. This resolution was unanimously passed and adopted.

Short talks were made by Capt. George L. Fisher, Capt. E. B. Munson, and George Harrison, A. S. Poisal, J. B. Johnson, Chas. Webb; also by C. H. Lewis.

A vote of thanks to be forwarded to the ladies for the delightful luncheon and to the Mayor and citizens for their splendid entertainment. Convention adjourned.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Harrisburg, Pa.  
Oct. 3-4-5, 1922.

Meeting was held in the Eagles Hall, 6th and Cumberland Streets, at 10:30 A. M. Meeting called to order by First Vice President W. J. Roof. Robert L. Gray opened meeting with prayer. Minutes of previous meeting in Martinsburg, August 19, were read and approved. Mr. Robt. L. Gray gave a report of the work which he performed and was received and approved. Committees were appointed:

Credentials Committee —

Howard Bay, Shippensburg.  
D. S. Mason, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
R. B. McClure, Chambersburg, Pa.

Resolution Committee —

Capt. George L. Fisher, Hagerstown.  
W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.

Meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock.

2 o'clock meeting. Opened by President Robert L. Gray. Report of Treasurer showing a balance in hand of \$441.86. Secretary's report read and approved, having 61 members present. Expenses for the year, \$79.14. Recognitions service rendered by Bro. M. M. Tawney of Harrisburg in securing special rates for the firemen. Committee on revision of By-Laws recommend increase of death benefits from \$30.00 to \$50.00. Passed.

Committee was appointed to secure a membership button and have full power to purchase the same. Carried.

Capt. George L. Fisher of Hagerstown, Md., extended an invitation to the Association to meet in Hagerstown, to set their own dates.

The following officers were elected.

President—W. J. Roof, Middletown, Pa.  
First Vice President—J. J. Connors, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Second Vice President—Capt. George L. Fisher, Hagerstown.  
Third Vice President—R. E. Montgomery, Keyser, W. Va.  
Secretary—C. J. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.  
Chaplain—A. E. Poisal, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Treasurer Richter reported he had cashed the War Savings Stamps and had placed the \$120.00 on interest. Meeting adjourned.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING  
OF

THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Hagerstown, Md., August 29, 1923.

The meeting was held in the Pioneer Hook & Ladder Company Hall. Meeting was called to order by Capt. George L. Fisher, Chairman of the Convention Committee. Meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Vernon N. Ridgley, pastor of the St. Paul's M. E. Church. Mr. W. P. Washter, representing the city, gave the firemen a hearty welcome to Hagerstown in behalf of the Mayor, Chas. E. Bowman, who was unable to be present. Response to the address of welcome was made by President W. J. Roop of Middletown, Pa., who assured Mr. Washter that the city's welcome was appreciated by every fireman present.

After preliminary exercises were complete, Mr. Roop, President, took the chair and called the meeting to order. L. E. Bowen, Waynesboro, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. The minutes of the Harrisburg meeting were read and approved. The President read his annual report, five paragraphs in all. It was moved and seconded that the report of the President be accepted and made part of the minutes. This morning session adjourned at 12:45 to take part in the banquet given by the Hagerstown Firemen in the basement of the St. Paul's M. E. Church.

2 P. M. Reports of Committees were called. The Exhibit Committee was called next, which was as follows: There are exhibitions in the following Halls in the City of the following pieces of Fire Fighting Apparatus:

1 Hose New Aren Fox New Combination Pumper  
One Robinson Combination Pumper

Antietam Fire Co. No. 2 One Know Combination Pumper  
Junior Fire Co. No. 3 One Steamer Motorized Pumper  
Western Enterprize No. 4 One American LaFrance Pumper  
Pioneer Hook & Ladder Co. One American 70 foot Ladder

Committee reported 250 official membership buttons received, valued at \$250.00. Buttons were sold at \$1.00 to members. Deaths during the year were as follows:

W. A. Willhide, Keyser, W. Va.  
James Johnson and M. S. Poisal, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
John W. McDonnell of Winchester, Va.

Treasurer reported \$332.96 on hand.

Next place of meeting selected at Waynesboro, Dates—August 21 to 23, 1924.

Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—J. J. Connors, Harrisburg.  
First Vice President—M. C. Munson, Hagerstown.  
Second Vice President—Charles Webb, Shippensburg.  
Third Vice President—J. L. Redman, Harrisburg.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.  
Chaplain—Capt. George L. Fisher, Hagerstown.

Fifty-four (54) members were present. Meeting adjourned.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Waynesboro, Pa.  
August 20, 1924.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Shelden of Waynesboro at 10:45 A. M. in the Strand Theatre, Center Square. Meeting was opened by a prayer by Chaplain George L. Fisher of Hagerstown, Md. Address of Welcome was made by Burgess W. H. Harrison who extended a hearty welcome to all firemen. The delegates were next welcomed by Val Smith, a prominent business man of Waynesboro. Response was given by Pres. J. J. Conners of Harrisburg, Pa. Reports of Committees followed. Then meeting was adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Meeting was called to order by President Conners. At 2 o'clock Reports of Committees were read and approved. Treasurer Reported as follows, with balance of \$541.29 on hand. Secretary reported 149 members have paid this year's dues. Amendments to the By-Laws were voted on. Article 3, Section 1; Article 5, Section 7; Article 5, Section 1; Article 1, Section 7; Article 2, Section 1. Amendments accepted as a whole.

