

DELRAN FIRE Co. No. 1

THE FIRST 100 YEARS



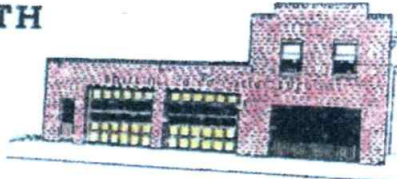
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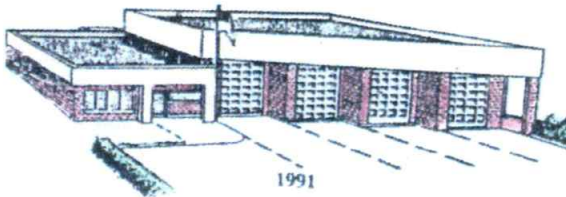
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FIRE COMPANY
No.1
1916 - 1991**

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Delran Fire Company No. 1



"When Duty Calls 'Tis Ours To Obey"

Sunday, September 28, 1913

The Philadelphia Inquirer

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From: Inquirer Field Correspondents

New Jersey Notes

Bridgeboro,— Young men of Bridgeboro will organize the town's first fire company next week. The initial equipment will be buckets and ladders, but the funds have been pledged toward the purchase of a chemical engine and a series of entertainments will be staged by the company to get the full amount required.

Thursday, February 12, 1914

**Special to the
Philadelphia Inquirer**

Fire Threatens Town: Outside Firemen Help

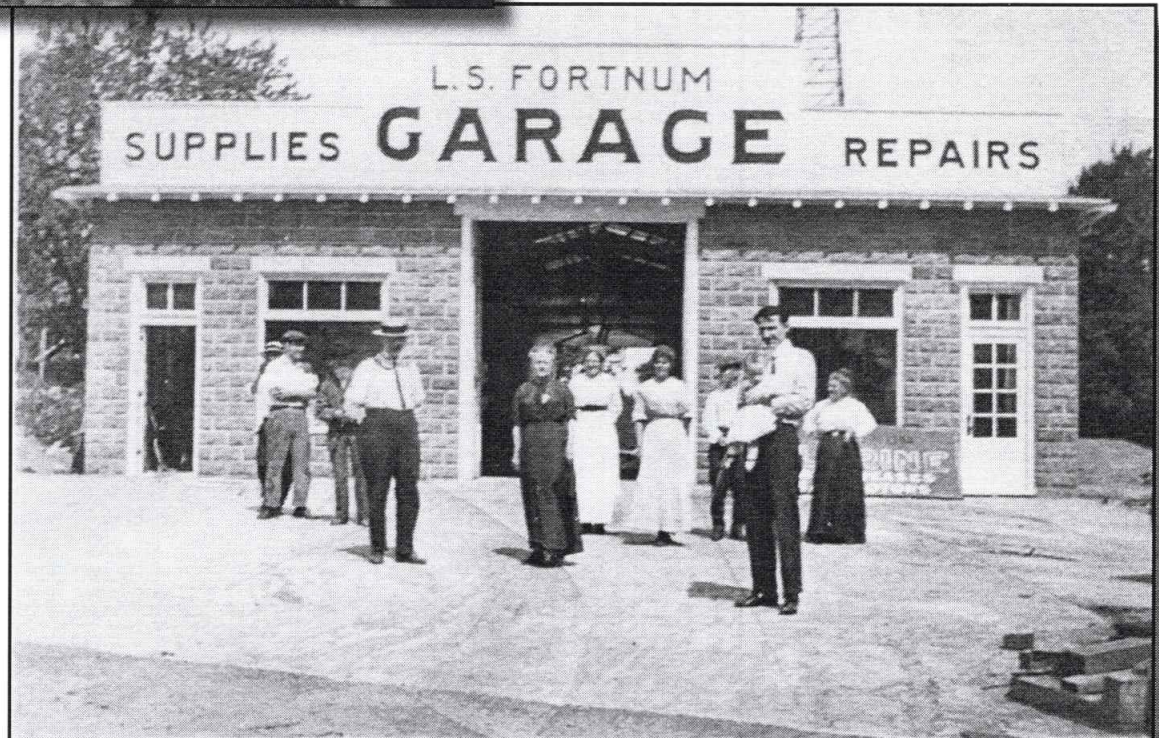
Bridgeboro, N. J. February 11, 1914

Assistance rendered by firemen from Riverside and Delanco at midnight saved Bridgeboro from a conflagration that threatened to wipe out half the town when large barns, centrally located and owned by Philip Stumpf and Wilbert Newkirk, were burned to the ground and surrounding property was damaged by flames. Twice the postoffice building was afire, but was extinguished.

