

discharge foam for electrical and gas fires. The truck held 500 gallons of water and enough hose to reach the end of a city block. The truck was paid for through a bonding process. Pictured is Lewis Smith in truck. Don Peterson councilman, Snook Lewis president, Chief Penrod and Ned Wilson assistant chief. The truck is still in operation today. Figure 25.



Figure 26 Fatal accident on Highway 91

An early morning fire at the Rex Larson mink farm raised one of his sheds causing \$8,000 damage. The fire department responded to Highway 91 near Lamberts to assist with a fatal traffic accident between a tanker and pickup truck. The pickup is shown in Figure 26.



Figure 27 Car vs Motorcycle



Figure 28 Emergency personnel attending to victim

Besides fighting fires the Lehi Fire Department responded to many different calls. Figure 27 and 28 show members of the fire department rendering first aid to the victim of a car motorcycle accident at the intersection of 300 North and 200 West, which fatally injured the driver and passenger. The second passenger was hospitalized with two broken legs. Pictured above is Lehi fireman Snook Lewis, Gordon Bennett ambulance driver, Lehi Officer Ashley Nelson and Dean Kirkham.

New officers were voted for and would represent the department for 1965. Stan Gordon was voted in as president, Ferd Evans vice-president, Dale Walker, Berl Peterson, Gene Kirkham and Lynn "Snook" Lewis were directors.

Figure 29.



Figure 29 Officers for 1965

Lehi Fire Department assisted American Fork Department with a spectacular fire at the Norton Food Company warehouse. The cause of the fire which was undetermined, caused over \$100,000 damage. American Fork had three trucks on scene and Lehi had two trucks. The warehouse and contents were a total loss. Figure 30.



Figure 30 Norton food company warehouse

The Lehi Free Press reported that *wives and members of the fire department took winning honors at the State Fireman's Convention held in Logan. A float with posters, depicting safety rules, entered by the ladies auxiliary took the top spot. Holding the trophy is Stan Gordon kneeling. Left to right: in figure 31 were Lynn Lewis, Shirley Southwick, LaVern Gordon, Joyce Wilson, Chief Cloyed Penrod,*



Figure 31 Lehi firemen and wives take first place honors

Beulah Lewis, Mike Southwick, Grant Smith, Rhea Penrod, Ned Wilson and Rose Smith.

April 29, 1965 the Lehi Fire Department responded to Ralph's Truck Inn. Lehi Police Officer Clem Turner reported the fire at 1:15 a.m. after seeing smoke coming from the building. The Lehi Free Press said that *"fire crews were on the scene within three minutes after the call was placed. Three trucks two of them pumpers and 21 of the 24 members responded and contained the blaze to walls inside the structure. Air packs and the new smoke ejectors were used by the men to pump out the heavy black smoke. Electrical wiring was suspected as the cause of the fire."* Damage was estimated at \$6,600. The Truck Inn reopened three weeks later.

Midnight fire snuffs out life of Oren (Dar) Lewis reported the Lehi Free Press on October 20, 1965. The fire broke out in the trailer located at about 250 West Main in the South West corner of the



Figure 32 Trailer house belonging to Oren "Dar" Lewis.

Holbrook property trapping Mr. Lewis in the trailer. Lehi Officer Berl Peterson turned in the alarm at 11:45 p.m. when he noticed the fire while patrolling. He attempted to force his way in but the flame's drove Berl back. The Lehi Fire Department controlled the blaze which gutted the

trailer. The loss was estimated at \$1,300. A small electric heater was suspected of causing the fire.

This was the first reported death caused by fire in the Lehi Fire Department records.

Figure 32.



Figure 33

Officers for 1966

During December of 1965 several

events took place that changed the department. Elections for new officers for the coming year 1966 took place. Harold Ellison was voted in as president, George Reynolds vice-president, Stan Gordon, Duane Evans, "Tuff" Allred and Dean Kirkham as directors. Figure 33.

