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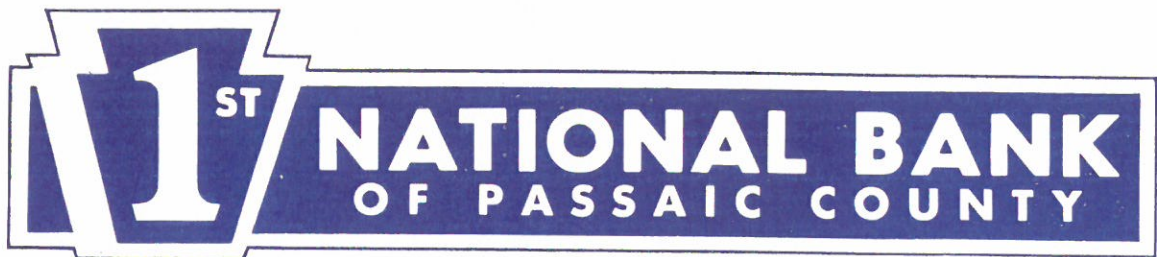
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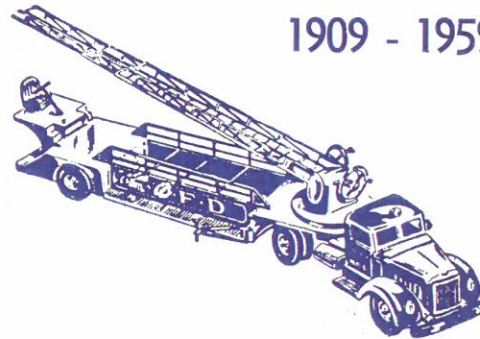