Many of the residents rushed their household goods into the streets fearing loss of their homes. One horse in the Stumpf barn and the contents of the buildings were burned. Residents have started a campaign to purchase an auto chemical truck.



The “Women’s Christian Temperance Union” (W.C.T.U.) Hall was on the east side of Main Street and the second lot south of Mulberry Street in Bridgeboro. Early meetings were held here and at Lester Fortnum’s Garage (Below). The W.C.T.U. Hall location was being considered as the site for our first firehouse however when William J. Smith, our first Chief, offered a lot further north on Main Street for \$200, it was accepted and a new firehouse building was contemplated.



Dudys bro 28
Mar 28, 1916
a Public meeting of
a number of citizens
of Delran Township met
at Lester Fortnum's Garage
to consider Fire Fighting
George Friday was
Elected Chairman and
W B Newbirk Secretary
Moved and seconded
that a committee be
appointed to canvas
the Township motion
carried and committee
appointed
Wm Smith W B Newbirk
Lester Fortnum E Greger
Wm Sanders E Ed Hubbs
Frank Fuster Frank King
Ed Mazon John Mitchell
Clarence Gaskell Adrien Kudgel
Moved and seconded that
Wm Smith act as Treasurer
motion carried
Moved and seconded that
we adjourn and meet
Wednesday April 5 at 8 o'clock
at Fortnum's Garage
motion carried
W B Newbirk Sec

These were the first recorded minutes that suggested the official formation of Delran Fire Co. No.1. Those appointed to "canvas" the town were asked to solicit donations of money and to ask for willingness to join the ranks of firemen when organized. Two meetings occurred prior to the official organizing meeting. One on Wednesday April 5, 1916 where cash was starting to be received and also a motion was approved to officially organize into a fire company. That night a committee was appointed to construct Constitution and By-Laws and another to look into fire apparatus. The next meeting, on Friday, April 14, 1916, saw the apparatus committee make its report and be discharged and an approved motion to enroll "members" for the cost of \$1 each. 29 men signed-up.

Bridgewater NJ

April 18, 1916

Meeting called to order
by Chairman George Friday
in Fortnum's Garage minute
of last meeting read and
approved after which Mr. Deane
of Morris town gave us outline
for organizing a Fire Co.
The following officers were elected
J. M. Spawb President
Howard Anderson Vice "
W. C. Newkirk Secretary
J. M. Smith Treasurer
Trustees Foster Fortnum 1 year
George Caldwell 2 years
and Clarence Gaskill 3 years
J. M. Smith Chief
Earl Hobbs Foreman
Frank Finton 1st Foreman
J. M. Woodruff 2nd Foreman
Moved and seconded that a
committee be appointed to
make up by laws motion
carried committee appointed
Walter Hobbs
W. C. Newkirk and
Foster Fortnum
Moved and seconded that
W. C. Newkirk get the Fire Co.
Incorporated as Delran
Fire Co motion carried
Moved and seconded that
Evan F. Beemer, Harry Cox,
Harry C. Middleton be given
a rising vote of thanks for

Minutes from our official date
of founding. This is when our
first Officers were elected and
installed into office therefore
making us an officially
recognized business.

existing us in organizing a
Fire Co motion carried
Moved and seconded that J. M. Spawb
Foster Fortnum and W. C. Newkirk
be continued as a purchasing
or investigating committee of
Fire apparatus motion carried
Moved and seconded that a
committee be appointed to
formulate plans to raise
money motion carried
appointed appointed Trustees
Moved and seconded that the
collector be continued
motion carried
receipts for the evening
Frank Finton 6.00 ✓
Foster Fortnum 2.00 ✓
Frank King 25.00 ✓
Clarence Gaskill 2.00 ✓
Membership fees 24.00 Total 61.00
Moved and seconded that we
meet April 28, at 8 o'clock
in the W. C. M. Hall motion carried
and meeting adjourned
W. C. Newkirk Sec

Friday, June 23, 1916

Philadelphia Inquirer

New Jersey Notes

Burlington — — — — Members of the Broad Street Methodist Sunday School held their annual picnic at Burlington Island Park yesterday, under the direction of the superintendent, Willard Conde.

