

for city fires. They were commended for the time they put into the truck. Firemen admiring the new truck in figure 43 are (left to right) Val Player, Karl Zimmerman, Max Ray and Stan Gordon.

The fire department responded to the Paul Peterson residence on June 17, to put out a hay stack fire. The loss was \$450. The fire department also put out a hay and shed fire at the Dean Christofferson residence on October 4. The loss was \$700 to \$800. The fire was started by kids playing with matches.

The fire department was called out Sunday morning December 23, to the Mahlon Peck dairy farm. The roof of the dairy barn and granary had burned off before the department arrived. Cause of the fire was a faulty heater in the milk barn. There was a heavy fog that had settled over the area which hid the fire for some time. It lifted just in time for a neighbor, Jerry Brooks to see the flames and call the fire department.



Figure 44 Officers of the Lehi Fire Department for 1972

Members of the Lehi Volunteer Fire Department voted in new officers for 1972 figure 44. Max Ray, was voted as president center left, Mac Powell, vice-president, center right, Knollin Haws, seated left Lynn “Snook” Lewis seated far right were directors. Standing, left to right: Harold Hutchings and George Reynolds directors. Stan Gordon was chief and Grant Smith assistant chief. Members of the Lehi Volunteer Fire Department for the year included, Wayne Allred, Alvin Broadbent, Maurice “Brig” Dahl, Wesley Dalley, Duane Evans, Stan Gordon, Knollin Haws, Harold “Hutch” Hutchings, Dean Kirkham, Gene Kirkham, Doyle Kohler,

Lynn "Snook" Lewis, Berl Peterson, Emo Player, Mac Powell, Max Ray, George Reynolds, Scott Robinson, Grant Smith, Lewis Smith, Mike Southwick, Wesley Turner, Dale Walker, Ned Wilson and Karl Zimmerman. Several firemen were honored by the Utah State Fireman's Association. Receiving ten year awards were George Reynolds, Duane Evans, and Wayne Allred. Alvin Broadbent received a 25-year award.

Maurice "Brig" Dahl retired from the fire department on February 22, 1972 after 22 years of service. "I'm leaving to make room for new and younger blood in the department," was "Brig's" parting statement. Also in 1972 pagers were bought and would be tried along with the siren.

Firemen were stretched thin when they responded to three fires in high winds. The first was a grass fire at the Jordan Pumps. The second was a hay fire at the Joe Colledge farm where twenty tons of hay were destroyed and fifteen to twenty tons were saved. The cause of the fire was a branding fire left for dead rekindled in the wind.



Figure 45 Fireman inspects the attic

The third fire was at the Ferrin Olsen farm where a barn was threatened. Only minor damage resulted from the fire.

Firemen put out a house fire at the Kenneth Haskell Home at 1995 North Railroad Street. No one was home at the time of the fire. Neighbors turned in the alarm at 10:15 p.m. The losses were estimated at \$6,000. Figure 45.

A spectacular display of fireworks were being planned for the Fourth of July. The Lehi Free Press stated that "*The colorful display is widely known for its spectacular rockets, bursts*

*and falls.*” The materials cost the Lehi Fire Department with the aid of Lehi City \$700. Committee chairman Alvin Broadbent was in charge of the fireworks for 1972.

The Lehi Fire Department was alerted Sunday afternoon and responded to a fire at the LaFeria Reception Center

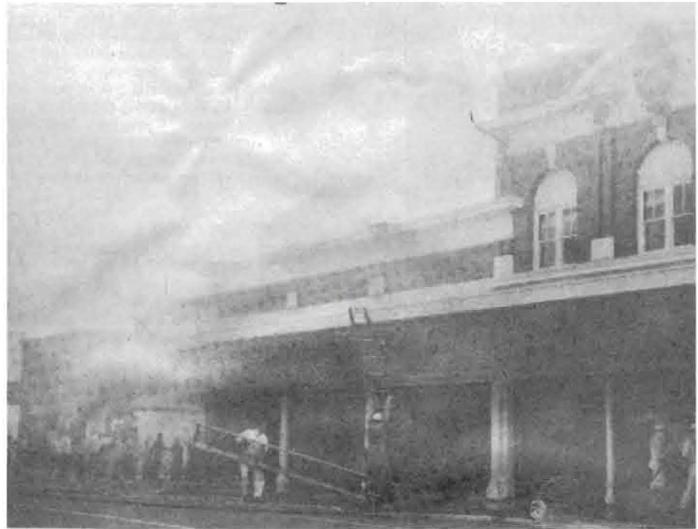


Figure 46 Fire at the LaFeria Reception Center

200 West Main. The devastating fire swept through the reception hall and Greenwood’s Carpets and Interiors, causing extensive damage. Firemen using oxygen equipment entered the building but were only able to stay for short periods of time due to the smoke and heat. Max Ray, a Lehi Fireman, was injured when he fell through a skylight landing about fifteen feet below. Max separated his shoulder and sustained cuts and bruises. He was treated and released from American Fork Hospital. \$50,000 was placed as the damage to the building and contents. The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen area. Figure 46.

