

Special Convention of the D.V.F.A was called to order at 1000 hours by President Barlow at the Delaware State Fire Service Center, Dover, DE.

Invocation was given by Assistant Chaplain Walter A. Lamon.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by Harvey Ryan, President Emeritus.

President Barlow appointed the following SGT-OF-ARMS for this meeting William Walton, Sr. (Elsmere); James Cabbage (Clayton); and Norman Armendt (Millville).

President Barlow announced that Convention Booklet Photos were being taken and all Officers and Directors need to have their photos taken today.

Moved by George Kerr (Minquas), seconded by Bob Romig (Five Points), to accept the minutes since they are in printed form - so carried.

ROLL CALL: Roll call showed the following members in attendance - Past Presidents - 21; Officers - 15; President Emeritus - 4; Fire Commissioners - 5; Members - 78; Total in attendance - 123.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Allen Metheny stated the Treasurer's report was in printed form and available for all concerned - copy of the report made a part of this meeting. Treasurer also reported that a check for \$743,500.00 had been sent to State Pension Office to cover DVFA pension amounts for 1990.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Reports of Officers are in printed form and filed with the Secretary.

President Barlow thanked John Smith and Wayne Hutchinson of the Fire School for their help to organize the rally on February 18, 1991 for the troops in the Persian Gulf.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVISORY TO STATE FIRE SCHOOL: John Bare reporting. DSFS newly revovated office space almost completed. Sussex County Burn Training Center is progressing nicely. No action as to funding on the New Castle Burn Training Center as they do not yet have a site for the construction of same. John Smith, Senior Instructor-DSFS, will retire on May 31, 1991

ADVISORY TO MUTUAL RELIEF: Don Ray reporting. New trustees should be sworn in at the annual meeting. New forms have been received from Workman's Compensation. A policy book is being formulated. Private rooms in hospital must be ordered by Doctor to be eligible for payment.

ARCHIVES: Bob Romig reporting. Still need frontpieces from following companies - Claymont, Delaware City, Elsmere, Goodwill, Talleyville, Port Penn, Belevedere, Leipsic, Marydel, South Bowers, Ellendale and Rehoboth Beach. All Past Presidents (Men) pictures have been taken and made into 5x7, thanks to John Smith for his help on this project. Still need 8 Past Presidents (Ladies) and Virginia Yeager is helping to obtain. We will recommend that when photos of Association Presidents are taken that an extra set be made 5x7 to be put into Archive

COMMUNICATIONS L.G. McCoy reporting. Workshop was held at Robbins Hose Co, Dover on 800 MHz which proved to be quite an informative and successful meeting.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Dean Simpson reporting. Proposed By-Law change will be voted on at June meeting.

CONVENTION LIAISON: Joe Burkowski reporting. Convention '91 agenda has not been presented to this Committee as of this date. CISM has asked for media stage at convention - this has received no official notice to this effect. Recommend each company in the parade be limited to 3 pieces of apparatus, exclusive of Chief's vehicle.

CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT: Larry Trentham reporting. Thanked DVFA for support in obtaining \$13,000 for CISM funding. Each county now has received \$500 for espenses - Committee has not met with Allen Metheny as yet on the proper control over the funds and auditing thereof. Program available to all companies that explains what CISM is really about. CISM worked closely with personnel from Dover AFB on this subject and would have been utilized if necessary.

FIRE PREVENTION: William Matthews reporting. Refunds this year far exceed monies available, cuts in refunds have to made.

LAW & LEGISLATIVE: Fred Jester reporting. HB49 (White Lights on Emergency Vehicles) is working. Following bills will be sent to all companies for review and report at county meetings: HB 61 (Ambulance and Rescue Money); HB 65 (Training for Bartenders); HB 81 (License Plate Bill). Bond Bill discussed and committee feels 100% funding should be asked when 800 NHZ implemented.