Bridgeboro — — — — The newly organized Delran Fire Company of Bridgeboro, has ordered a new motor fire engine.

Burlington — — — — Exploding alcohol fumes at the Burlington Distilling Company plant badly burned J. Walter Keneval, the superintendent, about the face and arms.

This is our first Chief, William J. Smith who faithfully served as head firefighter from 1916 to 1925 and from 1929 to 1936. He was also Burlington County's first Fire Marshall.



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Articles of Incorporation
of
Reliance Fire Company, No. 1,
of
Bridgeboro, New Jersey.

This is to certify, That the undersigned do hereby associate themselves into a corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled "An Act to incorporate associations not for pecuniary profit" approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and the several supplements thereto and acts amendatory thereof.

First: The name of this corporation is Reliance Fire Company, No. 1, of Bridgeboro, New Jersey.

Second: The purposes for which this corporation is formed are: The protection of life and property from fire; to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, bequest or otherwise, suitable fire apparatus and appliances for the fighting and extinguishing of fire; to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise or otherwise, lands, buildings and real property which it shall deem necessary for the objects of the corporation; and sell and convey the same when necessary; also to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation and to issue a bond or bonds therefor and to secure the same by mortgage.

Third: The location of the principal office of this corporation is at Bridgeboro, in the township of Burlington and State of New Jersey, and the name of the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon process against this corporation may be served is Gilbert E. Newkirk.

Fourth: The number of trustees of this corporation is three.

Fifth: The name of the trustee selected for the first year of the existence of this corporation is: Lester S. Fortmann. The name of the trustee selected for the first two years of the existence of this corporation is: George W. Caldwell. The name of the trustee selected for the first three years of the existence of this corporation is: Clarence W. Beckhill.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty-first day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

James Norman Brown (L.S.)

Harold Anderson (L.S.)

Wm. J. Smith (L.S.)

Gilbert E. Newkirk (L.S.)

John A. King (L.S.)

William W. Woodington (L.S.)

Albert E. Stearns (L.S.)

David McConnell (L.S.)

George W. Anderson (L.S.)

Walter W. Scantland (L.S.)

Lester S. Fortnum	(L.S.)	Robert J. Kaines	(L.S.)
Geo. W. Caldwell	(L.S.)	Earl A. Hubbles	(L.S.)
Clarence W. Gaskill	(L.S.)	Leonard Friday	(L.S.)
William C. Landis	(L.S.)	Robert Arnwine	(L.S.)
Edward C. Van Siver	(L.S.)	Harvey A. Harkness	(L.S.)
Walter Hubbles	(L.S.)	Arthur Langier	(L.S.)
Carlos Fenton	(L.S.)	William Pitman	(L.S.)
Joseph R. Ott	(L.S.)	Joseph W. Friday	(L.S.)
Frank C. Fenton	(L.S.)	Edwin H. Wright	(L.S.)
George B. Heaton	(L.S.)	Edwin W. Fortnum	(L.S.)
Ryder W. Woodington	(L.S.)	Charles S. Peacock	(L.S.)
Joe S. Bright	(L.S.)		