The Lehi Free Press with the cooperation of the Lehi Fire Department began to “*spotlight*” the Lehi Volunteers. The series of articles were to acquaint Lehi Citizens with their firemen. Wayne “Tuff” Allred was spotlighted on October 19. He had been a member for ten years and owned “Tuffs” barber shop. October 26, belonged to Alvin Broadbent. Alvin had been a fireman for 27 years and worked as an Iron Worker. November 2, spotlight was Wes Dalley. Wes had been a member for one and one half years and owned Dalley’s. November 16, was Duane Evans. Duane had been a member for 13 years and worked at Geneva Steel.

December 2, was Knollin Haws.

Knollin had been a member for eighteen years and worked for the Army National Guard.

December 9, was Berl Peterson, Berl was the Lehi Police Chief and had been a member of

the fire department for eleven years. December

16, was George Reynolds. George had been a member for 10 years and worked for the Lehi Free Press.



Figure 47 Santa Claus ushers in Christmas

Santa Claus ushered in the Christmas Parade riding in the back of one of Lehi's Fire Trucks. He threw out candy and talked to those in the crowd setting a festive air. Figure 47.

The spotlighting of Lehi Firemen continued into 1973 with Lewis K. Smith. Lewis had been with the Fire Department for eighteen years and was employed as a firefighter at the Tooele Army Depot. Grant B. Smith had been a member for eighteen and one half years and was self employed as a farmer. Doyle Kohler had been with the department for eighteen months and owned Pioneer Market. Mac Powell had been on the department for two years. Mac was employed as the sales manager for Lehi Block. Mike Southwick was employed as an electrician and had been with the department for fourteen years. Ned Wilson had been with the department for twenty years and worked for Lehi City as the Recorder. Harold Hutchings had been a member for seventeen years and owned Hutches Sporting goods store. Max Ray had been a member for fourteen years and worked at the Tooele Army Depot.

The fire department responded to a dairy barn fire at the Ron Nuttall property on March 22, 1973. Everything was destroyed in the barn. Nineteen men and four pieces of equipment were

on scene for over two hours. Figure 48.

*Old Fire Bell Hangs Again* reports the Lehi Free Press on May 10, 1973. The old fire bell, which for many years summoned volunteers to fight fires, was again hanging. The bell had been in storage for years, was given to the city by Denzil



Figure 48 Dairy barn fire at Nuttalls

Turner who acquired it when he bought the old Pioneer building on Main Street. The bell was more than 100 years old. The bell is being lifted onto the frame work that was prepared for it in picture # 49. Picture #50 shows it hanging in front of the old station. It currently



Figure 49 The original fire bell being hoisted into place

hangs in front of the new fire station at 176 North Center.



Figure 50 Lehi fire bell

Long time fireman Afton Giles passed away of natural causes. Afton was 81 years old. He had been a member of the Lehi Volunteer Fire department for 35 years.

The fire department opened 1974 with a new fire chief. Grant Smith replaced Stan Gordon

who had been the fire chief for the past four years. Stan would remain on the department as a fireman. Assisting Chief Smith would be Mike Southwick assistant chief. Dean Kirkham, Mac Powell and Karl Zimmerman, captains. Wes Turner, Max Ray Harold Hutchings, lieutenants. Berl Peterson would serve as president, Dale Ekins as vice-president, Stan Gordon, Mac Powell, Stan Lewis, Alvin Broadbent were directors and Ned Wilson as secretary. Dale Ekins and Stan Lewis were new members. Duane Evans turned in his resignation when he moved out of Lehi in August 1974 after serving for sixteen years. 1951 thru 1953 and 1971 thru 1974.

Firemen in figure 51 inspect the damage to the arcade storage building at Saratoga, May 9. The building and contents sustained \$1,500 damage. The cause of the fire is unknown. An editorial in the May 9, Lehi Free Press said *that this may be the last year for Fireworks on the Fourth of July*. The costs have increased every year. An evening of fireworks was about \$175.00. Now the cost is nearly \$1,000.



Figure 51 Fire at Saratoga

*“Funds are needed if we are to continue this exciting tradition that has made our community one of the few to celebrate the Fourth of July in the true spirit of ‘76”.*

“High gusting winds, parched underbrush and fire should have spelled tragedy. But Lehi’s Volunteer Fire Department was too busy to read.” At 8:16 p.m. a fire fanned by 40 mph winds blew through the C.T. Jones property in the Dry Creek area. Cause of the fire is unknown. The fire caused about \$8,000. damage. Firemen were given high praise for the way they extinguished the fire under trying circumstances.