MEMORIAL: Ray Powell reporting. Memorial Service at the Convention will be held at New Castle Baptist Church on New Castle County Basin Road RT 273 and the chapel can hold up to 1,000 persons. Pictures for the memorial service should be sent to Ace Carrow, DVFA Secretary, who will take care of them and contact John Smith.

OUT-OF-STATE COORDINATORS: Steve Austin reporting. Delaware Night at FDIC. Reservations for 63 has been received for the Caucus Dinner - however, they are not from allover the state.

RESOLUTIONS: Harry Warner reporting. Five resolutions will be brought up in the proper order of business.

SCHOLARSHIP: George Kerr reporting. Packets for scholarship applications were sent to all companies - closew March 31, 1991.

PAST PRESIDENT COMMITTEE: Robert Sweetman reporting. Attendance at meetings have been encouraging - several problems areas are being discussed - next meeting will be held at the State Fire Training Center on April 25, 1991 at 7:30 P.M.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Tony Suppe reporting. The formulation of a statewide program is being discussed by the committee.

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONS

Joann Sweetman, President Ladies Auxillaries, thanked DVFA for invitation to the meeting and offered any help to us from the Ladies. President Sweetman called Ken McMahon and George Kerr to come forward and presented them a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the Scholarship fund.

Robert Faries, President State Fire Police Association, stated his report was filed with Secretary and copies on the front table for all concerned, also on table were forms for nomination of the Fire Policeman of the Year.

John Townley, President of the State Fire Chief's Association, reported that the past meeting in Cheswold was quite successful and well attended.

E. James Moniham, Chairman National Volunteer Fire Council, still would like the state to have 100% membership in the NVFC. The NVFC did a study on recruitment and retention a few years ago. He stated that the present Administration in Washington was much more favorable to the fire service than previous ones. The NVFC will have a booth at the FDIC in Cinnanniti, Ohio. Any problems with CHEMTRAC let him know in writing. Jim stated he will not seek another term as Chairman, but would like to stay on as a director.

President Barlow thanked Jim for his 12 years of dedication to the NVFC and his accomplishments with same, Jim received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Bryan Bennett, Chairman Fire Prevention Commission, asked Ed McCormac to cover the letter concerning DELFIRE BBS.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Jon Cottrell, Assistant Secretary, read the following correspondence:

Ltr, Cheswold Fire Co, 17DEC90, Re; Parade Prizes (CON LIA)  
Ltr, Sen Roth, 21DEC90, Re: Tax Exemption (GUESSFORD)  
Ltr, Sen Biden, 4Jan91, Re: Tax Exemption (GUESSFORD)  
Card of Thanks from Carrow Family.  
Ltr, KC Fire Chiefs, 18DEC90, Re: Parade Prizes (CONV LIA)  
Ltr, KC Fire Assoc, 10JAN91, Re; Parade Prizes (CONV LIA)  
Card of Thanks from May Ann Gibbons.  
Card of Thanks from Metheny Family.  
Ltr, IRS, 31JAN91, Re; Tax Exempt (GUESSFORD)  
Ltr, Sen Roth, 6FEB91, Re; Tax Exempt (GUESSFORD)  
Ltr, Seaford Vol Fire Dept, 2FEB91, Re; Support HB80.  
Ltr, Clayton Fire Co, RE: Support HB80.  
Ltr, Clayton Fire Co, 14FEB91, Re: Support of Harry Warner.  
Ltr, Milton Fire Dept, 12FEB91, Re: Support of Harry Warner.  
Ltr, NCCFA, 16FEB91, Re: Support of HB80.  
Ltr, State Fire Prev Comm, 26FEB91, Re: "DELFIRE BBS".  
Ltr, Frederica Fire Co, 2MAR91, Re: Rescue Boats Standards (LAW&LEG)  
Ltr, Wilm Manor Fire Co, 2MAR91, Re: Trophy Sponsorship (CON LIA)  
Ltr, SCVFA, 2NOV90, Re: Faulty Alarm Systems (STATE FIRE COMMISSION)

Moved by Robert Romig (Five Points), seconded by Harry Warner (Talleville), to accept the correspondence and bring them up under the proper order of business - so carried.