State of New Jersey, }
 County of Burlington, } SS: Be it Remembered, That on the

twenty-first day of August, 1914
 before me, the subscriber, an Attorney at Law of the
 State of New Jersey, personally appeared James
 Norman Spaw, Howard Anderson, Wm. J. Smith,
 Wilbert E. Newkirk, John J. King, Lester S. Fortnum,
 Geo. W. Caldwell, Clarence W. Gaskill, William C. Landis,
 Edward C. Van Siver, Walter Hubbles, Carlos Fenton,
 Joseph R. Ott, Frank C. Fenton, George B. Heaton,
 Ryder W. Woodington, Joe S. Bright, William W. Woodington,
 Albert H. Fenton, David McConnel, George B. Anderson,
 Walter W. Southwick, Roland J. Kaines, Earl A. Hubbles,
 Leonard Friday, Robert Arnwine, Harvey A. Harkness,
 Arthur Langier, William Pitman, Joseph W. Friday,
 Edwin H. Wright, Edwin W. Fortnum, and Charles
 S. Peacock, who, I am satisfied, are the persons named
 in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and I having
 first made known to them the contents thereof, they did
 each acknowledge that they signed, sealed and delivered
 the same as their voluntary act and deed.

All of which is hereby certified.

Charles A. Rigg,
 Attorney at Law of
 New Jersey.

U.S. Post. Rev. Stamps
 10 cents cancelled.

Recorded August 22nd, A. D. 1916 at 12.05 P.M.

Henry L. Knight,
 Clerk

State of New Jersey

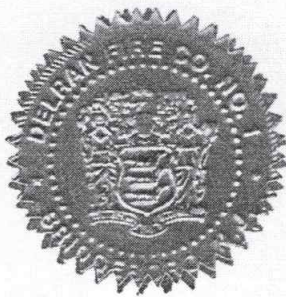


Department of State.

I, Thomas F. Martin, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of DELRAN FIRE COMPANY, NO. 1, of Bridgeboro, New Jersey,

and the endorsements thereon, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in my office on the Twenty-third day of August, A.D. 1916, and now remaining on file and of record therein.

In Testimony Whereof, I have herewith set my hand, and affixed my Official Seal at Trenton, this Twenty-third day of August, A.D. 1916.



Thomas F. Martin
Secretary of State.

Sunday, April 15, 1917

Special to the
Philadelphia Inquirer

Bridgeboro to Build Firehouse

Bridgeboro, N.J. April 14, 1917

Rather than put their community to the expense of contributing for a new fire house, members of the Delran Fire Company have agreed to make the concrete blocks for it. They have completed several hundred of the blocks. Efforts will be made by the company to purchase the property now occupied by the W.C.T.U. Hall.

As described in a news article, our members made the blocks for the original fire house themselves. Forms or molds for the blocks were on loan from "Schetler Brothers" who had a masonry and supply facility across the Rancocas Creek from Bridgeboro. They were loaned thru our first Vice-President, W. Howard Anderson.





Raffle Ticket that was being sold to win a "Ford Touring Car". Drawing to be held on Saturday evening, June 9, 1917 at the firehouse site. Remember that construction of the firehouse was still underway.