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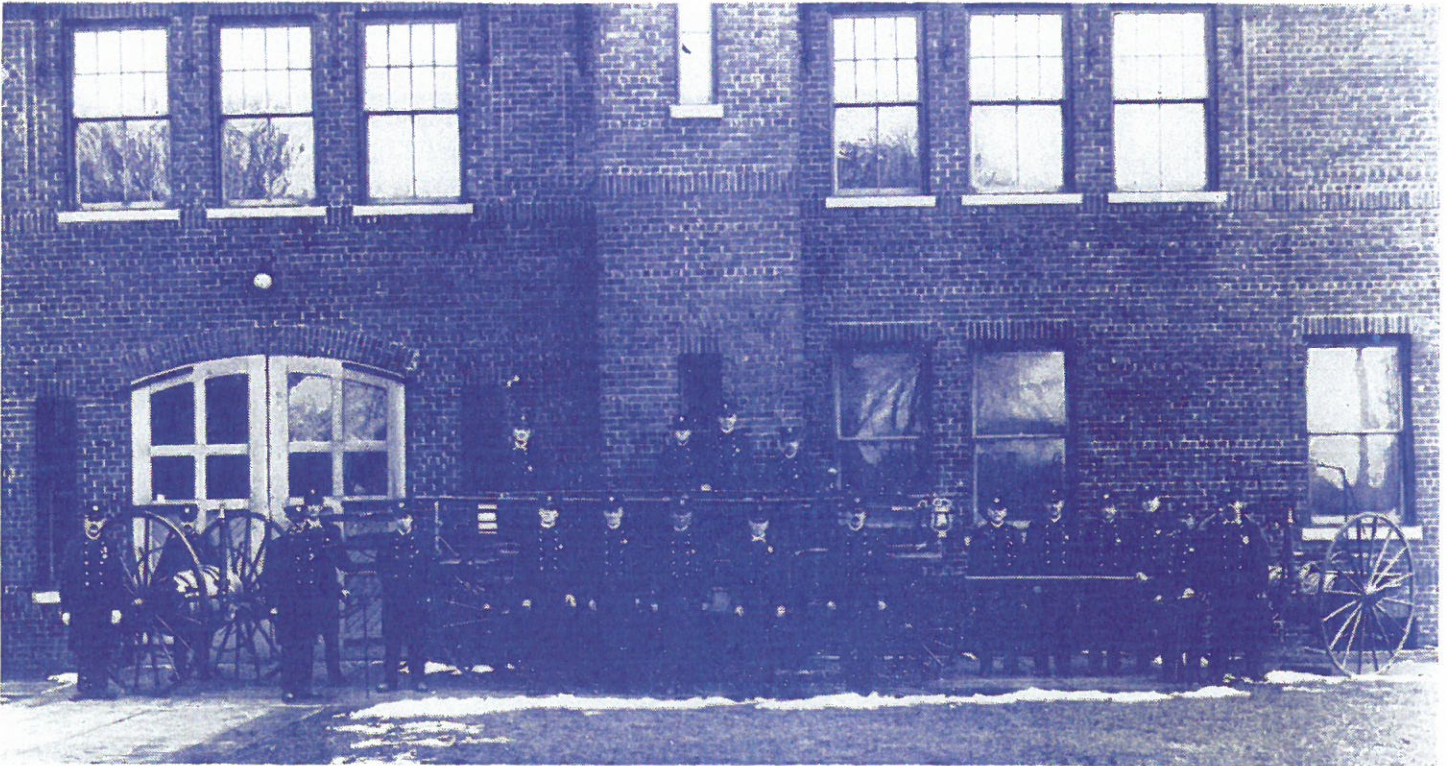
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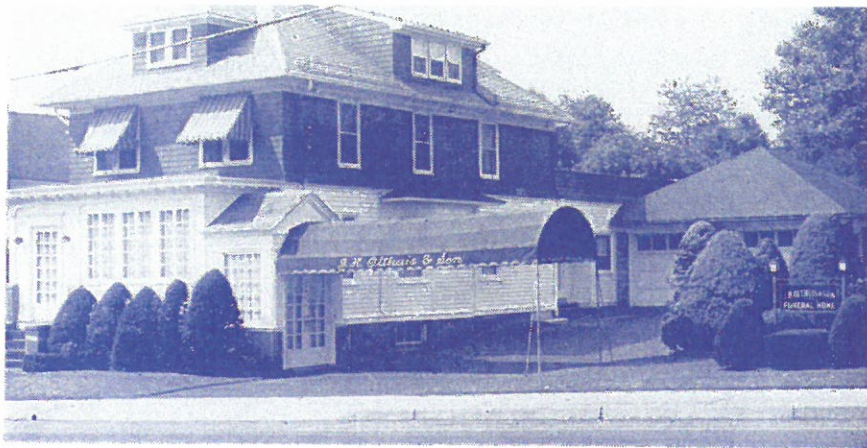
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