

Thanks to the contractors,
sub-contractors, donors and
volunteers who contributed
to the success



of the new
Doss VFD Fire Station!

Building Committee

- Kurt Geistweidt
- Kenneth Priess
- Danny Reeh
- Ralph Rode
- Stephen Stengel

Kitchen Committee

- Tuttie Geistweidt
- Betty Hahn
- Virginia Feuge
- Karen Rode
- Shannon Walsh



Fish Fry/Training Pavilion Coordination

- Adam Geistweidt
- James Priess
- Kenneth Priess
- Ralph Rode

Audio / Video / Telecomms / Radio System Coordination

- Mark Geistweidt
- Stephen Stengel

Project Finance Committee

- Gary Brodbeck
- Danny Reeh

Fire Station Construction

Architect Services

Barry A. Wagner, AIA

General Contractor

DR Welding & Construction, Inc.

Subcontractors

- **Site Preparation** – Bar O Bar Ranches, Kenneth Priess Construction
- **Foundations** – Joe Rodriguez
- **Carpenters** – Burrow Custom Builders, LLC
- **Electrical** – Betts Electric
- **Plumbing** – Reeh Plumbing, Inc.
- **HVAC** – Hill Country Refrigeration
- **Overhead Doors** – Shilling Overhead Door Company

Fire Station Construction

Miscellaneous Contracts

- **Electric Power** – Central Texas Electric Cooperative
- **Telecomms** – Hill Country Telephone Cooperative
- **Potable Water System** – Krauskopf Bros, Inc.
- **Septic System** – P. A. Morales, Inc.
- **Rainwater Catchment Piping** – Reeh Plumbing, Inc.
- **Rainwater Catchment Tank** - Western States Water Solutions
- **Propane System** – Vapo Propane
- **Kitchen Cabinets** – Ronald's Cabinet Shop (Ronald Stehling)
- **Granite Countertops** – Schumann Granite
- **Audio / Video System** – Hill Country Ears
- **Paving** - Edmund Jenschke, Inc.
- **Plumbing in Training/Fish Fry Pavilion** – Raab Plumbing

Donors

- **Land & funds for fire station construction** – Mike & Mary Porter
- **Rainwater catchment system** – Hal & Charlie Peterson Foundation
- **Paving** – Mike & Mary Porter, Edmund Jenschke, Inc.
- **Caliche for site preparation** – LaVerne Reeh
- **Telecomms hardware & installation** – HCTC
- **Video screen** – Kenny & Margie Priess, Karen & Royce Herbort
- **Video screen** – Max & Frannie Hartmann, Travis Reeh
- **Flagpole** – Mike & Mary Porter
- **Flags** – Richard & Joann Rangel
- **Sign on façade** – Mike & Mary Porter
- **2 washing machines** – Mike & Stephanie Porter (Arizona)

Donors, cont'd

- **Kitchen cabinetry, sinks, vent hood & refrigerator** – LaVerne Reeh
- **Stainless steel tables for kitchen island** – Kurt & Tuttie Geistweidt
- **Kitchen range** – Mike & Mary Porter
- **Ice maker** – Gary Lynn & Betty Hahn, Paul & Ann Baethge, Ralph & Karen Rode, Stephen & Lisa Stengel, Karl & Ingrid Stengel, Gerald & Lyle Myrta Bratton & Gary Nelson
- **Microwave, coffee pot, drink dispensers** – Blaine & Marsha Hahn, Sherry & Keith Nelson, Kenny & Lauren Hahn
- **Kitchen floor mats** – Lance & Virginia Feuge
- **Shelving, cookware, serving items & door mats** – Mike & Mary Porter
- **21 Lifetime tables** – Royce & Karen Herbort

Donors, cont'd

- **Stainless steel sink/counter for fish fry area** – Kenny & Margie Priess
- **Dining table & chairs** – Gerald & Lyle Myrta Bratton
- **American flag, pole, & stand for the meeting room** – Will, Mary & Julie Krebs, in memory of Jacob Krebs
- **Chairs for the business office** – Scott & Cindy Snodgrass
- **Training/fish fry pavilion plumbing installation labor** – Mark Raab
- **Miscellaneous electrical services** – Betts Electric

Donors, cont'd

- **Funds to fit-out Fire Station (items will be specified at a later date)**
 - Danny & Peggy Reeh
 - ExxonMobil Foundation
 - Kerry & Melanie Kordzik
 - Sue Porter
 - Evelyn Kordzik
 - Van & Teri Mund
 - Sidney & Nikki Scott
 - Jim & Vernell Faught
 - Hill Country Telephone Cooperative
 - Edna Crenwelge
 - Harold Strachbein
 - Heath Herbort

Volunteers

Volunteers have spent countless hours on the new facilities.
Thanks to these folks for their generous donation of time and, in many cases, tools, equipment & materials.