*Lehi Police Car Burned by Arsonists Early Sunday* reported the Lehi Free Press. The police car was parked in front of Officer Paul Kirkpatrick's house. A neighbor Don Harris heard a noise, looked outside and saw the car on fire. Don called the fire and police departments. The car was sprayed with gasoline. The car was a total loss. Figure 52.



Figure 52 Officer Kirkpatrick and Chief Peterson

A fire erupted just after midnight Saturday destroying 60 tons of hay belonging to Ned and Neil Oldham. The fire was believed to be the act of an arsonist. Figure 53.

The Lehi Volunteer Fire Department answered 105 calls for 1974 with a damage estimate of \$121,295. They responded to 52 grass fires, eleven vehicle fires, nine house and several shed fires. Seventeen of the calls were false alarms and there were sixteen miscellaneous calls.



Figure 53 Fire at the Neil Oldhams property

Leading the Fire Department for 1975 were Fire Chief Grant Smith, with Mike Southwick, assistant chief. Dean Kirkham, Mac Powell, and Karl Zimmerman as captains. Wes Turner, Max Ray Harold Hutchings as lieutenants. Dale Ekins would serve as president and Stan Lewis as vice-president.

An early morning fire gutted the Powell Laundry located at about 250 East State on April 3.

Lehi Police Officer Lonnie Hardy discovered the blaze while on patrol. Damage estimates were between \$35,000 and \$40,000. The boiler room was the cause of the fire. Figure 54.



Figure 54 Powell's Laundry

A fire of undetermined origin caused \$25,000 damage to the property of Ken Webb. A shed and contents were destroyed in the fire.

The fire was brought under control in one hour. Four pieces of equipment and 20 men responded to fight the fire. Figure 55.

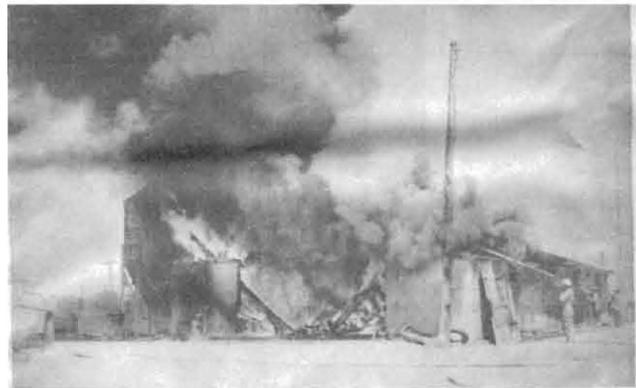


Figure 55 Shed fire at the Ken Webb residence

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus wave to the crowds on a wet and cold Saturday afternoon. The Clauses used Lehi's brush truck for their



Figure 56 Santa and Mrs. Claus

sleigh. Figure 56. In 1975 the Lehi Fire Department responded to 39 percent fewer fire calls than the previous year but the dollar loss was considerably higher. The fire department responded to 11

house fires. Thirteen car fires, eight miscellaneous calls and 23 grass fires. There were seven false alarms. Two new firemen were placed on the roll. Lonnie Hardy and Bert Wilson hired onto the department.

Bert Wilson was elected to lead the fire department as president for 1976. Ken Chamberlain

was vice-president with Wes Dalley, Stan Lewis, Dale Walker, Scott Robinson and Doyle Kohler as directors. Grant Smith was the fire chief with Mike Southwick as the assistant chief. Two new firemen Kenneth Chamberlain and Steve Smith were hired onto the department.



Figure 57 Ben McKinney home in Fairfield

A fire destroyed the home of Ben McKinney in Fairfield. The fire which started in the back of the house by an electrical short, caused \$55,000 damage. Three fire trucks and 20 firemen assisted one truck and five firemen from the Cedar Fort Fire Department. Figure 57. Twenty-five men and four pieces of equipment battled a fire that destroyed three sheds, a hay bailer, 2,500 bales of hay and assorted tools. The crew's efforts were hampered by high winds. Losses were estimated at \$10,500.

The Lehi Fire Department took delivery of a new \$58,000 pumper truck on November 18. Chief Grant Smith shows Councilwomen JoAnn Brown and Mayor Evan Colledge the new truck.



Figure 58 New fire engine



Figure 59 Chief Grant Smith and Lynn Lewis

The truck would be added to augment Lehi's fire fighting equipment. Figure 58.

Lynn "Snook" Lewis announced his retirement after 16 years from the fire department Lynn was honored at the December Christmas party and would

formally retire on January 1, 1977. Chief Grant Smith awarded Lynn with a plaque of appreciation. Richard Worthen was voted onto the department to replace Lynn and would assume his duties in January. Figure 59.