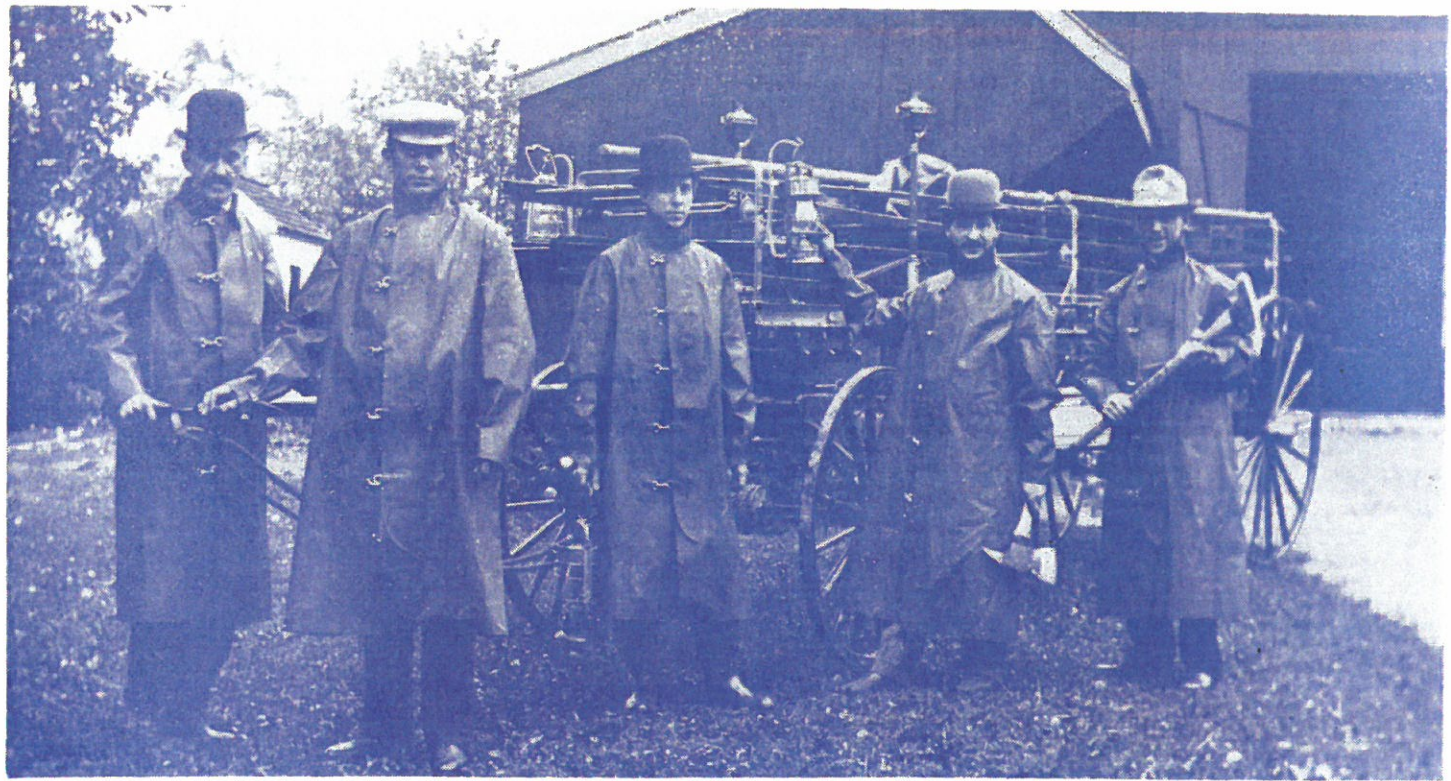
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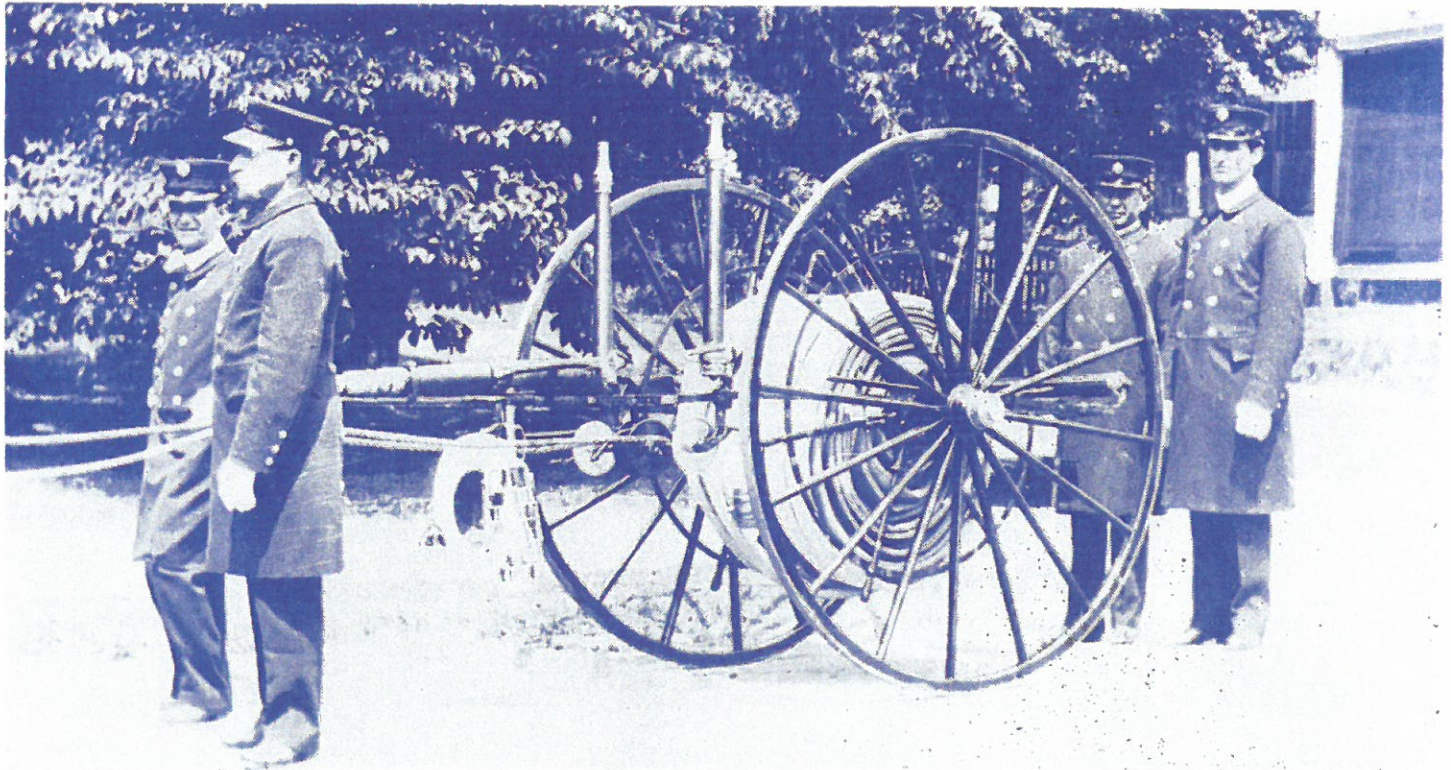
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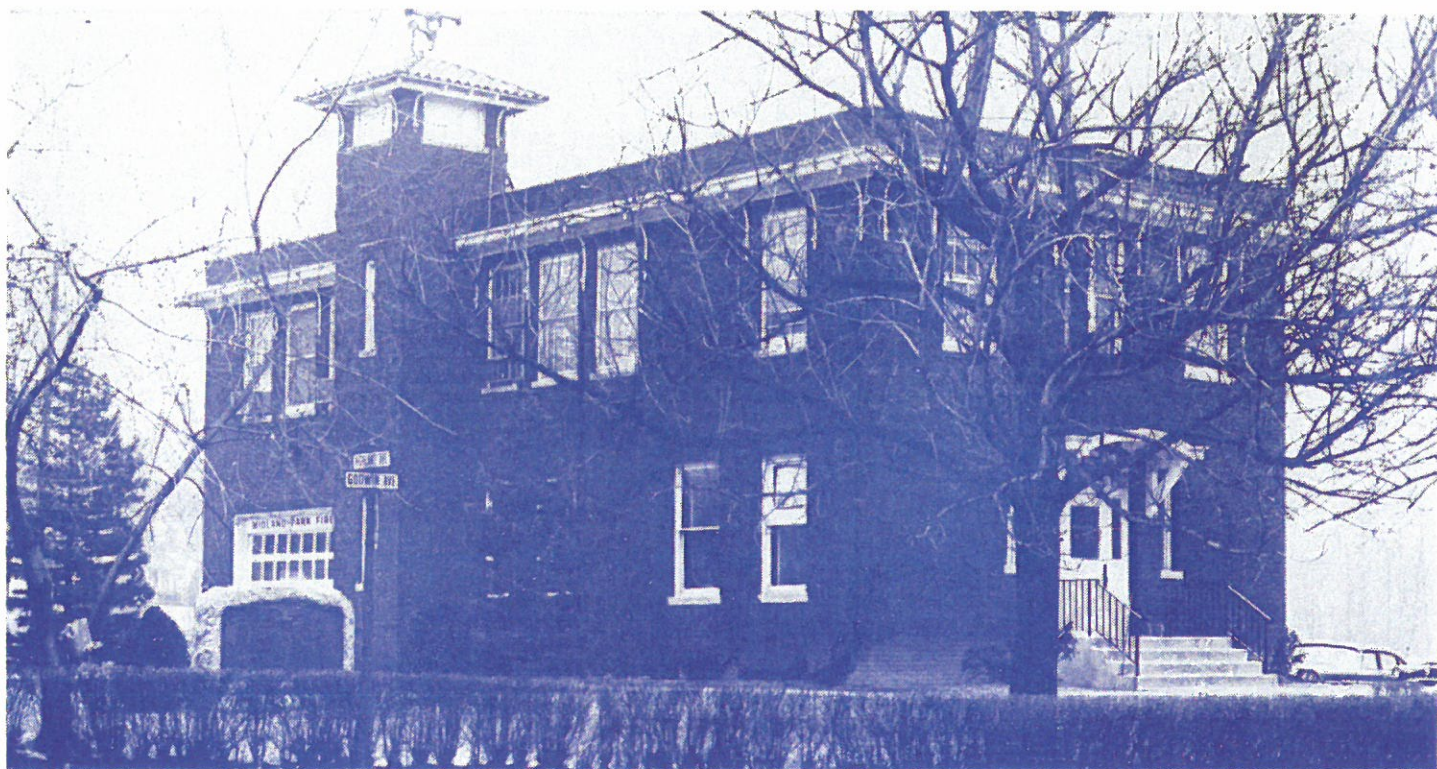