OLD BUSINESS: A.I. Guessford (Odessa) reported on the Tax Exempt Status under 501 c (3) and the problems involved with obtaining same, deadline for submission of changes is today. Proposed Charter change was tentively approved by Officers Meeting on Feb 19, 1991 in Hartly, and all paper work has been submitted pending the approval of the action taken by this body today. Moved by A.I. Guessford (Odessa), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), that the action taken at the Officer meeting on Feb 19, 1991 be adopted - so carried.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek), reported on problems with no valid information in By-Laws pertaining to the conducting of the State Convention - Convention Liaison Committee is working on same for use by all who host an Annual State Convention.

Moved by Norman Armendt (Millville), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), that the letter from Sussex County in regards to faulty alarms systems be referred to the State Fire Prevention Commission for their action - so carried.

Moved by Harry Warner (Talleville), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), that the DVFA reaffirm its position to support 800MHZ Program and that it also state that efforts will be pursued to have the program 100% funded by State/County to have it operational - so carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Moved by Don Ray (Christiana), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), that DVFA support HB 80 (Seat Belt Bill) - so carried.

William Carrow, Secretary, read names of Companies who have not filed their Annual Financial Statement with the State Fire School New Castle County - 7; Kent County - 5; Sussex County - 11. Also reminded everyone that minute books were available 2 per company and 80 copies for Mutual Relief Trustees,

President Barlow called on 1st Vice Pres George Diamond to appoint the Fire Prevention and Scholarship Committees for 1991-92, following appointments made:

William B. Matthews, Jr, Aetna, Chairman  
William Quillen, Millville  
Albert B. Cipollone, Jr, Volunteer Hose.  
Terry D. VanHorn, Townsend  
Joseph Vattilana, Talleville  
James H. Carson, Jr., Clayton  
William Leslie III, Hartly  
Lawrence Dixon, Hartly  
Jeffrey T. Elliott, Dagsboro  
Robert H. Yerkes, Jr, Houston  
Ronald Marvel, Seaford  
Florence Legates, DEL State Fire School.

Above appointed to Fire Prevention Committee for year 1991-92.

Kenneth McMahon, Christian, Co-Chairman  
George L. Kerr, Jr., Minquas, Co-Chairman  
Robert A. Powell, Millville  
J. Ralph Jefferson, Milton  
Clarence R. O'Neal, Jr., Clayton  
Charles Hall III, Delaware City  
Walton A. Johnson, Jr., Frankford

Above appointed to Scholarship Committee for year 1991-92.

Harry Warner (Talleyville) presented following resolutions for consideration:

Edward McCormack  
Mary McCormack  
Clayton Fire Company  
Christiana Fire Company  
Five Points Fire Company

Moved by Harry Warner (Talleyville), seconded by Don Ray (Christiana), to accept all of above resolutions - so carried.

Moved by Joe Burkowski (Aetna), seconded by Bob Romig (Five Points), to approve sponship of Convention Parade Trophy by Wilmington Manor and that trophy be included in this years's prize list - so carried.

Moved by Tim Ingram (Wilmington Manor), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas), to apprave trophy for 2nd Place Best Appearing Motorized Antique Apparatus sponsored by Goodwill Fire Co - so carried.

Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) presented the following change to By-Laws:

SECTION 6: A majority of the companies or departments of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transactions of business at an Annual Convention or Executive Meeting. All Officers, Past Presidents, and two (2) delegates from each company or department shall be the voting members of this Association, entitled to one (1) vote each, on all questions. Should a past president be a delegate or alternate of currently serving as a officer of the Association, this person is only entitled to one (1) vote.

Moved by Dean Simpson (Mill Creek), seconded by George Kerr (Minquas) to accept this as the first (1ST) reading and it be voted on at the June meeting - so carried.

