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FIFTEEN CENTS



There were lots of kites flying over Jim Johnstin's field in Maytown last weekend. Photo shows Sandy Hall (left) and Heather Hall (right) flying the smallest kite around. John Kerschner (center) watches.

Maytown kites soar



Dale Boyer struggles to defend his kite from an aerial attack by a kite flown by his sister Kim.

Marietta fireman Steve Bailey risks his life to save woman in smoke-filled apartment

Steve Bailey, 2nd Assistant Fire Chief of the Pioneer Fire Company, risked his life to save 67-year-old, Elizabeth Moyer from a burning apartment house in Marietta last Sunday.

Steve managed to drag the unconscious woman to safety before he was knocked out himself by the smoke. Mrs. Moyer is being treated for smoke inhalation and burned lungs.

The fire broke out at about 5:30 a.m. in a Market Street apartment house.

An extremely swift response by the Pioneer Fire Company enabled firemen to contain the blaze to the first floor. Maytown and Florin trucks were also at the scene in minutes.

Heat from the fire was so intense that a car on the street was destroyed.

When firemen arrived, a bystander told them that one woman was still in the house.

Fire Chief Ken Geesey Sr., directed Steve Bailey to search the building.

Steve Bailey, Ed Billett Jr., and George Walters put on air packs and went up the stairs.

The smoke was so thick, the men couldn't tell whether the floor was burning beneath their feet. The floor was very hot. The three held hands to avoid being separated. They opened the front windows of the upstairs apartment in an attempt to clear the air.

Then a bell on Steve Bailey's air pack rang, signalling that his air was almost gone.

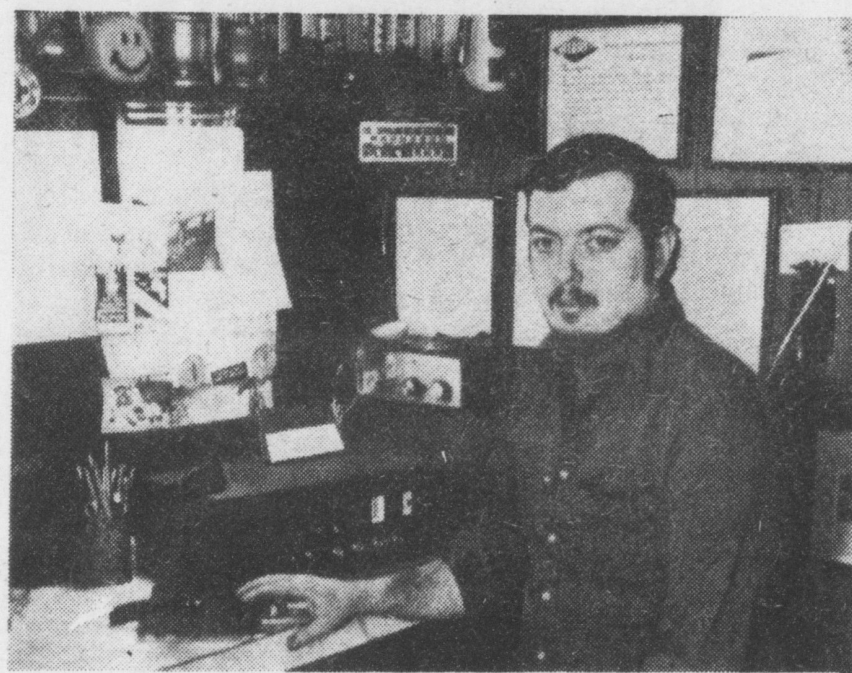
Steve ordered the men with him to get out of the building.

A moment later, Steve glimpsed a human hand through the smoke. He got down on his knees to see the victim's face. Steve recalls, "I could tell she was breathing, but it was really labored."

George Walters had obeyed Steve's order to leave the building, but Ed Billett Jr., noticed what was happening and stayed at the scene.

While Ed held the light, Steve struggled to move the unconscious woman. At first, he couldn't move her.

Steve recalls, "I grabbed her by the wrists and started



Assistant Fire Chief Stephen Bailey

dragging." Steve took off the empty air mask and kept dragging until he reached the top of the stairs.

Marietta police officers Steve Englert and Mel Aldinger, who were standing at the bottom of the stairs, could tell Steve was in trouble.

"Steve was white as a sheet," one bystander recalls.

The officers rushed up the stairs and carried Mrs. Moyer to the Marietta Ambulance.

Steve managed to walk down the stairs unassisted. On the porch, Steve noticed that he was getting dizzy and then he passed out.

The Florin ambulance rushed Steve to a hospital. Steve felt sick for a couple days, but didn't suffer any permanent harm.

The fire caused an estimated \$45,000 damage. Fire Chief Kenneth Geesey Sr., blamed the fire on a smoldering cigarette.

Walk is planned to meet neighbors

The folks in the Stackstown, Sagerville, Chickentown area are planning a 4½ mile "meet your neighbors" hike around their "block" on Sunday, April 4, starting at 2:00 in Stackstown.

They hope families will join them, on foot or on bike, as the group passes each home along Sagerville Road, Bossler Road, Oak Drive, Donegal Springs Road, and Bainbridge Road—making a big circle around their neighborhood.

Non-residents are invited to walk, too. Meet at Histands ball-field, just west of junction of Maytown-Bainbridge Road and Donegal Springs Road, at 1:30.



Marker in Maytown Square finished

Mike McConnell (right) and Frank Splain (left) examine the new WWII marker in Maytown Square. The marker, erected by American Legion Post 809, has been treated with a special sealant so the surface won't crack. Names of men who served in WWII are printed on a large bronze plaque.