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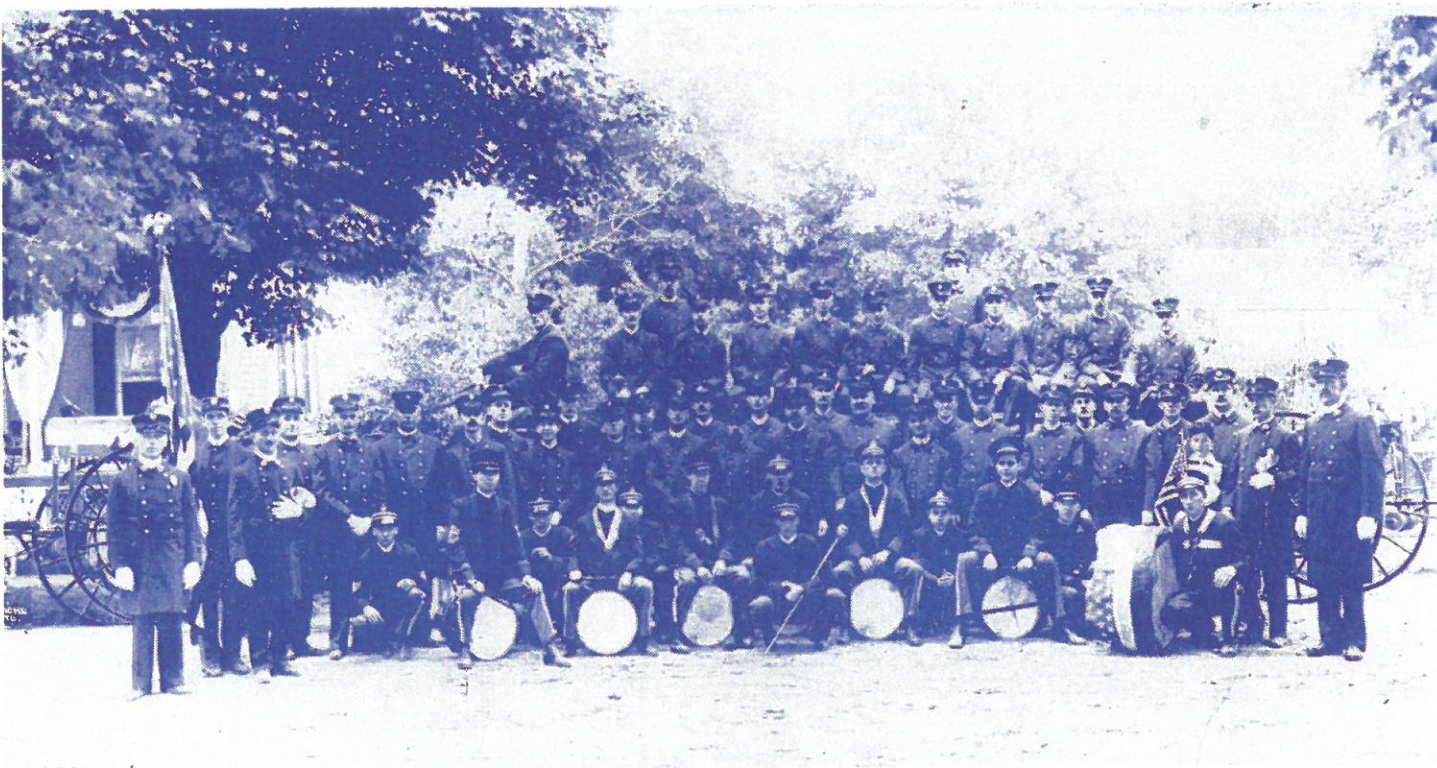
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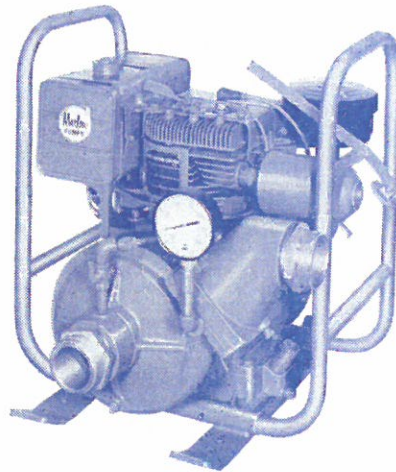