*It is more dangerous to live in the county than in Lehi* reports the February 24, 1977 Lehi Free Press. Lehi City had an increase of one fire in 1976 over 1975. The county more than doubled its fires. In 1975 there were 31 fires compared to 70 fires in 1976. Mostly grass fires. Chief Grant Smith stated that there had been three suspicious grass fires near the Lehi Roller Mills in the past two weeks. Arson was suspected.



Figure 60 Brush fire above Alpine

Fire swept through the hills West of Alpine. The wind whipped fire burned about 2,000 acres of scrub oak and brush. More than 300 fire fighters fought the blaze for more than five hours. It was believed that the fire started by a cigarette near the Hog Hollow Road in Alpine. Figure 60.

An early morning blaze destroyed one chicken coop containing 26,000 laying hens. The alarm came in at 2:35 a.m. The fire department sent five trucks and 25 men. Damage estimates were more than \$150,000. This was the second fire at the Sage Hills egg farm. Firemen fought a similar fire in 1967. Figure 61.

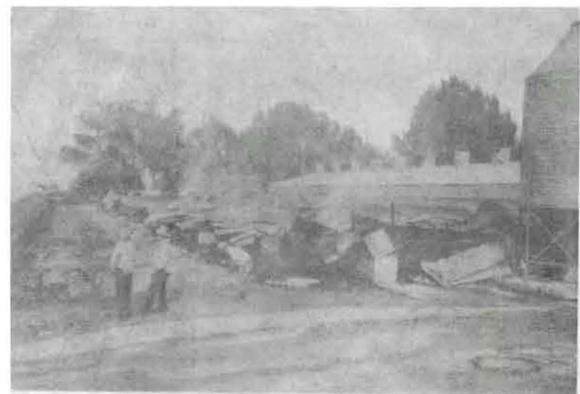


Figure 61 Fire at Sage Hill egg farm

On December 7, 1977, the fire department held elections for a new fire chief and officers.

After a lengthy discussion Max Ray was voted in as the new fire chief for 1978. Stan Lewis was elected as president, Rick Worthen as vice-president, Kerry Evans, Ken Chamberlain, Dale Ekins and Dale Walker as directors. Kerry Evans was



Figure 62 Lehi Fire Department Officers for 1978

hired onto the department to replace “Snook” Lewis’. Grant Smith would stay on the department as a fireman. A vote of appreciation was given to Grant for the excellent job he did as chief.

Figure 62. Seated left to right: Ned Wilson secretary, Stan Lewis president, Rick Worthen vice-president. Standing: Kerry Evans, Ken Chamberlain directors, Max Ray, chief, Karl Zimmerman, assistant chief, Dale Ekins, and Dale Walker directors. Dale Walker was absent. Figure 62.

Chief Ray appointed Ken Chamberlain, Mac Powell and Harold Hutchings as captains. Bert Wilson, Stan Lewis and Dale Ekins as lieutenants.

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The Lehi Fire Department sent several members of the department to Utah Technical School to train firemen on first aid and extricating persons from wrecked vehicles.

Firemen were taught how to remove the wreckage from the victim and not the victim from the wreckage. Spinal immobilization was also taught. Lehi firemen Grant Smith and Ned Wilson inspect the cause of the fire that destroyed this truck and camper. A suspected gas leak was the cause of the fire. The fire occurred as the family was on their way to Delta for the Holidays. Figure 63.

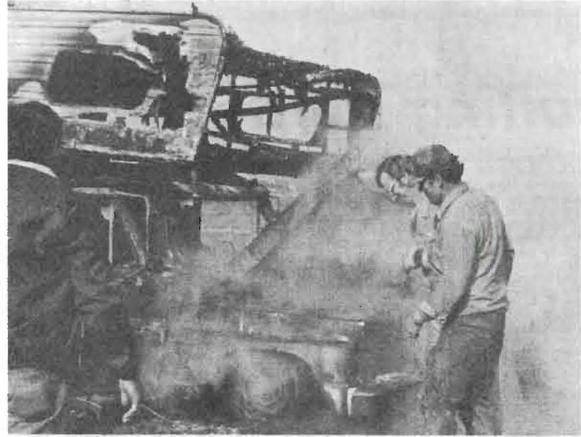


Figure 63 Truck and camper fire



Figure 64 Grass fire in north Lehi

Grass fires continued to plague the fire department. This one, North of town, was extinguished as it was threatening homes in the area. Approximately 20 acres was burned. Kids and matches were suspected. Figure 64.

Dean Kirkham retired from the Lehi Fire Department. Dean was honored by the Lehi Fire Department for 26 years of service. Dean held many positions with the department among them assistant chief, captain, lieutenant, president and other positions as well.

Mayor Blaine Singleton, left and Stan Lewis right, awards plaque of appreciation to Dean Kirkham. Figure 65.



Figure 65 Dean Kirkham retires