New Business. Chief Martin Quinor of Martinsburg, W. Va., talked on Ways and Means of bettering firefighting. Next the election officers for the year 1924-25. Results as follows:

President—Mr. Philip Beitsch.

First Vice President—Mr. John Redman, Harrisburg.

Second Vice President—F. B. Munson, Hagerstown.

Third Vice President—Val Vanderau, Chambersburg.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

Chaplain—Capt. George L. Fisher, Hagerstown.

After the election the meeting was adjourned to meet in Chambersburg, September 2-3-4, 1925.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Chambersburg, Pa.  
Sept. 2-3-4, 1925.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M. in the Court House by Chairman W. H. Richter of the local committee. 150 delegates were present. Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, pastor of the King Street United Brethren Church, opened the meeting with prayer. Burgess John K. Berger made the address of welcome and presented the keys of the city to the firemen and expressed the hope that they would be used to the credit of the firemen and the community. He stated that it was worth the price when one of your comrades helps to save a woman or child from demon Fire, stating that a fireman's life was truly "service above self."

Mr. Garnet Gehr, an attorney and member of the Friendship Company No. 1, also made an address. President Bietsch responded to the address of welcome. Memorial services were then held with M. L. Drawbaugh, Chairman, in charge. Deaths during the past year were:

George W. Johnson, Martinsburg, W. Va.

H. O. Holstein, Harrisburg, Pa.

George Withers, Waynesboro, Pa.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 to meet at 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon session was called to order by President Bietsch at 2:00 o'clock. Minutes of the Waynesboro meeting were read and approved. The following resolutions were offered: That the Honorable John K. Berger, Burgess, be made an honorary member of the Association; also that the Honorable Garnet Gehr be made an honorary member, and likewise The Reverend B. F. Blubaugh. Secretary reported that 220 members, a gain of 74 over last year. The Treasurer reported as follows: Balance on hand \$720.27 cash in bank.

Election of officers was as follows:

President—Martin Quinn, Martinsburg, W. Va.

First Vice President—John L. Redman, Harrisburg, Pa.

Second Vice President—R. E. Montgomery, Keyser, W. Va.

Third Vice President—Paul Funk, Chambersburg, Pa.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.

Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.

Chaplain—Captain George L. Fisher, Hagerstown, Md.

Attorney—Chas. H. Clippinger, Greencastle, Pa.

Meeting adjourned and the place for next meeting left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Aug. 12-13-14, 1926.

The Silver Anniversary meeting of the Association was held in Crandell's Appollo Theater, being called to order at 10:45 A. M., August 12, 1926, by Chief Martin Quinn, President of the Association. Chaplain George L. Fisher opened the meeting with prayer. In the absence of Mayor George W. Appleby, Jr., Councilman C. H. Dayley welcomed the firemen; the response was made by F. A. Chambers. President Quinn appointed the following committees:

Auditing Committee —

George Ridley, Hagerstown.  
G. Fred Gibbs, Chambersburg.  
George W. Garrison, Mechanicsburg.

Resolution Committee —

Capt. George Fisher, Hagerstown.  
Chas. Webb, Shippensburg.  
E. B. Munson, Hagerstown.

The memorial services were next in order, The Reverend William T. Hall presiding. Invocation was said by Father McKeefry. Mrs. E. E. Church presided at the pipe organ. Singing was in charge of Dr. G. Heyer. Scripture was read by The Rev. A. N. Gluck. America was sung by all present. Benediction was said by The Rev. Roy Schumaker. Meeting adjourned to meet at 1:30 in the Court House for the business session.

Meeting was called to order by President Quinn, following the lunch which was served at the Berkley Hotel, where talk was heard and enjoyed by all present. President Quinn paid tribute to the founders of the Association. Reports of Committees and officers were next in order. Secretary reported progress in membership. Treasurer reported \$892.25 on hand, including \$12.00 made from the sale of buttons. Deaths during the year were:

George B. Rozel of Charley Rouse Company  
of Winchester, Va.  
Bro. John H. Halterman of Vet. Firemen's Assoc.,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

Auditing Committee found Treasurer's books correct. Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—W. B. McGowen, Williamsport, Md.  
First Vice President—R. E. Montgomery, Keyser, W. Va.  
Second Vice President—S. J. Rhoads, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Third Vice President—Charles Webb, Shippensburg, Pa.  
Chaplain—Capt. George L. Fisher, Hagerstown, Md.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.