The firemen's ball, a yearly fund raising event was held on December 31. The money made from the dance went to help fund the July fireworks as it had every year. Cloyed Penrod, Fire Chief for the past eight years, announced his retirement. Cloyed who had been with the department for 17 years said he would remain as a member of the department. During Cloyed's term as chief many improvements had taken place. The membership increased to 25 members, and fire trucks increased to six trucks. Rex Southwick was voted in as the new fire chief and would be assisted by Dean Kirkham assistant chief, Mike Southwick captain and Grant Smith lieutenant. Karl Zimmerman was voted in as a new member.

In March of 1966 there was another fire at Ralph's Truck Inn (later known as the La Casa Supper Club) which caused damages of more than \$20,000. Arson was suspected. The Utah State Fire Marshal's office assisted in the investigation.

Lehi firemen responded to the Highland area and fought a stubborn fire involving turkey

brood coops at the Lawrence Jonsson property. Fifteen men and four pieces of equipment responded to put the fire out. The turkey coops and equipment were a total loss. The cause was undetermined. Figure 34.



Figure 34 Turkey brood coops

In June, the fire department was called out to fight a series of fires along the D.& R. G. Railroad tracks. The fires extended from 500 West to the Point of the Mountain. They also responded to the intersection of S.R. 68 and S.R. 73 for a brush fire.

The fire department went to the area know as Five Mile Pass and assisted crews from Tooele fight a brush fire. Crews were there for four hours.

The fire department and resuscitator were called to the Carter airport on August 25. The airport is located on the bench area of north Lehi. Long time Lehi resident and owner of the airport, Vern Carter was found in a hanger by his wife who had gone to pick him up for lunch. Vern was taken to the American Fork Hospital and pronounced dead. Possible cause of death was a blood clot.

Lehi Fire Department Stands Prepared, Alert reports the Lehi Free Press in 1967. “As guardians of the lives and property of those in the community, the Lehi Fire Department stands prepared and alert, day and night, in all times and seasons of the year.” Fire prevention, as well as control of fires is the main goal of the fire department. Skilled and trained for emergency treatment by resuscitator and other first aid measures, the crew is often called out to assist in time of illness or accident.

Although the firemen have had plenty of good training on the resuscitator, it is often not

enough. The fire department responded three times to assist persons having heart attacks in 1967. Glen Wing and Ruel Evans in April, and Art Thomas in July all succumbed to their ailments.

Officers for the year of 1967 include Rex Southwick fire chief, Dean Kirkham assistant chief, Mike Southwick, captain and Grant Smith lieutenant. Duane Evans was president, Max Ray vice-president, Cloyed Pernod, Dale Walker, Ned Wilson, and Harold Ellison were directors.

It was announced that the Fourth of July fireworks display was scheduled again for next year but the yearly New Years Eve Fireman's Ball had been cancelled due to lack of interest by local residents and the dancing public.

The loss of a brood coop in November 1967, at the Countryside egg farm owned by Reed Christofferson was estimated at \$100,000. The early evening fire destroyed the 306 by 40 foot coops which contained 28,000, 12-week-old chicks. The fire department saved four other coops and about 2,000 of the chicks.



Figure 35.

Figure 35 Chicken coop at Christofferson's

The fire department battled a hot blaze in the snow at the Glen Ferguson home. A fire that may have been caused by a coal stove destroyed the shop and tools. Two pumpers, the tanker and one pickup were called to the scene spending two long hours fighting the stubborn fire.

The fire department continued with a long time tradition of assisting "*Santa ushering in the holiday season.*" Santa is shown as he arrived on top of the fire engine. Members of the Lehi Fire Department met the jolly Old Gent at the airport and brought him to town. Shown on the fire



Figure 36 Lehi Fireman and Santa Claus

truck with Santa Claus was Duane Evans. Figure 36.

Several times in 1968, Lehi fire crews assisted with cleaning up vacant lots by burning weeds and trash. (Note the old Evans Cereal Mill in the back ground which later burned down). Figure 37.