The question as to a flag for the DVFA was mentioned by Dean Simpson (Mill Creek) and President Barlow stated that this will be addressed at the next Officer's meeting.

Don Ray (Christiana) addressed the Health - Safety program and also the adoption of a medal that can be worn by Firemen of the Year (Heroic) winners. James Monihan (Lewes) stated that the NVFC had established such a medal.

Moved by James Monihan (Lewes), seconded by Don Ray (Christiana), that DVFA request NVFC to recommend the development of a parallel standards for Volunteer and Career fire service personnel, where applicable, of NFPA standards. Monihan explained his motion in regards to NFPA 1500 for firefighters and officers. Lou Amabili also commented on motion - standards all refer to career paid firefighters. Harvey Ryan also spoke on NFPA 1500 and the volunteers trying to comply with it. A.I. Guessford (Odessa) asked if DVFA would have input into the standards. Several questions asked on above motion, vote taken - so carried.

Don Knight (Magnolia) introduced some visitors from South Carolina Fire Association who thanked DVFA for their help and the contributions made and the appreciation for them..

Moved by Bob Romig (Five Points), seconded by Joe Evans, (Bridgeville), that when the photos are taken for the Convention Booklet that an extra set be made (5x7) for the Archives - so carried.

Harvey Smith (Wilmington Manor) discussed the Agenda for Convention '91 and that it will be in the hands of the Convention Liaison Committee shortly. Smith gave an overview of the activities to be held, the locations and time for same.

Moved by Fred Jester (Camden-Wyoming), seconded by Norman Armendt (Millville), that a letter be sent to the Insurance Commissioner to ascertain if any decreases will be noted in the insurance rebate for 1990 - so carried.

MOVED by Edward Anglin (Little Creek), seconded by Don Ray (Christiana), that DELFIRE BBS be recognized as the official distribution point for DVFA - so carried.

A.I. Guessford (Odessa) questioned whether any action was taken to honor the 3 Philadelphia firefighters killed - he was informed the DVFA did so.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Allen Metheny, Treasurer, presented bills in the amount of \$15,437.95. Moved by George Kerr (Minquas), seconded by Joe Evans (Bridgeville) to pay all bills - so carried.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: James Monihan (Lewes) stated the next NVFC meeting will be held in Laurel, Md. on April 22 - 29, all are welcome to attend.

Harvey Ryan was presented Past President pin by his Brother Past President John V. Ryan, Jr. Rev James Doughten was present Past Chaplain pin by Past President William Himes, who originally appointed him DVFA Chaplain, which he held for 27 years.

William Stevenson (Lewes) alluded to the travel agency in Rehoboth Beach that went bankrupt and the possibility of some bad publicity for DVFA.

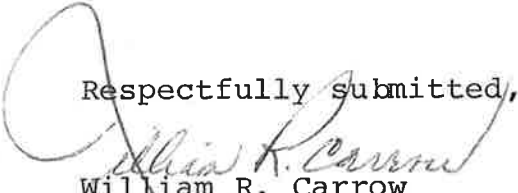
William Carrow. (Clayton) alluded to Clayton Fire Company 100th Anniversary in April 1991 and called Bob Romig, Chairman Archives and Clarence R. O'Neal Jr, President of Clayton Fire Co, to the front and O'Neal present Romig with a mug and cap for the DVFA Archives.

Moved by A.I. Guessford (Odessa), seconded by Harry Warner (Talleyville) to adjourn - so carried.

Benediction given by Past State Chaplain James Doughten.

Adjournment at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Carrow  
Secretary.