Anniversary Banquet was held in the room of the Shenandoah Hotel at 7:30 P. M. Adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Westernport, Md.  
Aug. 9-10-11, 1927.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M. in the Opera House at Piedmont, W. Va., President Harry R. McGowen of the Association presiding. The memorial services were conducted by Rev. Wm. E. Kelly. Invocation was said by Rev. Father Coyle. Scripture was read by Rev. C. K. Walck. Memorial address was made by The Rev. Wm. B. Gold, and during the services the United Brethren Choir rendered selections. Benediction was said by Rev. Father Francis Bryan. The meeting adjourned until afternoon.

1:30 P. M. President McGowen called the meeting to order. 46 companies were present. Names of 264 are on the roll. Deaths during the past year are as follows:

E. Levi Title, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Robert L. Gray, Sarah Jane Co., Winchester.  
John Smith, Friendship Co. No. 1, Chambersburg.

Report of Secretary made and approved. Finance Committee composed of D. D. McKee, George Richter, and George Garrison, reported that the book of the Treasurer is correct. Election of officers was next in order with results as follows:

President—George S. Ridley, Hagerstown, Md.  
First Vice President—E. M. Yost, Keyser, W. Va.  
Second Vice President—C. L. Fulk, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Third Vice President—Clay Mannal, Winchester, Va.  
Treasurer—Wm. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Attorney—Chas. H. Clippinger, Greencastle, Pa.  
Sergeant-at-Arms—Fred Affleck, Winchester, Va.

After election the meeting adjourned. Place for next meeting was left in the hands of Executive Committee.



TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Hanover, Pa.  
Aug. 14, 1928.

The convention was called to order at 10:30 A. M. in the Eagle Fire Company Hall by President George Ridgley of Hagerstown. After appointment of committees, the memorial service was conducted by Rev. B. F. Blubaugh of Myersville, Md., the Chaplain. Invocation was said by the Rev. C. C. Daugherty of Hanover. Rev. Blubaugh, our new chaplain, made a very impressive memorial address in memory of our first chaplain, Captain George L. Fisher of Sharpsburg, Md. The meeting was then adjourned to meet after the noon hour.

At 1:30 P. M. the meeting was called to order by the President. The secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved, showing balance on hand to date \$1,581.02 deposited in National Bank of Chambersburg, Pa. The association now has 278 insured members. During the past year we lost one of our members, Chaplain George L. Fisher, member of the Pioneer Hook & Ladder Company, Hagerstown. Place for holding the next meeting was left in the hands of Executive Committee. Election of officers for coming year as follows:

President—George W. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
First Vice President—Harry Reed, Hanover, Pa.  
Third Vice President—H. Clay Mannal, Winchester, Va.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Myersville, Md.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was given to the people and the Eagle Fire Company for the courtesies extended to our association. Meeting adjourned to meet with Chief Martin Quinn of Martinsburg who wishes to demonstrate the new Threadless Shift Coupler.

This was only a one-day meeting.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Winchester, Va.  
August 13, 1929.

Meeting was called to order by President George Richter of Chambersburg in the room of the Handley Library, Winchester, Va., at 10 A. M., Tuesday, August 13, 1929. Services were opened by Prayer, led by Rev. Norman Cooper of the Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester. Miss Florence Haupp and Florence Blubaugh sang a duet, at which Rev. Blubaugh delivered the memorial address. After the memorial service Mr. Andrew Bell, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce, made a short address. The Chairman appointed Auditing, Credential and Resolution Committees and the meeting was then adjourned until after luncheon.

Luncheon was served at the Reformed Church by the Ladies of that Church.

2 P. M. Meeting was called to order by President Richter. Secretary's report was read and approved. All committee reports were approved. Report of Treasurer showed balance, August, 1928, of \$1581.00

436.00 received from secretary for dues, August 14.  
16.00 received from sale of badges  
31.62 received from interest Nov. 1, 1928  
39.04 received from interest May 1, 1929

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\$2103.68

233.89 orders drawn during 1928

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\$1869.79 Balance, in National Bank of Chambersburg.

Mr. Chas. E. Clark, Secretary of Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association, spoke in the interest of the 2 per cent Fire Insurance Act in the State of Pennsylvania and explained the organization of the Firemen's Relief Association and the benefits derived from the Act.

This was only a one-day meeting.

Mr. Howard Bay of Shippensburg, Pa., in view of the fact that Shippensburg intends to celebrate the 200th anniversary, asks that motion be made that the meeting be held in Shippensburg on August 6 and 7, 1930. Motion made and carried.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Shippensburg, Pa.  
Aug. 6-7, 1930.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Howard Bay, Chairman of the Convention Committee, at 10 A. M. in the Victory Theatre on Wednesday, August 6, 1930.

Memorial Service, conducted by Chaplain B. F. Blubaugh of Myersville, Md., was opened with prayer by the Rev. Thomas Stone of the Methodist Church of that city.

President H. Clay Mannal introduced Burgess Paul B. Walker who made the welcome address. Response by Ex. President George Richter of Chambersburg. President Mannal then appointed the following committees: Auditing, Credential, and Resolutions.