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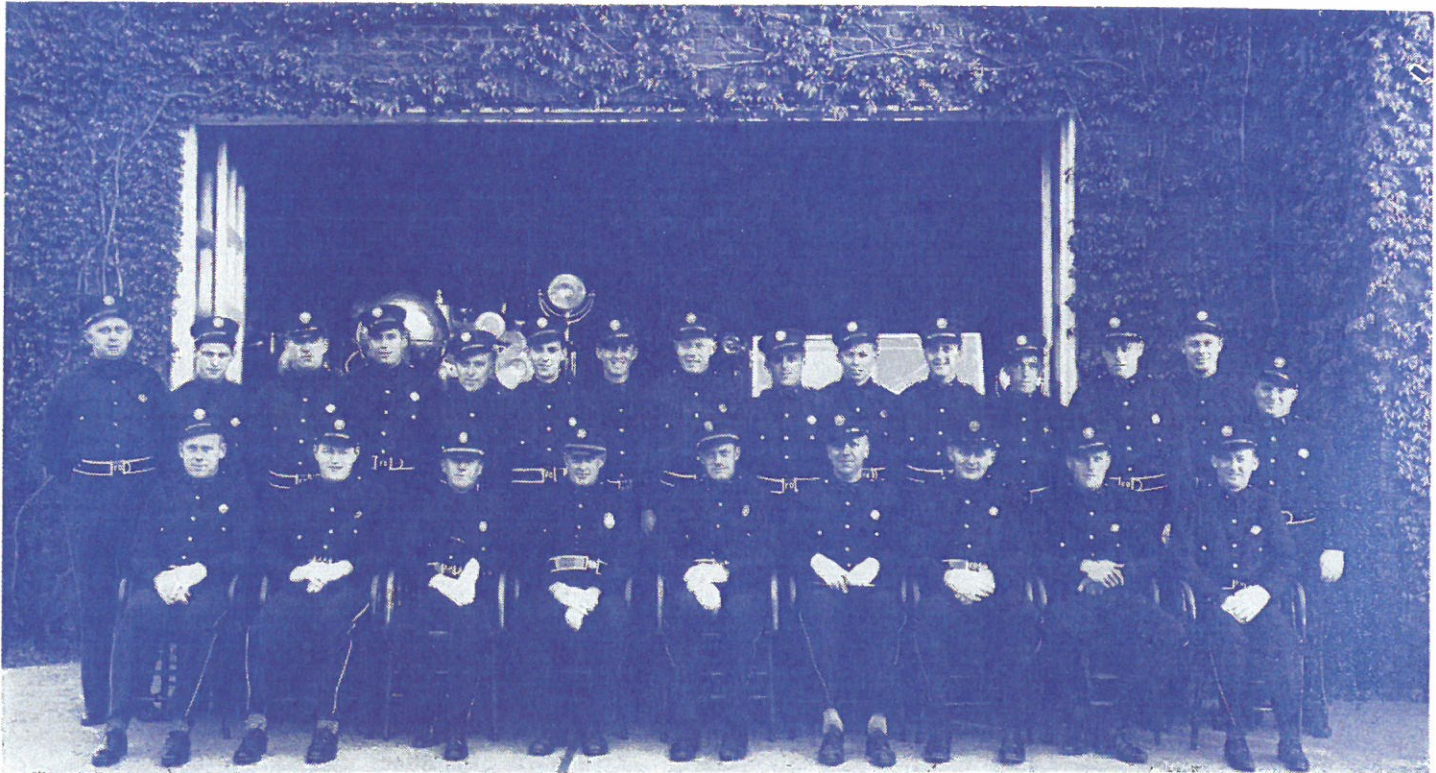
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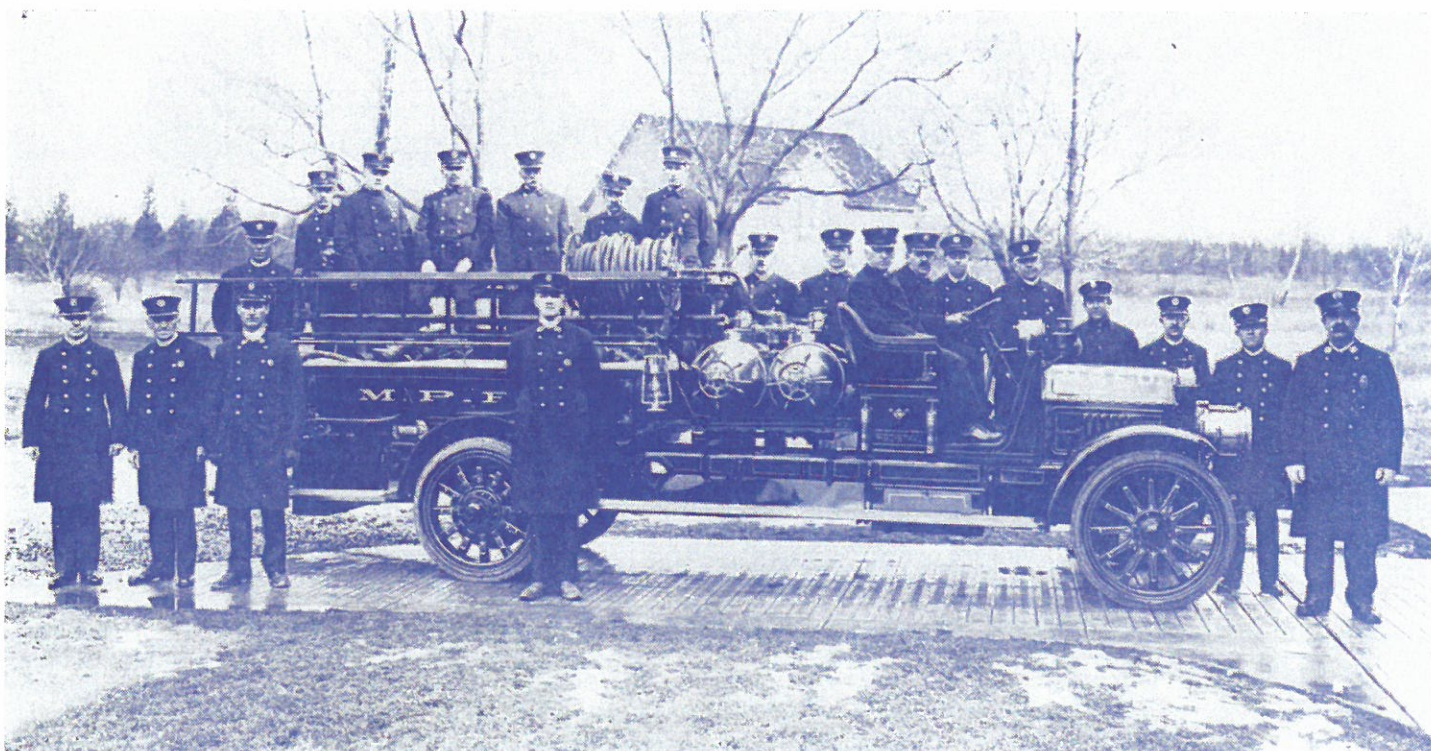