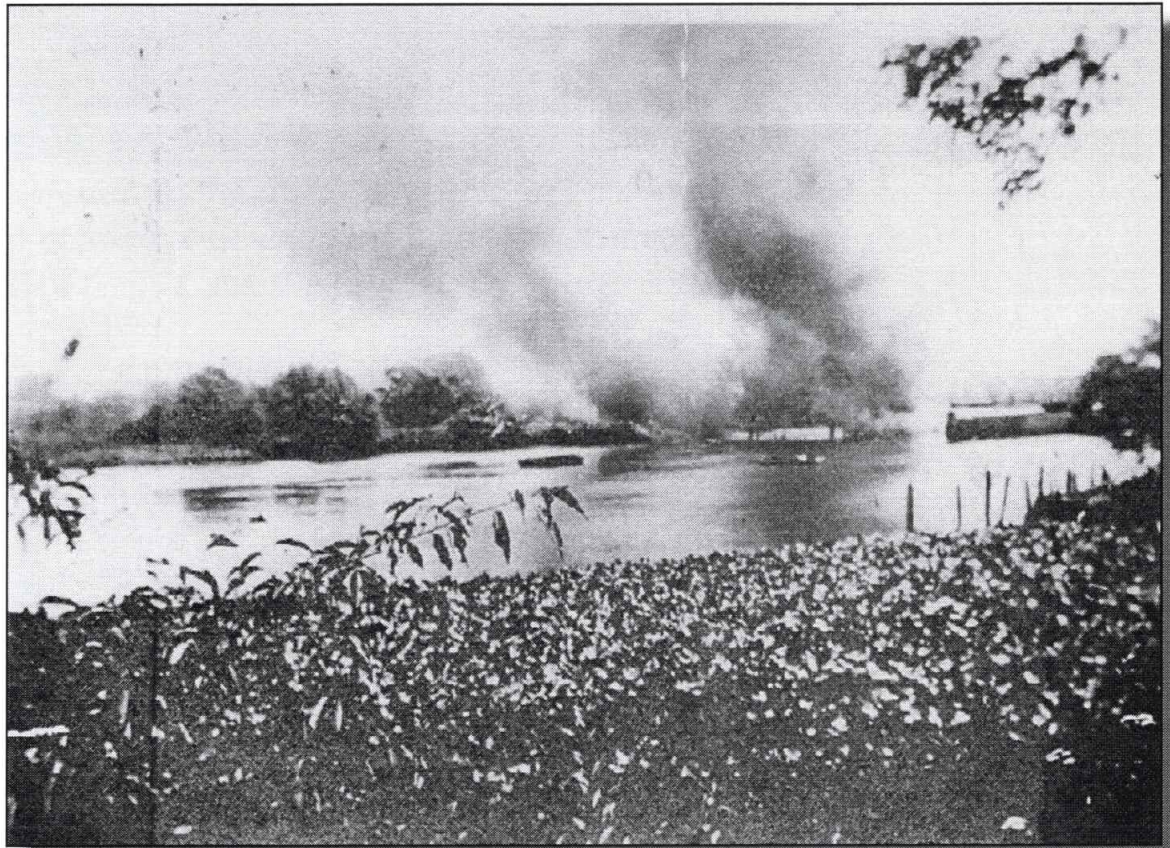


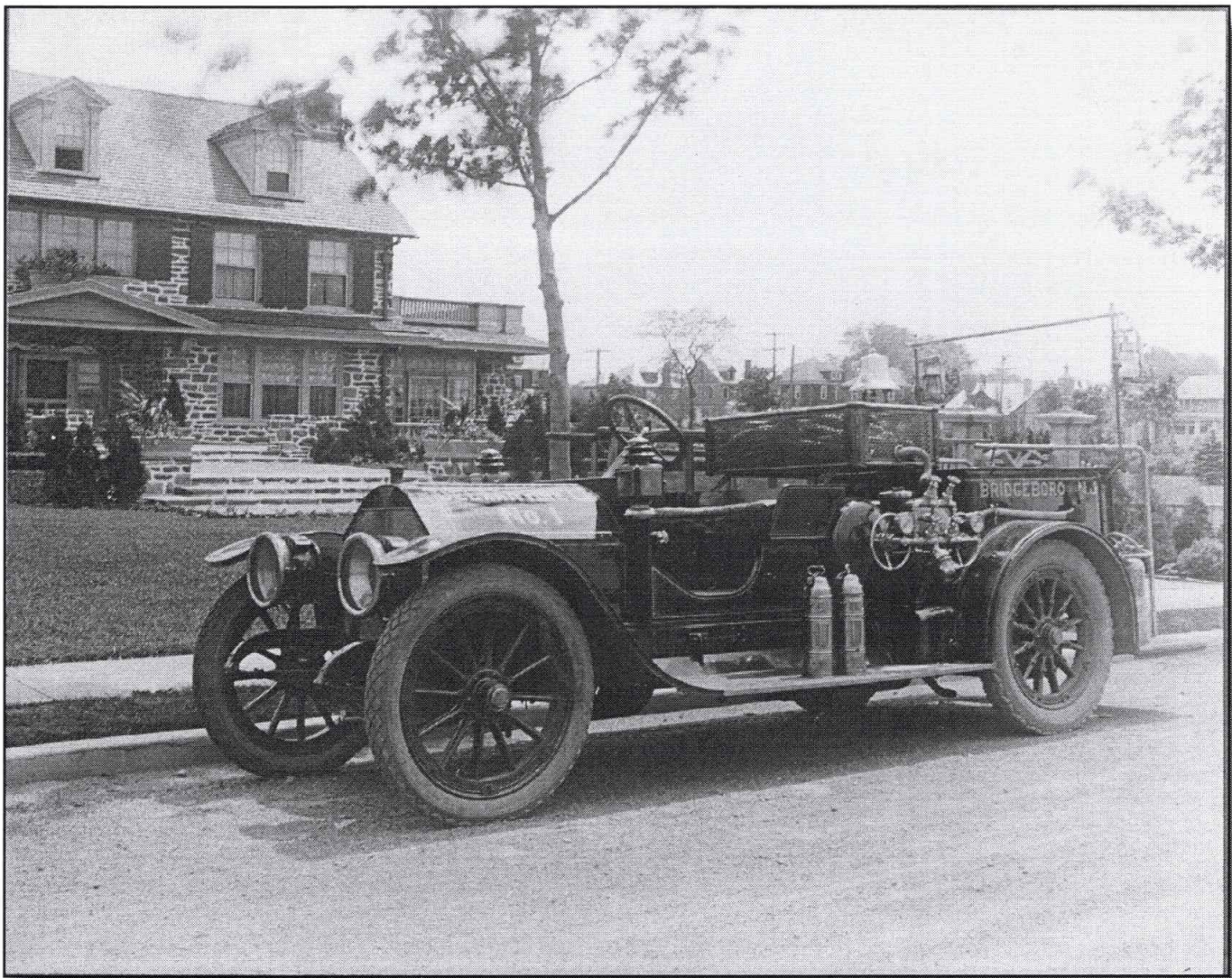
This early "Grand Carnival and Fair" was being held on June 5,6,7,8 & 9, 1917 to raise money for the construction and equipping of our first firehouse. Old information indicated that it was held across the street from the firehouse lot.