At the Memorial Service Rev. B. F. Blubaugh read the list of departed members, as follows:

A. B. Falk, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
George W. Lutz, Harrisburg.  
S. J. Rhoads, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
C. E. Diffenderfer, Harrisburg.  
W. H. Henry, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
E. B. Munson, Hagerstown, Md.  
Clifford Betts, Hagerstown, Md.

Meeting adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Luncheon was served at the Church of God.

1:30 P. M. President in chair, roll called, 210 members present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of Treasurer as follows: expenses including benefit fund \$2460.34. Total balance in general and benefit fund \$2533.51.

Report of Topic Committee by Mr. Quinn of Martinsburg, W. Va., read and approved. President Munson read a letter from the Mayor of Winchester asking that the convention meet in that city in 1931. No date was set. Election of officers was in order and resulted as follows:

President—Charles Webb, Shippensburg, Pa.  
First Vice President—Gorden DeHart, Chambersburg.  
Second Vice President—John Dunn, Winchester, Va.  
Third Vice President—John Redman, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Myersville, Md.  
Delegate to State Firemen's Association—W. H. Burk, Winchester, Va.

Meeting adjourned at 5 P. M.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Winchester, Va.  
August 12-13-14, 1931.

The morning session of the convention was held in the Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock under the direction of Rev. Blubaugh, Chaplain; Quartet by the ladies from Myersville. Mr. Cooper of Winchester read the 44th Psalm. President Webb of Shippensburg called the roll of the departed member as follows:

William E. Davis, Hagerstown, Md.  
Paul C. Suders, Chambersburg, Pa.  
David S. Thompson, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Leonard Linthicum, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
G. A. DeHart, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Joseph H. Ailis, New Cumberland, Pa.  
A. L. Baker, Waynesboro, Pa.

Meeting was adjourned until afternoon.

Handley Hall, 1:30 P. M. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Reginald Haines, Secretary of the local Committee. The local chairman was unable to attend, and in his absence, Fire Chief Mr. Lee Barr presided and introduced his Honor, Mr. F. Amos Shryock, Mayor of the City, welcomed the firemen to the city and presented the keys of the city to them. President Chas. Webb responded, thanking the Mayor and the citizens and firemen for the hospitality extended the visiting firemen. Mr. Barr said, "In presenting to you the Mayor I presented only Amos, but we have a team of Amos and Andy. So now I am going to present to you Andy, Mr. Andrew Bell, who again welcomed the firemen." Next introduced was Pinch Hitter, Mr. Haines.

President appointed various committees at morning session. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Treasurer reported balance on hand of \$2721.56. Election of officers for the coming year were in order and resulted as follows:

President—John L. Redman, Harrisburg, Pa.  
First Vice President—R. E. Montgomery, Keyser, W. Va.  
Second Vice President—Louis Wagner, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Third Vice President—Taylor Barr, Winchester, Va.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Myersville, Md.

Mr. John L. Redman, new President, took the chair and thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him and asked that all members give him a helping hand in making the convention a success. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Montgomery also thanked the group for the honors conferred upon them and said they would be glad to aid all they can for the success of the Association.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting place to be decided by the Executive Committee.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Alexandria, Va.  
August 10, 1932.

Meeting held in Virginia Public Service Company Auditorium, Alexandria, Va., on Wednesday, August 10, 1932, at 10:30 A. M., and was opened by prayer led by Rev. Blubaugh, Chaplain. Address of Welcome was delivered by Dan S. Hollenga, representing the City Manager, Wallace Lawrence. Response made by Presiding officer, C. O. Oyler, who appointed the various convention committees. Address was made by O. E. Fearn, Deputy Chief of the Washington Fire Department. Mr. Oyler presided at this meeting at the request of Mr. Redman, President.

Meeting adjourned until 1:30 P. M. by the Acting President.

1:30 P. M. Meeting opened by Mr. Oyler, Report of Committees was heard and all approved. Secretary's report read and approved. Treasurer reported balance of \$2611.38 on hand.

At this meeting the constitution was amended by adding the following section to be known as Section No. 2:

Only a charter member or past president of the Association shall be eligible to the office of Treasurer.

Other amendments were taken up and approved.

Many delegates attended the 5 o'clock memorial service in the Church of Christ, the Church where George Washington first worshiped for memorial services. Deaths during the past year were:

Bruce M. Snyder, Chambersburg, Pa.

John E. Lynch, Ranson, W. Va.

Wm. D. Berlin, Waynesboro, Pa.

Election of officers for the following year were as follows:

President—Mr. Charles Oyler, Harrisburg, Pa.

First Vice President—Louis Wagner.

Second Vice President—W. H. Burk.

Third Vice President—J. W. Kastle, Jr.

There being no other business the convention was adjourned at 3:30 o'clock, August 10, 1932.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Greencastle, Pa.  
August 11, 1933.

Morning Session

Opening prayer by Rev. B. F. Blubaugh. Address of Welcome by Burgess Shinham. Response by Ex Senator Chas. H. Clippinger of Greencastle. Memorial services were opened with prayer by Rev. Blubaugh, Chaplain. Roll of deceased members as follows:

James Dubb, Martinsburg, W. Va.