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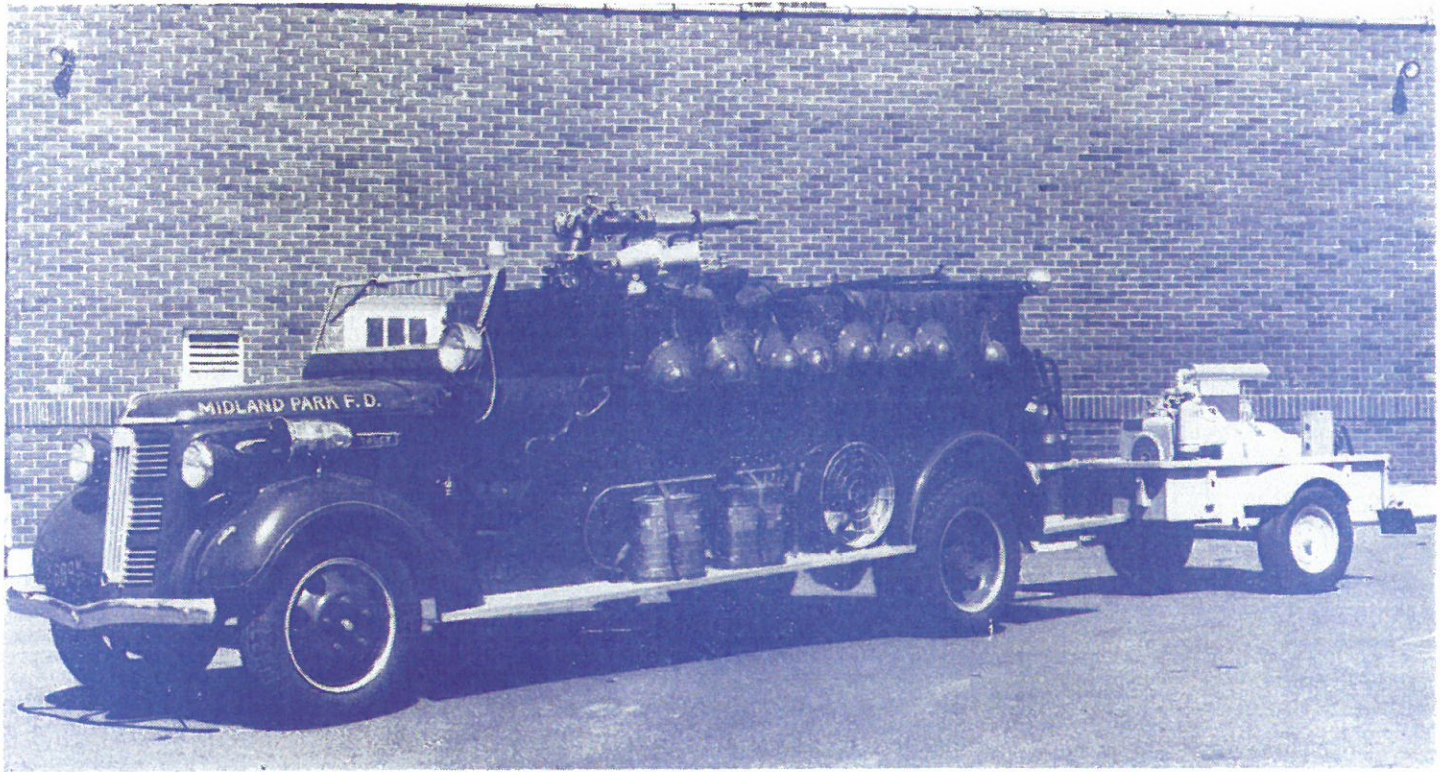
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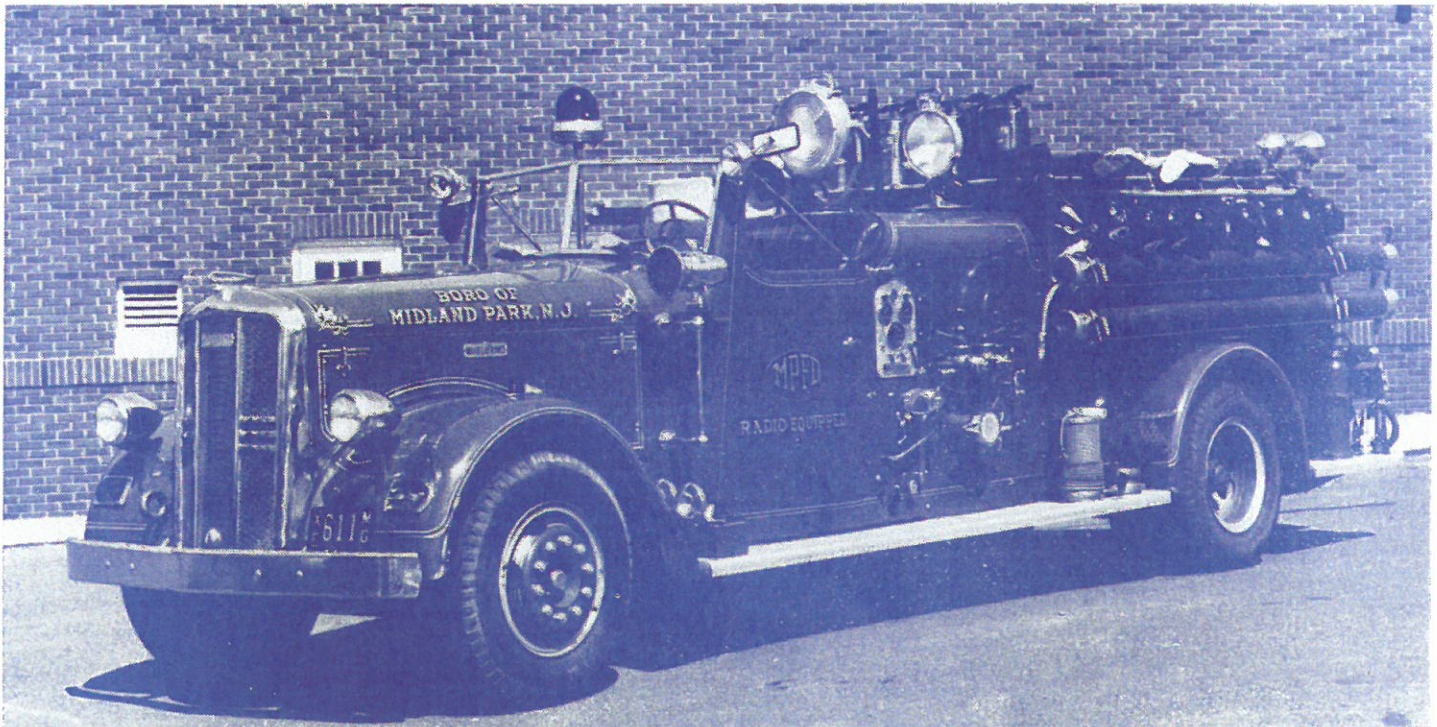
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Midland Park Fire Company