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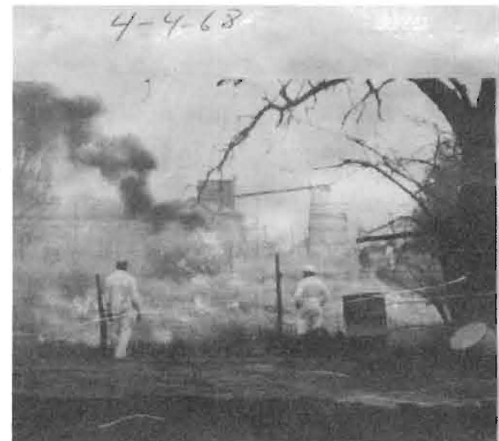


Figure 37 Firemen assist with cleanup

department also fought the 1968 Saratoga resort fire which resulted in a \$100,000 loss of the old main building and arcade. The Lehi Free Press stated that *“Deputy Dean Kirkham spotted the fire and turned in the alarm at 1:07 a.m. The department responded with 19 men and four pieces of*

equipment. Members of the department were still on the fire at 9:00 a.m., cooling hot spots.” The pool was of no use because of the fire above. It was easier to lay 1,000 feet of hose and pump from the lake rather than from the outdoor pool. While fighting the fire, a small tank of chlorine gas exploded and sent flames into the dressing room area.



Figure 38 Firemen are silhouetted by the Saratoga Resort fire

Figure 38.

Two boat fires at the Saratoga Boat harbor caused major damage to both boats. The first fire was caused when the engine compartment exploded causing \$2,500 damage. The second fire caused burns and other injuries when the boat exploded into flames as it was moving offshore. The Lehi Fire Department responded to assist in putting out the fires and rendering first aid.

Drills and training were and still are held every Wednesday evening. The sounding of the siren served two purposes - one to test the siren and second to remind crew members of training.

Rex Southwick was chief, Dean Kirkham assistant chief, Mike Southwick captain and Grant Smith lieutenant. Dale Walker was president, Wesley Turner vice-president, Ned Wilson, Harold Hutchings, Gene Kirkham, and Valno Peterson were directors. The highlight of the annual Christmas party was the awarding of a commemorative plaque to Cloyed Penrod long time fireman and fire chief. Mr. Pernod would retire January 1, 1969. The party committee chairman was Duane Evans he was assisted by his wife Alva. Other members of the committee were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Broadbent, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Allred.

During the past year there were 82 calls with 12 false alarms. Forty calls were for grass and trash fires, one-lost child, one smoke scare, three to assist on wash downs at traffic accidents. Seven building fires resulting in a loss of \$480. Ten car and truck fires, eight home fires with a loss of \$9,515. Department membership was 25 with the addition of Wesley Turner.

It was announced that Cloyed Penrod who retired from the fire department on January 1, 1969 died of a heart attack January 6. Cloyed was on his way to a doctor appointment when he was stricken. Cloyed served as chief for eight years. He was a member and director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Chief Penrod held many positions during his years as a

fireman for Lehi.

New officers for 1970 were Knollin Haws president, Alvin Broadbent vice-president, Val Player, Lewis Smith, Max Ray, and Dale Walker directors. Val Player was voted in as a new fireman replacing Cloyed Penrod.

“Lehi home gutted by fire” reported the Lehi Free Press. *High wind whipped flames from sheds nearby which caught onto the house owned by C.T. Jones. Michael Peters and his wife were living in the home at the time.* The home was destroyed. The Peters were only able to escape with some clothes. Figure 39.



Figure 39 Home of C.T. Jones

Figure 40 is a fire at the Eldred Fox Farm. The blaze was reported at 3:50 a.m. by a passing motorist. The fire destroyed the roof of a large milk barn, the compressor room a

lounge shed for cows and tools. The fire was still under investigation. Damage was valued at \$15,000 to \$20,000.



Figure 40 Milking barn fire at the Eldred Fox farm

Fire destroyed hay, corrals and sheds at the Ralph Dubois property. The Lehi Fire Department responded to assist the Cedar Fort Fire Department. Children with matches were believed to be the cause of the fire.