Darrel Arhelger

Paul Baethge

Randy Beakley

Kevin Beakley

Joshua Berg

John Brandenberger

D'Lynn

Brandenberger

Colten

Brandenberger

Gary Brodbeck

Clayton Crenwelge

Jim Faught

Lance Feuge

Virginia Feuge

Colby Gardner

Kurt Geistweidt

Tuttie Geistweidt

Adam Geistweidt

Mark Geistweidt

Sem Geistweidt

Clyde Haley

Leatrice Haley

Art Hansen

Cindy Hansen

Max Hartmann

Gary Lynn Hahn

Betty Hahn

Royce Herbort

Karen Herbort

Sarah Holden

Evelyn Kordzik

Melanie Kordzik

James Lange

Steve Miller

Van Mund

Teri Mund

Kenny Priess

Margie Priess

James Priess

Mike Porter

Mary Porter

Sue Porter

Donnie Reeh

Danny Reeh

Peggy Reeh

Travis Reeh

LaVerne Reeh

Ralph Rode

Karen Rode

Joe Schaefer

Sidney Scott

Nikki Scott

Milo Shult

Anne Shult

Stephen Stengel

Lisa Stengel

Chase Stengel

Barry Wagner

Jerry Walsh

Shannon Walsh

Ground Breaking



January 13,
2015



Slab Pouring



Building Delivery



Going
Up!



Training Pavilion



Aug. 8th Work Day



Flag Pole Installation



Aug. 22nd Work Day



Open House



32nd Annual Fish Fry, 2015



32nd Annual Fish Fry, 2015





Doss VFD Members in Front of Old Fire Station, 1964

(Founding members who signed the original document of incorporation for the Doss VFD)

Left to Right:

Tommy Reeh, Albert Ellebracht, Clinton Nixon, Roy Itz, (Nelson Geistweidt, founding member, but not on letter of incorporation)

First fire truck purchased by Doss VFD in 1964. Truck was placed in service in April 1964.

1954 Dodge, 4x4, 3/4 ton booster truck, with 500 gallon water tank and pump.

This truck was used until the early 1990's.



Doss Volunteer
Fire Department
Members,
taken around 1968

Front Row Left to Right:
Bernard Stehling,
Harry Wahrmund,
Dennis Lange,
Levy Rosenbushch,
Pete Crenwelge,
Nelson Geistweidt,
Ervin Eckert

Second Row:
Karl Friedrich,
Ted Mund, Albert Ellebracht, Jim Faught, Bobby Kordzik, Otto Spaeth, Marcus Rode, Ben Evers, Presley Arhelger

Third Row:
Pastor Charles Mohr, Felix Hahn Jr., Clinton Nixon, Carlton Siekman, Norbert Stehlin, Warren Hahn, Aruther Lynn Hahn, Harold Strackbein, Fred Itz





Doss VFD Officials, Year Unknown, late 1960's

Left to Right:

Ervin Eckert, Bernard Stehling, Pete Crenwelge, Dennis Lange, Harry Wahrmond

Doss VFD Members,
Year Unknown, Late 1960's

Front Row, Left to Right:

Fred Itz,
Pastor Charles Mohr,
Pete Crenwelge,
Ervin Eckert,
Presley Arhelger,
Norbert Stehling,
Bobby Kordzik

Second Row:

Dennis Lange,
Ben Evers,
Bernard Stehling, Ted Mund, Roy Itz, Warren Hahn

Third Row:

Arthur Lynn Hahn, Hugo Sattler, Harold Strackbein, Otto Spaeth, Albert Ellebracht,
Harold Strackbein, Harry Wahrmond, Clinton Nixon



Doss VFD Members
in the late 1970's

Left to right:

Reuben Geistweidt,
Robert Waltisperger,
Roy Itz,
Tommy Reeh,
Pete Crenwelge,
Albert Ellebracht,
Carleton Sieckmann,
Arthur Lynn Hahn

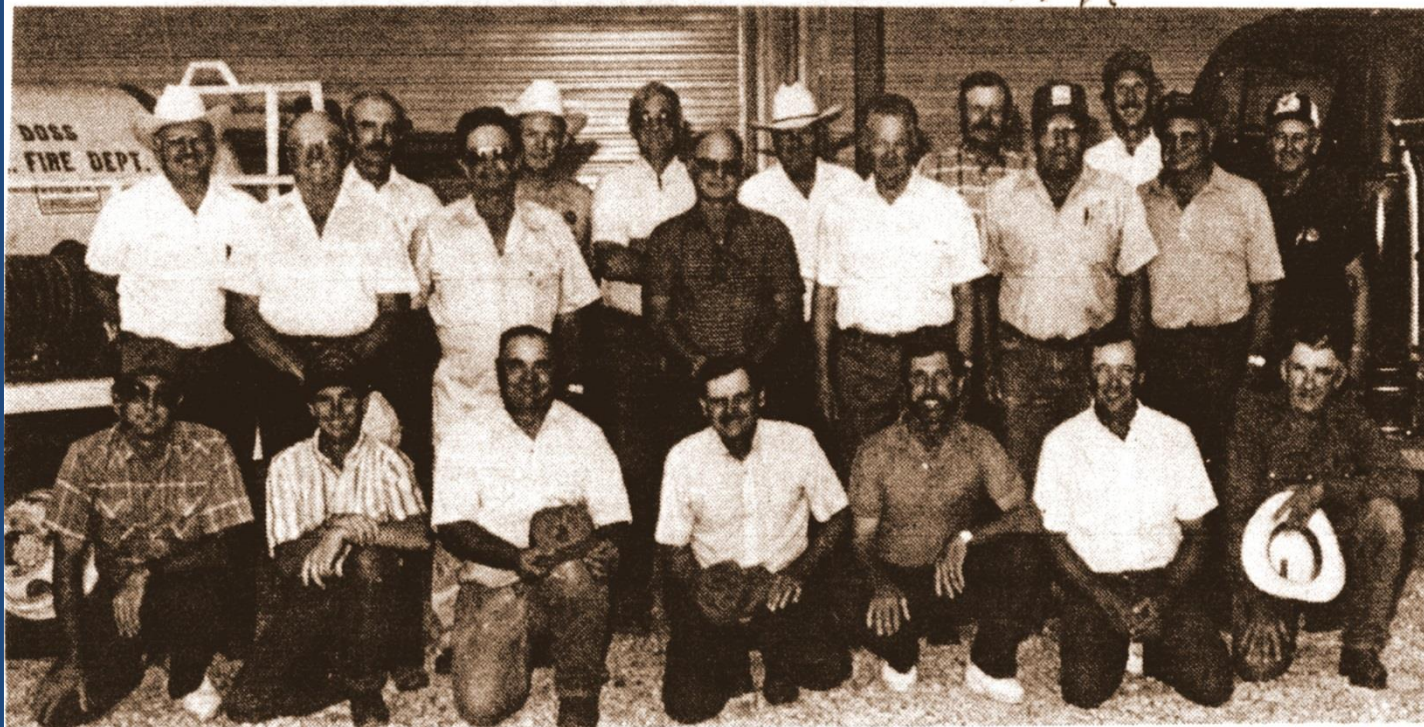
Background:

Max Hartmann,
Jim Faught,
Marcus Rode,
Kerry Kordzik,
Kenneth (Stormy)
Maner



Doss Volunteer Fire Department

1999



MEMBERS of the Doss Volunteer Fire Department include front row, from left: Kurt Geistweidt, Kerry Kordzik, Carl Kuhlmann, Gary Lynn Hahn, Pat Jung, Royce Herbort and Henry Louis Welge. Second row, Roy Itz, Reuben Geistweidt, Ervin Eckert, Jim Faught, Corus Schmidt, Arthur Lynn Hahn and Tommy Reeh. Back row, Mel Gideon,

Karl Stengel, Max Hartmann, Harold Sattler, Pre-sley Arhelger, Clayton Crenwelge and Ralph Rode. Not pictured are Ricky Friedrich, Alva Itz, Scott Johnson, Kenneth Maner, Neal Reeh, Carlton Sieckmann, Harold Strackbein, Bernard Stehling and James Neffendorf.