Fiftieth Anniversary

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITY

WED., JUNE 10, 8 P. M.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

HIGHLAND AVENUE SCHOOL

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 8 P. M.

ELECTION OF QUEEN

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 7 P. M.

FIREMEN'S PARADE

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 8:30 P. M.

TEEN AGERS DANCE

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1 TO 5 P. M.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 7:30 P. M.

FIREMEN'S DINNER

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE MIDLAND PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

For several years following the incorporation of the Borough, the subject of fire protection was simply in the talking stage. It was always conceded, of course, that fire protection was a desirable and in fact a most essential necessity in the life of the community, and aside from the protection it affords to life and property, there is also the pecuniary advantage which accrues to every resident in having a deduction in the premium rates of fire insurance.

Although the comment was always favorable when the suggestion of a fire department was offered, the governing boards in the early years were not receptive to the idea.

In the earlier years several industrial establishments were totally destroyed by devastating fires. However, the fire, which in 1905, destroyed the factory building of the Granite Linen Company brought the subject of fire protection to a point where it was realized that some form of fire protection had become an absolute necessity.

At that fire total destruction was imminent as the only fire apparatus available were those from Ridgewood who were helpless, for, by the time they reached the scene, the flames had gained considerable headway.

In November of that year, an ordinance, "To Provide for the Extinguishment of Fires" was adopted and at a subsequent meeting (December 1905) Councilmen Goggershall and Christopher, together with Dr. Joseph Payne, were appointed to a committee "To Look Into the Matter of Organizing A Volunteer Fire Department."

This action was preceded several years before, (May 1899) by the committee on finance of the borough council. However, the idea died for the committee never presented any report.

In striking contrast the committee appointed in the latter part of 1905 produced results, for, a few months later a plan was reported and an ordinance to cover was adopted.

Prior to the institution of a Regular Fire Department, the services of the Ridgewood Department were usually invoked. This service was not always gratuitous for after a fire which destroyed the Cleaver Store, at that time situated on the corner of Madison and Central Avenues, Wortendyke, (later Sweetmans Store) a bill for \$37.50 was presented to the Council. Another bill by William Murphy, who conducted a hostelry near the Wortendyke

Depot, presented was for \$7.50 for drinks furnished the firemen. These bills were however paid by James Elliot Co., owners of the property.

Several years elapsed before the organization of the department assumed any concrete form. The original ordinance was resurrected and, largely amended, was finally adopted.

Meanwhile Dr. Joseph Payne, an enthusiast in the matter of a Fire Company, was directing his efforts toward effecting a membership for the company. During the interim Councilmen John Packer, Henry Gunther, and John Cronk, as a committee were giving their cooperation.

The initial organization subsequently confirmed May 1909, by the Council was as follows:

John Amos, Louis Einstein, Thomas Englishman, William Flaker, Henry Gunther, Harry Goetschuis, Adam Goetschuis, Fred Hall, Wm. Benjamin, Lou Braughman, Charles Beatie, John Cronk, Chas. Christopher, H. I. Coggershall, Louis Carlough, Theo. Carlough, George Lawrence, Abe Englishman, Louis Essing, Joseph Payne, John Robison, Adolph Schliecher, Robert Sall, Allen Terhune, Ruthwin Terhune, Fred Terhune, John J. Terhune, Arthur D. Talbot, Henry Woodhead, Frank Leonard, Theo. Mabee, John Packer, Gustav Roman, Henry Sluytor, Frank Shuart, John Steele, W. H. Rackett, John Thompson, Richard Terhune, Jacob Terhune, Garret White, and Barney Vandersnow.

On August 9, 1910, the membership was augmented by the following named: Charles M. Brown, Andrew Cronk, H. J. Scandell, Garrett Van Dyke, St. Clair Anderson, Albert Hopper, Hugh Lawrence.

The late Frank Woodhead and former Mayor Henry J. Wostbrock were given honorary membership.

In subsequent years many other outstanding citizens become members of the organization.

The first Civil Officers to be elected were:

Jacob J. Terhune, President; Arthur D. Talbot, Vice President; Chas. J. Christopher, Secretary; A. F. Hall, Treasurer, Dr. Joseph Payne, Chief, and Louis A. Baughman Captain.

In July 1909 bids were solicited and received for hose, hose and hook and ladder apparatus, but before the equipment was available a fire, originating where the Post Office is now situated, and adjacent to the Columbia Hall had gained such headway as to threaten the entire destruction of the Columbia Hall. A call was sent to Paterson and an engine was dispatched to the scene.

The heavy apparatus, drawn by horses, had made the trip of seven miles in a comparatively short time. Columbia Hall had by this time been ablaze in the upper floor. The paraphernalia of the Wortendyke Lodge of Odd Fellows was hastily removed.

Many of the local firemen took care of the horses which had been quartered in Dr. Payne's barn. Later in the year the Council appropriated \$100.00 as a contribution to the Paterson Benevolent Fund. It is interesting to note from the record that the loss the borough sustained (a corner room of the Columbia Hall served as Borough Headquarters) perhaps largely by water, as reported by the Clerk was: one desk, \$15.00; ink well 60c; chairs, \$27.00.

The next problem which confronted the Council was a suitable building for housing the apparatus when delivered.

A contract was entered into with Mrs. Rose Terhune for occupancy of a barn near her residence on Franklin Avenue, at a rental of \$9.00 per month. The loft in the barn became the headquarters of the firemen, the furnishings as provided for by the Fire Company with fifty chairs and two tables, a large pot stove furnished the heat when used and during the severe winter nights the men would gather around the stove as closely as they could for the barn had ample ventilation.

The equipment, while it was the same as that which was in the common use at the time among rural fire companies, consisted of a two wheel hose reel and a hook and ladder truck, hand drawn, and supplied with coats, hats, etc. The total cost was approximately \$750.00.

The first indication of a uniform was a cap of the common store variety. At a fair conducted in

Columbia Hall, the nucleus for a Uniform Fund was obtained, the fund was replenished from time to time and finally the regulation uniform was adopted.

At a fire on lower Godwin Avenue, Chief Dr. Payne was injured and was confined to his home for some time and later on, July 11, 1910 he resigned, he was succeeded by Charles M. Brown who held the position for approximately twenty two years.

The office of Lieutenants was created and Barney Vandersnow and Adolph Schleicher were appointed.

The original alarm system was railroad tires suspended from a frame and attached thereto was a hammer to be used when it was available. An opportunity to purchase another used hose reel for ten dollars was accepted by the Council and this addition to the equipment was installed in a small barn on the Theo. Bollerman property at Wortendyke.