In 1970, Stan Gordon started a new decade as the Lehi Fire Chief. Stan was voted in by members of the fire department and appointed by Mayor Morris Clark. Chief Gordon succeeded Rex Southwick who had served for the past four years. Chief Gordon appointed Grant Smith assistant chief, Duane Evans captain, and Lynn "Snook" Lewis as lieutenant. Under Chief Gordon's direction the department was broken into three crews. Crew #1: Harold Ellison crew chief, Dean Kirkham, with Ned Wilson, Berl Peterson, George Reynolds, Alvin Broadbent and Emo Player. Crew #2: Mike Southwick, crew chief, with Rex Southwick, Max Ray, Dale Walker, Valno Peterson, Gene Kirkham and Karl Zimmerman. Crew #3: Lewis Smith, crew chief, with "Brig" Dahl, Knollin Haws, Wayne Allred, Scott Robinson, Harold Hutchings, and Wesley Turner. Members of the Fire Prevention and Inspection Committee were Ned Wilson, "Brig" Dahl, Gene Kirkham, George Reynolds, and Karl Zimmerman. The Training Committee members were Grant Smith, Duane Evans, Harold Ellison, Mike Southwick and Lewis Smith. Ned Wilson was secretary and reporter. George Reynolds was historian. Wesley Turner, Harold Hutchings, Max Ray, "Snook" Lewis, Dale Walker as members of the Party Committee. The Purchasing Committee were Stan Gordon, Knollin Haws, Grant Smith and "Brig" Dahl. The Fire Works Committee was headed by Max Ray and was assisted by Mike Southwick, Alvin Broadbent, Dean Kirkham and Valno Peterson.

Three local youths Martin Turner (Wes), Galen Hinton (Harvard) and Russell Woffinden (Tom) spent a cold night in Tooele County when their car became mired in the mud. An all night

search followed with 21 members of the Lehi Fire Department assisting the Sheriff's department and the Lehi Police Department. The three were found early Sunday morning as the boys were walking in for help.



Figure 41 Roof fire at Lafayette Jones

A fire caused an estimated \$7,000 damage to the Lafayette Jones home. The

alarm came in at 1:03 p.m. The fire was believed to have started by sparks from the chimney. A second alarm came in at 3:30 a.m. when the fire rekindled. Figure 41.

The Lehi Fire Department opened the Fourth of July with a bang when they lit up the morning with their sunrise salutes. Firemen arrived about 6:00 a.m. to begin a long day of preparing for the yearly feat. The fireworks cost the Lehi Fire Department with the aid of Lehi City about \$600.

On July 9, fire crews spent several hours on six to seven fires along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. A hot box on the train was suspect. Fire crews also fought fires in West Canyon and at the south end of the Lake Mountains. Lightning caused \$1,800 damage to the Grant Haws home. The fire burned itself out because the house was closed up tight although extensive smoke damage occurred. Fire crews also fought a 400-acre fire at Camp Williams apparently caused by a tracer bullet. 180 National Guardsmen assisted with containing the fire, along with seven loads of fire retardant.

Lehi Fire Department conducted fire drills at the Lehi schools as they have done for years.

Chief Gordon said firemen were stationed throughout the school to observe the students as they left their rooms. The students responded well to the firemen's instructions and the drills also went very well. The Sego Lily School took 60 seconds to evacuate. The Lehi Elementary took 55 seconds.



Figure 42 Officers of the Lehi Fire Department for 1971

The Junior High took a minute and a half and the High School took a minute and ten seconds.

Knollin Haws seated center, figure 42 was elected president for 1971. Rex Southwick, vice-president, Ned Wilson, secretary, Alvin Broadbent, Karl Zimmerman, Wesley Turner and Mac Powell directors. Stan Gordon, was chief and Grant Smith, assistant chief. Mac Powell was a new member. Figure 42.

A heart attack was fatal to Rex Southwick. Rex, a long time fireman and former fire chief, died January 1, 1971 at his home. Rex was married to Anna June Southwick and was employed at Geneva Steel.



Figure 43 1951 Tanker

The fire department acquired a new 1000 gallon tanker. It replaced a unit that was slow and beyond repair. The Utah Forestry and Fire Control furnished the chassis. A 1951 6x6 and the firemen fitted the truck with

the tank in their spare time. The truck was to be used primarily for county fires but was also used