# Bills for Approval

3-3-91

P. S. F. S.	Printing	11.00
Teel W. Keisters	Engraving - Monument	200.00
Kohut Electric	Repairs - "	141.00
Vaustons Ladies Assoc	Lunches - Ala. City.	512.00
Jen. Men Florist	Flowers	28.50
Wm. H. Cannon	Postage Received	8.85
St. of Del.	Franchise Tax	20.00
Commercial Emblem	Off. Pocket Badges	50.05
Jen. Men Florist	Flowers	60.00
Officers Open Mess	Legislative Note Exp.	1485.15
D. J. F. S.	Printing	66.00
Lynn Card Co.	Cards	102.00
Geo. L. Kerr, Jr.	Postage - Scholarship	125.00
Wm. B. Matthews	" - Fire Prevention	65.00
Tim O'Brien	Photos - " "	240.00
Kent Cty CIST	- Est. Petty Cash Fed.	500.00
New Castle Cty CIST	" " " "	500.00
Robert Hornig	Rectories - Archives	66.40
Secy of State	Filing Corp. Amendment	100.00
Sussex Cty CIST	- Est. Petty Cash Fed.	500.00
Ed. Bealaw	- Exp. Money - FDIC	750.00
Geo. A. Diamond	" " " "	750.00
Stamped Envelopes Agency	- 1000 Envelopes	320.00
John T. Mitchell	- Leg. Expense	1500.00
Harrington Journal	- 538 Minute Books	7344.00

TOTAL BILLS

# 15,437.95



D.V.F.A BALANCE SHEET  
As of 3/ 1/91

All Accounts  
3/ 2/91

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Account	3/ 1/91 Balance
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ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
DVFA CHECKING A-ASSN. CHECKING ACCT.	2,808.27
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Total Cash and Bank Accounts	2,808.27
Other Assets	
CRUNION-CREDIT UNION ACCT.	28,339.26
DVFA PENSION-DVFA PENSION ACCT.	68.08
DVFAWT-WILM. TRUST IMMA ACCY	12,019.38
MERLYNCH-MERRILL LYNCH SAVINGS	26,001.54
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Total Other Assets	66,428.26
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TOTAL ASSETS	69,236.53
LIABILITIES	0.00
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OVERALL TOTAL	69,236.53
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D.V.F.A CHECKING ACCT. ACTIVITY  
12/ 1/90 Through 3/ 1/91

DVFA CHECKING A  
3/ 2/91

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Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
		BALANCE 11/30/90				59.42
12/10/90		TRANSFER	FROM MERRILL	012		4,500.00
12/10/90	S	DEPOSIT		--SPLIT--		650.00
12/10/90	1475	RON MARVEL	PRIZE MONEY	220		-1,210.00
12/10/90	1476	C.T.H., INC	TROPHIES/FIRE	220		-1,965.85
12/10/90	1477	JOHN L. MITCHELL	LEGISLATIVE E	212		-1,500.00
12/10/90	1478	CAPITOL OFFICE PRO	GIFT- MSFA PR	180		-51.35
12/10/90	1479	NATIONAL VOL. FIRE	DUES	190		-300.00
12/10/90	1480	DEL. STATE FIRE SC	PRINTING	140		-11.00
12/14/90		DEPOSIT	CAUCUS DINNER	080		800.00
12/18/90	1481	TED W. KUSTERS	ENGRAVING	200		-200.00
12/18/90	1482	KOHUT ELECTRIC	ELECT. REPAIR	200		-141.00
12/18/90	1483	HOUSTON LADIES AUX	LUNCHES	151		-512.00
12/24/90	1484	JEN-MOR FLORIST	FLOWERS	130		-20.50
12/24/90	1485	WM. R. CARROW	POSTAGE REIMB	140		-8.85
1/16/91	1486	ST. OF DELAWARE	FRANCHISE TAX	140		-20.00
1/16/91	1487	COMMERCIAL EMBLEM	POCKET BADGES	180		-50.05
1/16/91	1488	JEN-MOR FLORIST	FLOWERS	130		-60.00
1/16/91		TRANSFER	FROM W.T. SAV	012		500.00
1/16/91	1489	OFFICERS OPEN MESS	LEGISLATIVE N	211		-1,485.15
1/17/91	1490	DEL. STATE FIRE SC	PRINTING	140		-66.00
1/17/91		DEPOSIT	CAUCUS DINNER	080		1,200.00
2/ 1/91		DEPOSIT	CAUCUS DINNER	080		2,600.00
2/ 6/91		DEPOSIT	CAUCUS DINNER	080		600.00
2/14/91	1491	LYNN CARD COMPANY	CARDS	130		-103.00
2/14/91	1492	GEORGE KERR	POSTAGE ADVAN	160		-125.00
2/14/91	1493	WM. B. MATTHEWS	POSTAGE FOR M	220		-65.00
2/14/91	1494	TIM O'BRIEN	PHOTOS	220		-240.00
2/14/91	1495	KENT C.I.S.T.	TO SET UP PET	330		-500.00
2/14/91	1496	NEW CASTLE C.I.S.T	TO SET UP PET	330		-500.00
2/18/91	1497	ROBERT ROMIG	PAST. PRES. P	240		-66.40
2/18/91	1498	STATE OF DELAWARE	FILING CORP.	110		-100.00
2/18/91	1499	SUSSEX CTY. C.I.S.	TO SET UP PET	330		-500.00
2/19/91		DEPOSIT	CAUCUS DINNER	080		3,800.00
2/27/91	S	DEPOSIT		--SPLIT--		4,200.00
2/28/91		TRANSFER	TO WILM. TR.	105		-9,600.00
3/ 1/91		DEPOSIT	DUES	015		3,300.00
		TOTAL 12/ 1/90 - 3/ 1/91				2,748.85
		BALANCE 3/ 1/91				2,808.27
		TOTAL INFLOWS				22,150.00
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-19,401.15
		NET TOTAL				2,748.85