George Ridgley, Chambersburg, Pa.

Solomon Reynolds, York, Pa.

Grant Richards, Martinsburg, W. Va.

C. E. Johnson, Martinsburg, W. Va.

H. B. McFerrer, Chambersburg, Pa.

President Oyler appointed the Credentials Committee; also Resolutions Committee and Auditing Committee. Meeting was then adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P. M. Meeting called to order. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of Treasurer approved showing balance on hand of \$3652.53. Report of Treasurer accepted.

Election of officers for the coming year were as follows:

President—Elmer Gonso, Greencastle, Pa.

First Vice President—W. H. Bush, Winchester, Va.

Second Vice President—C. E. Auld.

Third Vice President—George G. Geiger, Harrisburg.

Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro.

Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.

Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Myersville, Md.

Newly-elected officers all thanked the members of the Association for honor conferred upon them. Drafts were asked for and all granted. There being no other business meeting adjourned and the place for next year's meeting was left in the hands of the Executive Committee. Chief Wagner of York, Chief Dean of Lancaster; James Chalfant of York, and Chief M. M. Tawney of Harrisburg, all made brief talks at this meeting.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Waynesboro, Pa.  
Aug. 14, 15, 16, 1934.

Held in the Lutheran Church and the Strand Theater, Wednesday, August 14. Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Blubaugh. Address of Welcome by Burgess Croft. Judge Watson Davison made address, saying he was one of the best firemen that he knew in Franklin County. He was one of the organizers of the Rescue Hose Company in Greencastle. Mr. Shoop thanked the Judge for his most welcome address. Recess was declared for memorial services. Rev. Clinton B. Ritz, pastor of Lutheran Church of Waynesboro, read the Scripture lesson. Quartet by members of Joe Stickell Post No. 15 of American Legion. President Gonso read the roll of deceased members as follows:

G. R. Haines, Winchester, Va.  
V. S. Isenberger, Enola, Pa.  
George Hale, New Cumberland, Pa.  
Martin Quinn, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Prayer by Rev. B. F. Blubaugh.

2:00 P. M. Convention reassembled in the Strand Theatre. President Gonso called for report of all committees, which were approved. Treasurer's report showed that cash deposited in National Bank of Chambersburg amounted to \$3,555.12. The Executive Committee reported that due to the place for this year's convention having been selected at the convention meeting last year, there were no meetings of the Executive Committee during the year. Chief Snyder of Martinsburg Fire Department was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Chief Quinn who died March 29, 1934. Article 1, Section 2 was changed to read \$60.00 death benefit instead of \$50.00. Carried. The meeting was then open to the discussion of topics.

Mr. Morgan of Harrisburg Bureau of Fire Prevention, gave a brief talk on that subject. Motion made and carried to purchase a mimeograph machine. Election of officers resulted as follows:

President—M. M. Tawney, Harrisburg.  
First Vice President—C. E. Auld, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Second Vice President—Lee M. Lamp, Winchester, Va.  
Third Vice President—Paul Funk, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Chaplain—Rev. Blubaugh, Myersville, Md.

Meeting adjourned.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Harrisburg, Pa.  
Aug. 13, 1935.

Meeting was called to order by President Tawney, Chief of Harrisburg Fire Department. Opened with Prayer by A. M. Staubly of Martinsburg, W. Va. Address of Welcome by Mr. A. L. Patton of Harrisburg. Next remarks were made by Mr. George McElhinny, President of Mt. Pleasant Fire Company for 32 years. After appointing various committees the meeting was adjourned until afternoon.

Memorial service in the afternoon was opened by Chaplain Blubaugh. Solo by Mr. Hollenback of Harrisburg. Roll call by President Tawney of deceased members as follows:

Edward Weaver, Chambersburg  
J. W. Claudy, Chambersburg  
John J. Heck, Hanover  
G. W. H. Wilson, New Cumberland  
J. F. Sourbeer, Harrisburg

President Tawney then adjourned the meeting until 1:30 P. M.

Convention reassembled at 1:30 at Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Hall. Called to order by President Tawney. Reports of Credential Committee approved, Auditing Committee reported neatly kept books of Treasurer were correct and accepted his report. Resolution committee's report was accepted, signed by Mr. A. M. Staubly, George W. Garrison and J. W. Morgan. Report of Secretary was read, showing 34 companies were in good standing. The names of 424 insured members have paid their dues for 1935. 15 members are in arrears. Treasurer's report showed cash in bank \$3,815.34. All other committee reports accepted.

Unfinished business was next. Mr. Redman made motion that the change to Section 8 of Article 1 be read and adopted. Carried. Next in order was election officers for coming year as follows:

President—Mr. C. E. Auld, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
First Vice President—Lew M. Lamp, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Second Vice President—George W. Garrison, Mechanicsburg.  
Third Vice President—George Ridgley, Hagerstown, Md.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Treasurer—W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Chaplain—Rev. Blubaugh, Myerstown, Md.