1979

1976 Chevrolet 1 ton,
4x4 truck, with 500
gallon tank and pump,
second truck
purchased by Doss
VFD

Gillespie County Fair
Parade Entry

Founding Members:
Ben Evers,
Tommy Reeh

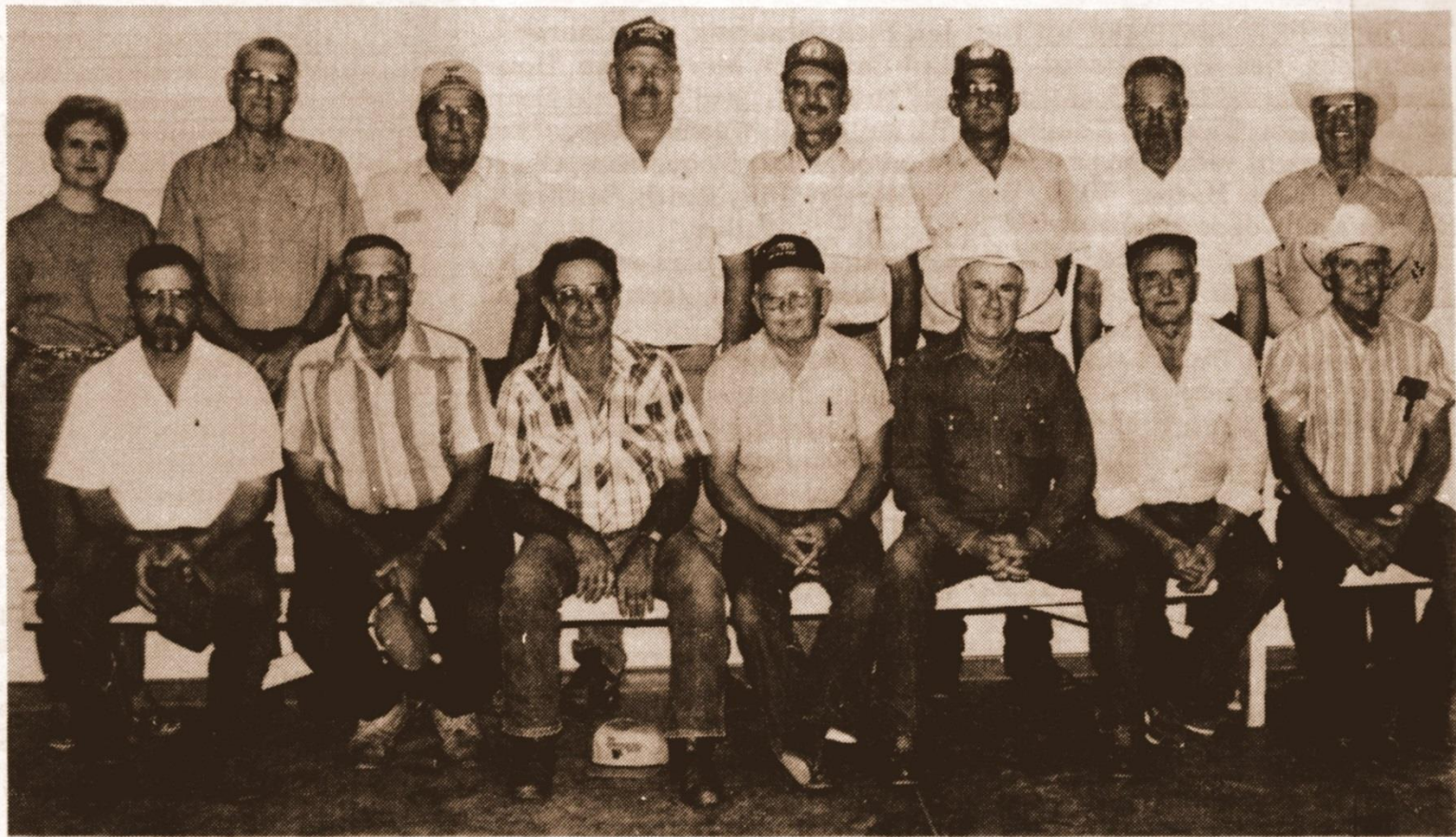
Riding on truck:
Cindy (Sauer)
Whatley, Cindy (Reeh)
Hansen