As was to be expected the tire alarm proved to be very unsatisfactory and, practically useless at night, as the sound could not be heard more than several hundred feet. The Granite Linen Company was prevailed upon to permit the installation of a fire whistle and a code of signals was perfected. After this system had been in operation for some time criticism was heard to the effect that it could be heard all over the Borough.

Eventually through the effort of the Mayor Wostbrock a whistle was installed at the Pumping Station.

With the completion of the Borough Hall came the demand for the motorization of the department and on September 22, 1918 (during Mayor Schleicher's term) plans and specifications for a Federal truck were presented and at a subsequent meeting a resolution providing for the purchase of a Federal truck at a price of \$2,900.00 was adopted.

The City of Mount Vernon New York offered for sale a chemical pumper for \$600.00. A committee, which had examined this outfit, reported that same was in first rate condition. The apparatus was brought over and mounted on the Federal truck.

After the new apparatus had occasion to demon-

strate its usefulness the Chief, (C. Brown) reported that the new truck was working satisfactorily in every way excepting speed which could be increased to ten miles per hour with perfect safety. However, agitation persisted in a demand for a more modern apparatus so that by September 1923, a resolution providing for an appropriation for \$12,000.00 for an engine of the Ahrens Fox type received favorable consideration.

It was not, however, until after the school house fire which occurred on the night of January 5, 1924, that the new engine became available. In 1928, the Federal outfit was disposed of by being traded in at the time of the purchase of a new GMC apparatus.

On December 29, 1950 during the term of Mayor Henry Wostbrock a Ward La France, 750 gallon pumper, was purchased to augment the Ahrens Fox and to provide the town with two pumps available at all times.

Officers of the Fire Department at this time included: John Pitman Jr., Chief; Albert Vanderbush, Captain and Lieutenants, Elmer Ottens and Henry Amos.

October 1956 marked the end of service for the Ahrens Fox truck when it was traded for a new Ahrens Fox 1000 gallon pumper. Mayor Peter W. Passaro and the following members of the Fire Committee approved the purchase: R. Douma, Commissioner. Richard Englishman, Rev. A. Ehlenberger, Geo. Baker, John Vanderbush and Garrett Hagedorn.

Fire Department officers at this time include: John Tulner, Captain; and Lieutenants, Bernard Klopman and Frank Geraghty.

The present officers of the department and company include: Andrew Knapp, Chief, John Tulner, Assistant Chief, Raymond Vanderbush, Captain and Lieutenants, Samuel De Vries and Albert Bosma.

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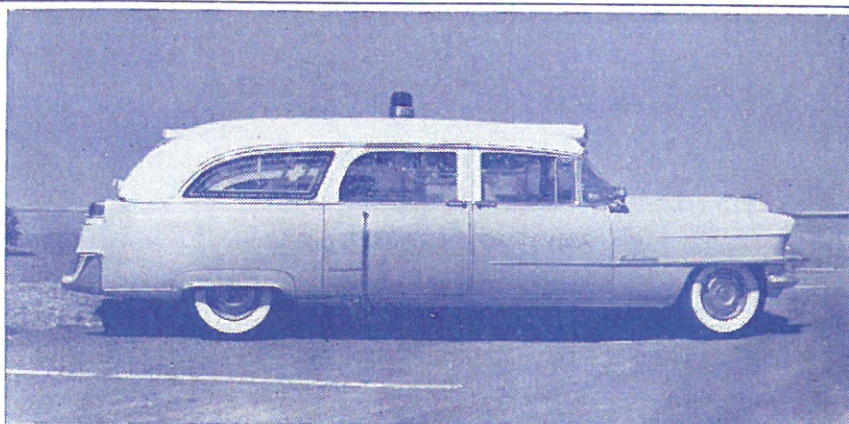
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We would like to remember the efforts of those who have gone before us in helping make this department what it is today.

We thank all those who today labor to make the department a real vital force for good in the community.

The souvenir booklet committee is grateful for the efforts of Fire Company Secretary William Yonkers in compiling all the historical data in this issue.

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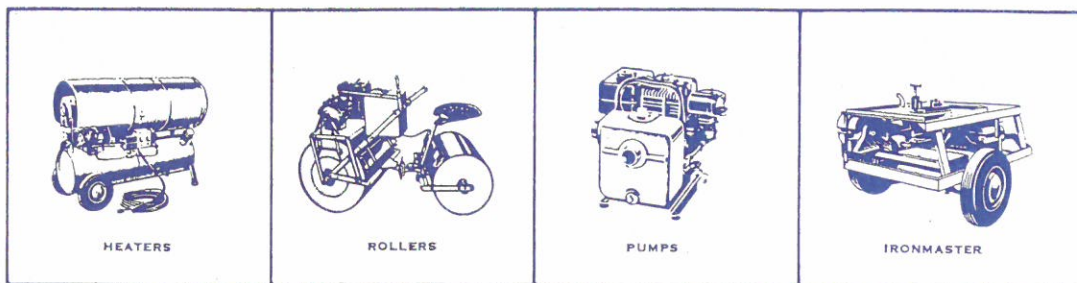
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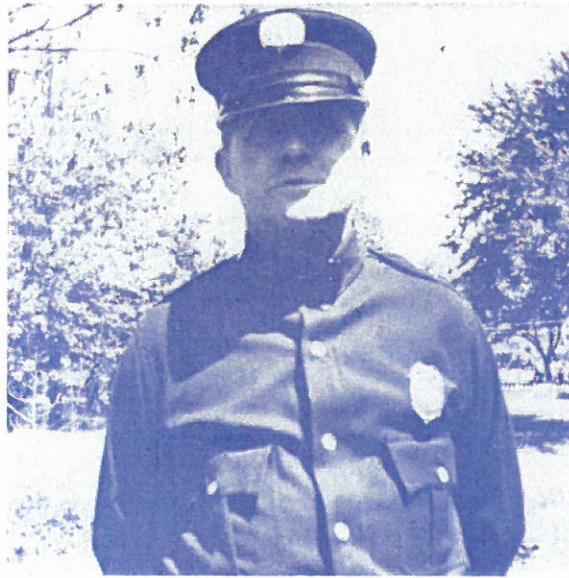
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