Mr. Ellis Wagner, Fire Chief of York, made short address; also Mr. Morgan of Harrisburg. Then meeting was adjourned.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Martinsburg, W. Va.  
August 11 and 12, 1936.

Meeting was opened with Prayer by Rev. Blubaugh at 10:00 A. M. Chief Snyder of Martinsburg, W. Va., Fire Department, introduced Mr. C. H. Dailey, Mayor of the city, who made the welcome address. Meeting was then turned over to President Auld who responded. Mr. Redman, Treasurer, was called on and made a few remarks. Also Mr. Staubly gave his greeting. President then appointed the following committees:

Credentials—Fred M. Afflick, Wyley Richter, G. Fred Gibbs.  
Auditing—Ernest O. Hess, Val Vanderau, C. Leonard Church  
Resolutions—A. M. Staubly, Geo. G. Geiger, Robt. Meloy.

Recess was declared.

Memorial services opened by Rev. Blubaugh, Chaplain. Solo by Mr. Forest Rodgers. Roll of deceased members read by President Auld as follows:

W. H. Richter, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Chas. E. Sonnicks, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Robert J. Anderson, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Harold Snyder, Chambersburg, Pa.

Memorial address by Chaplain Blubaugh. Meeting adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P. M. Meeting reassembled in the City Hall. President Auld called meeting to order. The committees appointed at morning session reported and all reports were accepted. Mayor Chas. H. Dailey was elected an Honorary Member of the Convention. Report of Secretary was read and approved. Report of Treasurer showed total in bank of \$3,926.51. At this meeting death benefits were raised from \$60.00 to \$65.00. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President—Lee M. Lamp, Winchester, Va.  
First Vice President—A. M. Staubly, Martinsburg, W. Va.  
Second Vice President—Mr. Potts.  
Third Vice President—J. W. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro.  
Treasurer—J. L. Redman, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Myersdale, Md.

After brief remarks by the newly elected officers, the meeting was adjourned at 5 P. M. to meet in Mechanicsburg August 11, 1937.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
August 11, 1937.

Meeting at 10 A. M. called to order by Mr. Dougherty. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Weigle. Burgess E. E. Nailor of Mechanicsburg made the welcome address and greetings were extended by Mr. Roy Richwine of the Mechanicsburg Fire Department. President Lamp responded. Meeting was then turned over to President Lamp who appointed the following Committees: Credentials, Resolution and Auditing. President Lamp then declared recess for memorial service, with Rev. Blubaugh in charge. The list of deceased members were read by President Lamp as follows:

Russell Oliver, Chambersburg.  
George C. Springer, Harrisburg.  
Fred Huston, Harrisburg.  
L. L. Breckenbridge, Harrisburg.  
H. C. Nichols, Harrisburg.  
F. M. Affleck, Winchester, Va.  
Chas. H. Clippinger, Greencastle, Pa.  
George Bitner, Chambersburg.

This was followed by prayer offered by Chaplain Blubaugh. Meeting adjourned until 2 P. M.

2 P. M. Meeting called to order by President Lamp. Reports of the three committees appointed at the morning session were made and acted on and passed. Burgess E. E. Nailor on motion was made an Honorary member of the Association. The Report of the Auditing Committee showed that the books of treasurer paid out \$505.00 death benefits, leaving balance of cash in bank of \$4111.34. Motion was made to back Ellis Wagner of York, Pa., for President of Penna. State Firemen's Association. Carried.

Election of officers for coming year was as follows:  
President—Mr. A. M. Staubly of Martinsburg.  
First Vice President—John W. Smith, Harrisburg.  
Second Vice President—Robert M. Meley, Mechanicsburg.  
Third Vice President—Wyley Richter, Washington, D. C.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro.  
Treasurer—John L. Redman, Harrisburg.  
Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Baltimore, Md.

President elect A. M. Staubly occupied the chair, next in order was place for meeting next year. Chambersbug asked for it and the invitation was accepted. There being no other business the meeting adjourned to meet in Chambersburg.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Chambersburg, Pa.  
August 10-11-12, 1938.

Early Wednesday morning, August 10, more than 100 volunteer firemen from four states were registered. At 10 o'clock A. M. Fier Chief Snider of Martinsburg gave a fire drill at the Paul Building, Lincoln Way East; at 11 A. M. memorial services were held in the King St. U. B. Church and were in memory of Wm. L. Jauss, John W. Hepford, Chas. E. Wennel and Chas. O. Oyler, all of Harrisburg, William Luria of Martinsburg, W. Va., and Gerald Dorsey of Waynesboro, Pa. Mr. A. M. Stauby of Martinsburg, W. Va., called the business session of the 37th annual convention at 1 P. M. in the Court House and made an address to the members of the Association. After reports of the committees, election was held and the officers for the association were elected as follows:

President—John W. Smith, Harrisburg.  
First Vice President—Val Vanderau, Chambersburg.  
Second Vice President—John J. Sander, Hagerstown.  
Third Vice President—Bruce Martin, Martinsburg.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro.  
Treasurer—J. L. Redman, Harrisburg.  
Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Baltimore, Md.