Doss EMT/First Responders
Karl Stengel, Sylvia (Tuttie)
Geistweidt, Carole Sattler, Kurt
Geistweidt, Nancy Wheeler,
Ralph Rode, Harold Sattler





SERVING the Doss area as members of the Doss Volunteer Fire Department are, first row, from left, Leland Brieger, Arthur Lynn Hahn, Reuben Geistweidt, James Neffendorf, Henry Louis Welge, Alfons (Fritz) Bernhard and Tommy Reeh. In the second row, from left, are Sylvia (Tuttie) Geistweidt, Harold Sattler, Corus Schmidt, Clay-

ton Crenwelge, Karl Stengel, Kurt Geistweidt, Jim Faught and Roy Itz. Not pictured are Ricky Friedrich, Gary Lynn Hahn, Max Hartmann, Royce Herbort, Carlton Sieckmann, Mel Gideon, Ervin Eckert, Ralph Rode, Pat Jung, Kerry Kordzik, Neal Reeh, Ray Brown and Tim Flick.
—Standard-Radio Post Photo



DOSS VFD--Members of the Doss VFD pictured include (bottom, from left) Ralph Rode, Kurt Geistweidt, Royce Herbort, Leland Brieger, (middle, from left) Ray Brown, Carol Sattler, Henry Louis Welge, Gary Lynn Hahn, Sylvia (Tuttie) Geist-

weidt, (top, from left) Ervin Eckert, Clayton Crenwelge, Harold Sattler, Reuben Geistweidt and Roy Itz. For the names of firefighters not pictured, refer to the story about the Doss VFD. —Standard-Radio Post Photo

Doss VFD Members
(Late 1990's)

Front row left to right:

Gary Lynn Hahn,
Ervin Eckert,
Sylvia Geistweidt,
Carol Sattler,
Pat Jung

Second row:

Max Hartmann,
Reuben Geistweidt,
Mel Gideon,
Ralph Rode,
Harold Sattler,
Ray Brown





MEMBERS OF THE DOSS Volunteer Fire Department include, kneeling, from left, Nancy Wheeler (secretary), Paul Baethge (lieutenant), Gary Lynn Hahn (president), Leland Brieger and Royce Herbort; second row, Sylvia (Tuttie) Geistweidt, Arthur Lynn Hahn, Ervin Eckert, Rick Trumps, Kerry Kordzik, Tommy Reeh and Reuben Geistweidt; third row, Kurt Geistweidt (assistant fire chief), Clayton Crenwelge, Max

Hartmann, Jim Faught, Carlton Sieckmann, Rick Guensler (treasurer), Ricky Friedrich and Pat Jung. Not pictured are Ray Brown, Tim Flick, Mel Gideon, Roy Itz, Kenneth Maner, James Neffendorf, Neal Reeh, Ralph Rode (fire chief), Carol Sattler, Harold Sattler, Corus Schmidt (captain), Karl Stengel and Henry Welge. —Standard-Radio Post Photo



MEMBERS OF THE DOSS Volunteer Department include, from left, kneeling, Gary Lynn Hahn, Joe Schaefer and Betty Hahn; sitting, Leslie Flick, Roy Itz, Reuben Geistweidt, Ray Brown, Ervin Eckert, Pat Jung and James Neffendorf; standing, Tuttie Geistweidt, Kurt Geistweidt, Tim Flick, Ralph Rode, Paul Baethge and Jim Boyd. Not pictured are Darrell and Laurie Arhelger, Henry

Welge, Sonny Applebe, Clayton Crenwelge, Jim Faught, Chris Gantenbein, Mel Gideon, Arthur Lynn Hahn, Max Hartmann, Royce Herbort, Steve Olfers, Heinz Roesch, Karl Stengel, Rick Guensler and Jason Eckert. Kurt and Tuttie Geistweidt, Tim and Leslie Flick and Laurie Arhelger make up the First Responder group. - Standard-Radio Post Photo

Doss VFD Members
(Unknown date
in 2000's)

Front row left to right:

Henry Louis Welge,
Clayton Crenwelge,
Ervin Eckert,
Arthur Lynn Hahn,
Roy Itz,
Jim Faught,
Reuben Geistweidt,
Denver Mixon