D.V.F.A. PENSION ACCT. ACTIVITY  
12/ 1/90 Through 3/ 1/91

VFA PENSION  
/ 1/91

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
		BALANCE 11/30/90				246.44
12/31/90		INTEREST	INTEREST ON A	020		1.04
1/15/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		18,508.65
1/25/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		6,132.47
1/31/91		INTEREST	INTEREST ON A	020		51.37
2/ 1/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		18,794.13
2/ 6/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		35,009.49
2/ 8/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		57,279.34
2/ 8/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		70,888.63
2/12/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		11,907.15
2/12/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		34,582.54
2/12/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		32,481.69
2/13/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		29,941.87
2/13/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		25,224.08
2/14/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		49,026.45
2/14/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		69,383.80
2/14/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		11,898.39
2/15/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		69,971.61
2/15/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		74,230.13
2/18/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		55,766.91
2/18/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		29,185.42
2/18/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		11,567.32
2/20/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		20,985.65
2/21/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		7,844.78
2/26/91		CONTRIBUTIONS		010		60.00
3/ 1/91		INTEREST	INTEREST ON A	020		1,598.73
3/ 1/91	119	OFFICE OF STATE PE	PENSION PAYME	101		-742,500.00
TOTAL 12/ 1/90 - 3/ 1/91						-178.36
BALANCE 3/ 1/91						68.08
TOTAL INFLOWS						742,321.64
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-742,500.00
NET TOTAL						-178.36

D.V.F.A. MERRILL LYNCH ACCT. ACTIVITY  
 11/30/90 Through 3/ 1/91

ERLYNCH  
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Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
		BALANCE	11/29/90			29,966.78
11/30/90		INTEREST	INTEREST ON A	020		188.08
12/11/90		TRANSFER	TO CHECKING A	105		-4,500.00
12/31/90		INTEREST	INTEREST ON A	020		190.99
1/31/91		INTEREST	INTEREST ON A	020		155.69
		TOTAL	11/30/90 -	3/ 1/91		-3,965.24
		BALANCE	3/ 1/91			26,001.54
		TOTAL INFLOWS				534.76
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-4,500.00
		NET TOTAL				-3,965.24