Much interest was shown by the delegates at the meeting of balloting for two proposed amendments of the By-Laws. The delegates on amendments approved the By-Laws which changed the time of the annual convention business meeting from the second Tuesday in August to the third week in August. No specific time of day was set for business meeting other than it shall be on the 1st day of the convention. Secretary Jacobs reported an enrollment of 45 fire companies. R. B. Cresswell of the Fire Extension Service, College of Engineering, University of Maryland, and Simon Clopper, Chairman of the Executive Board, were made Honorary Members of the Association. President A. M. Stauby adjourned the meeting at 4 P. M. Mr. Ray Shaffer of Chambersburg was chairman of the Convention Committee.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Winchester, Va.  
August 17, 1939.

The morning session began at 10 o'clock A. M. Mr. Taylor Bass, Chairman of Committee, presided. Prayer was made by Rev. L. G. Bridgers. Mr. Andrew Bell addressed the association on behalf of the Firemen and Citizens of Hagerstown. Mr. C. P. McVicar also made address in behalf of the Firemen of Winchester.

Memorial Services were opened by Rev. Robert A. Whitten. Scripture reading by Rev. Carl Heiser. Roll call of deceased members by President John W. Smith as follows:

L. C. Little, Chambersburg, Pa., October 21, 1938.  
Chas. Hamm, Hanover, Pa., November 12, 1938.  
Albert Sheldon, Waynesboro, Pa., January 11, 1939.  
J. J. Connors, Harrisburg, Pa., May 14, 1939.  
John Whittington, Waynesboro, Pa., May 16, 1939.  
Wayne Early, Chambersburg, Pa., July 8, 1939.

Selection by male quartet, after which meeting was adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M. at Sarah Lane Fire Company Hall.

2 P. M. Meeting called to order by President John W. Smith. Roll call of officers. Report of Credentials Committee. Secretary Jacobs reported balance in bank of \$160.00. The Auditing Committee reported \$4,688.79 in the hands of the Treasurer Mr. John Redman. Mr. Lineburg moved that the death benefits be raised from \$60.00 to \$70.00. Seconded by Mr. Shickley. After remarks, question. Call for the vote was 65 in favor, 7 against it.

The President, Mr. Smith, called for nomination of officers. Election resulted as follows:

President—Val Vanderau, Chambersburg, Pa.  
First Vice President—John Sanders, Hagerstown, Md.  
Second Vice President—Wyley Richter, Baltimore, Md.  
Third Vice President—Doyal P. Skinner.  
Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.  
Treasurer—John L. Redman, Harrisburg, Pa.  
Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. George Ridgley, past President, installed the officers for the coming year.

Mr. Vanderau, newly elected president, took over meeting and made a few remarks, after which the retiring president extended to the newly elected president sincere wishes for success for the coming year. Meeting adjourned at 5 P. M. at the Call of the Executive Committee.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Hagerstown, Md.  
August 16, 1940.

At 10 A. M. Memorial Services were conducted by Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Chaplain. Meeting was opened by prayer. Mayor Richard H. Sweeney, of Hagerstown, delivered the address of welcome.

Mr. Brewer L. Stouffer of the Junior Company extended greetings to all from the Hagerstown Fire Department. Mr. Val Vanderau, President of the Association, responded to the welcome address.

12:00 Noon, President Val E. Vanderau called to order in the Western Enterprise Fire Company Hall. Roll call by Secretary C. L. Jacobs. President Vanderau called for Report of Committees.

Auditing Committee reported grand total of \$5,009.42 in the Treasury. President Vanderau made remarks, asking that more enthusiasm among members of the association, to try to get all members to pay up their dues, be displayed. Vice President John D. Sanders made few remarks.

Report of Treasurer showed balance of checking account as of November 1, 1939 to be \$515.42.

Following is list of members who died during the year:

F. E. Kreshner, Hagerstown, Sept. 25, 1939

John L. Redman, Harrisburg, Oct. 5, 1939

Russel B. Kyle, Chambersburg, November, 1939.

L. V. Jolliffe, Winchester, Feb. 1, 1940

Herman Romick, Harrisburg, March 21, 1940

S. M. McDonald, Martinsburg, March 19, 1940

S. W. Goodyear, Harrisburg, June 27, 1940

The following officers were elected for the coming year 1940-1941.

President . . . . . John D. Sanders, Hagerstown

Vice President . . . . . Elmer Gross, Greencastle, Pa.

Second Vice President . . . . . Doyle P. Skinner

Third Vice President . . . . . Wesley Shockey

Secretary . . . . . C. L. Jacobs

Treasurer . . . . . George L. Ridgley

Chaplain . . . . . Rev. B. F. Blubaugh

The meeting adjourned to meet at Greencastle, date to be selected by the Association later.

FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

Greencastle, Pa.  
August 14th, 1941.