Second row:

Tuttie Geistweidt,
Betty Hahn, Tom Pledger, Ray Brown, Warren Hahn, Nelson Geistweidt, Joe Schaefer, Pat
Jung, Laurie Arhelger

Third row;

Adam Geistweidt, Gary Lynn Hahn, Dan Thompson, James Lange, Paul Baethge, Ralph
Rode, Darrel Arhelger, Gary Brodbeck, Kurt Geistweidt, Ben Arhelger, Kenneth Friedrich



Doss VFD Members
(Mid to Late 2000's)

Front row left to right:

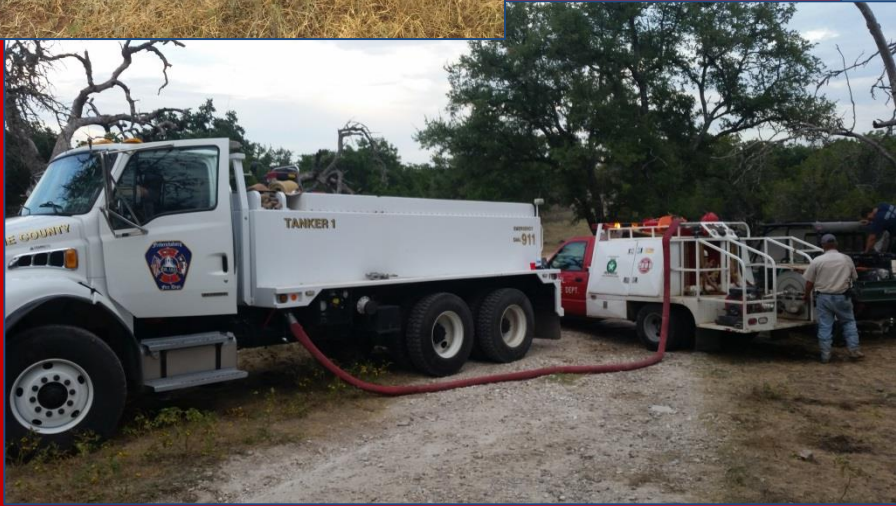
Ralph Rode,
Kurt Geistweidt,
Sylvia Geistweidt,
Ray Brown,
Nelson Geistweidt,
Roy Itz

Second row:

Adam Geistweidt,
Reuben Geistweidt,
Denver Mixon,
Warren Hahn,
Tom Pledger,
James Lange,
Paul Baethge



Fire Scenes





RAIN WAS POURING from the sky so much so that it didn't help, but instead hindered firefighters from two departments trying to extinguish the fire that ravaged this home of Roy and Irene Itz near Doss early Sunday morning, June 15. A

lightning strike is what started the blaze and rainfall was heavy that it swelled nearby Threadgill Creek, causing problems for firefighters in search of water supplies. —Stan Radio Post Photo by Sherrie Geistweidt

Rural Home Destroyed By Blaze

The two-story rock-veneered home of Mr. and Mrs. John West, located 12 miles north of Fredericksburg on U.S. Highway 87, was destroyed by a fire that started shortly before 10 p.m., Saturday.

The building and its contents, including all of the occupants' clothing, were consumed by the flames, according to Milton Jung, Gillespie County Fire Marshal.

Jung said that his investigation revealed that the fire was started from a spill of gasoline on the porch of the home.

"Mr. West," Jung said, "had been working on a motorcycle on the porch when gasoline was spilled on an outdoor-indoor carpet. A spark set off the blaze which quickly spread throughout the building."

An attempt was made to extinguish the flames with a home fire extinguisher, but this failed.

Jung said Mrs. West was unsuccessful in trying to reach the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department from either her own home or that of her neighbor and finally managed to get through by using the telephone at the Hill Top Station.

Paul Hannemann of the FVFD said the home was totally engulfed in flames when they arrived.

Neither Mr. West nor Mrs. West, a



TOTALLY ENGLUFED—Fredericksburg and Doss volunteer firemen pour on the water Saturday night 12 miles north of Fredericksburg off U.S. Highway 87, trying to put out a fire that, in the end, destroyed the

home of Mr. and Mrs. John West. No one was injured in the blaze caused an estimated \$150,000 in damages to the home and its contents. —Standard-Radio Post Photo by Peter Nixon



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