Memorial Service held in the United Brethren Church at 10 A. M. Invocation by Rev. Harry Krone. Memorial Address by Rev. H. F. Blubaugh, Chaplain. Roll call by President John D. Sanders, as follows:

Robert Small, Martinsburg, W. Va., August 11, 1940

Harry J. Small, McSherrystown, Pa., August 14, 1940

Reginald C. Fred, Winchester, Va., August 18, 1940

C. Fred Orth, Camp Hill, Pa., Sept. 8, 1940

Harry K. Engle, Middletown, Pa., Sept. 8, 1940

Leonard Kline, McSherrystown, Pa., Dec. 29, 1940

M. M. Tawney, Harrisburg, Pa., April 14, 1941

Clyde H. Peters, Harrisburg, Pa., May 20, 1941

H. C. Kriner, Waynesboro, Pa., May 29, 1941

W. DeWitt Franklin, Harrisburg, Pa., June 20, 1941

Edw. Yost, Chambersburg, June 7, 1941

W. W. Westphal, Martinsburg, W. Va., July 18, 1941

Afternoon session at 2 P. M. in the Citizens National Bank Room. Call to order by President John D. Sanders. Prayer by Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Chaplain. Committees made their reports. Secretary Jacobs reported as follows:

Dues . . . . . \$739.00

Sale of Buttons . . . . . \$10.50

Profit on Book of Proceedings . . . . . \$230.46

Total . . . . . \$979.96

Mr. Staubly, Treasurer's report, showed a balance in bank of \$5,302.90. Mr. Clopper of University of Maryland College, and Mr. J. W. Just, gave very interesting talks and were enjoyed by all present. Mr. J. W. Just was made Honorary Member. Motion was made to have the History of the Association printed. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive Committee.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Marvin Gonso, Greencastle, Pa.

First Vice President—Wesley Shockey, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Second Vice President—R. L. Shoop, Waynesboro, Pa.

Third Vice President—G. S. Lindsay, Hagerstown, Md.

Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.

Treasurer—A. M. Staubly, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Baltimore, Md.

After the meeting was adjourned, the weather looked very bad for the parade. It was raining about 6 P. M. A little later it cleared and the parade was a wonderful success. Many unexpected companies arrived.

Tickets were given to all delegates for both dinner and supper by the committee in charge.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY V. F. A.

McSherrystown, Pa.  
August 19th, 1942.

Memorial Service held by the Chaplain, Rev. Blubaugh, at 6 P. M. Service opened by prayer. President Gonso called the names of the departed members who passed away as follows:

Lewis Bernhart, Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 14, 1941

J. E. Mondorff, Hanover, Pa., May 30, 1942

Robert Thomas, Charlestown, W. Va., May 30, 1942

Memorial Service closed at Memorial Address by the Chaplain.

At 7:45 P. M. Business Session was opened by President Gonso. Reports of officers and committees on By-Laws, proposing two amendments be made. Same will be acted on next year. One to exempt servicemen of payment of dues; the other to permit greater membership in the association.

Motion was made that G. Fred Gibbs have the History of the Association printed and to secure 500 copies.

Report of Treasurer shows \$5,402.69 on deposit.

Election of officers for the year, 1943, as follows:

President—Wesley Shockey, Martinsburg, W. Va.

First Vice President—S. G. Lindsay, Hagerstown, Md.

Second Vice President—Joseph Croft, McSherrystown, Pa.

Third Vice President—Ray Henninger, Waynesboro, Pa.

Secretary—C. L. Jacobs, Waynesboro, Pa.

Treasurer—A. M. Staubly, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Chaplain—Rev. B. F. Blubaugh, Baltimore, Md.

Officers for the year 1943 were installed by Ex President Elmer Gonso. Each officer was called upon for remarks and all expressed their willingness to try and make the organization outstanding. President-Elect Wesley Shockey then took charge of the meeting, stating he would in the near future name the Executive Committee and other committees that come under his jurisdiction. The meeting was closed about 9:30 P. M. and all present enjoyed the wonderful ham sandwiches, doggies, ice cream, soft drinks and coffee.

The meeting was attended by 41 delegates; also the officers of the Convention.

The membership of the Association reported by Secretary 533. After consulting President Shockey and Treasurer Staubly 600 copies was secured.

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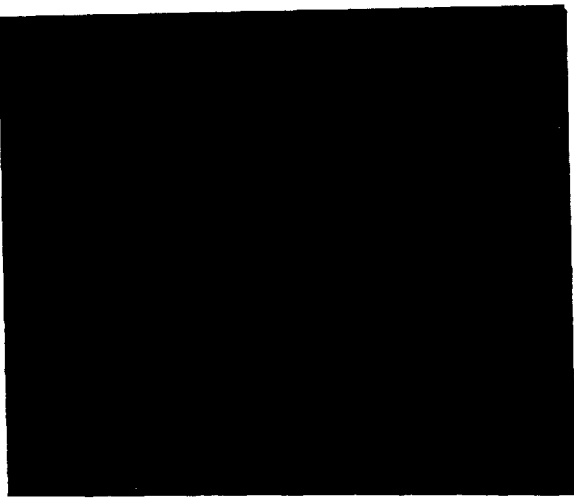
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