The completed firehouse as it appeared in late 1917 and early 1918. Note the swing-open doors.

This is the Bridgeboro Covered Bridge on fire on July 5, 1917. This fire prompted the firemen to push ahead faster with construction of the firehouse and the building of our first fire truck.

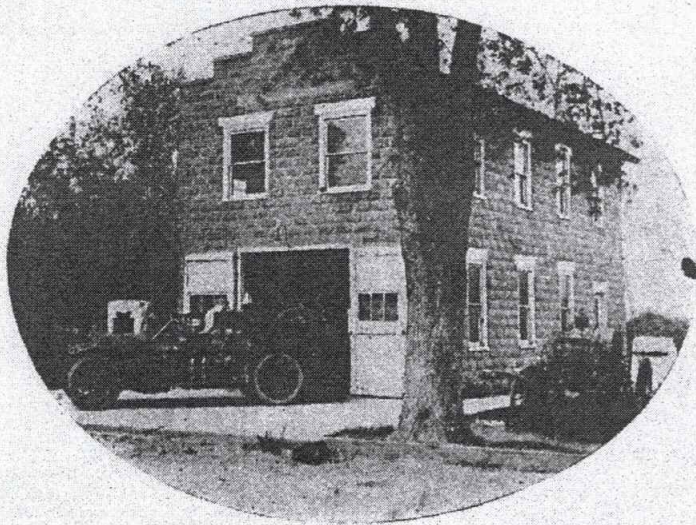




Our First Fire Truck. This was a 1909 Simplex Chassis. It was purchased and fitted out with a chemical body thru Lester Fortnum's Garage on Route 25 next to the bridge.

Lester Fortnum's Service Station on Route 25. We had an account there where we could get gasoline at any time. Lester later sold the station to his brother-in-law, Lawrence Frech, who some years later became a President and Chief of our Company. "Larry" continued the service we enjoyed after Lester's ownership. He also provided an answering service for fire calls during the day where he could activate our siren remotely and talk with the firehouse directly by a field landline to give the fire location.





DELRAN FIRE COMPANY, NO. 1, BRIDGEBORO

Delran Fire Company No. 1, of Bridgeboro, was organized March 28, 1916, by Even F. Benners, at which time the first meeting was held in Lester Fortnum's garage, the Company was incorporated August 8, 1916.

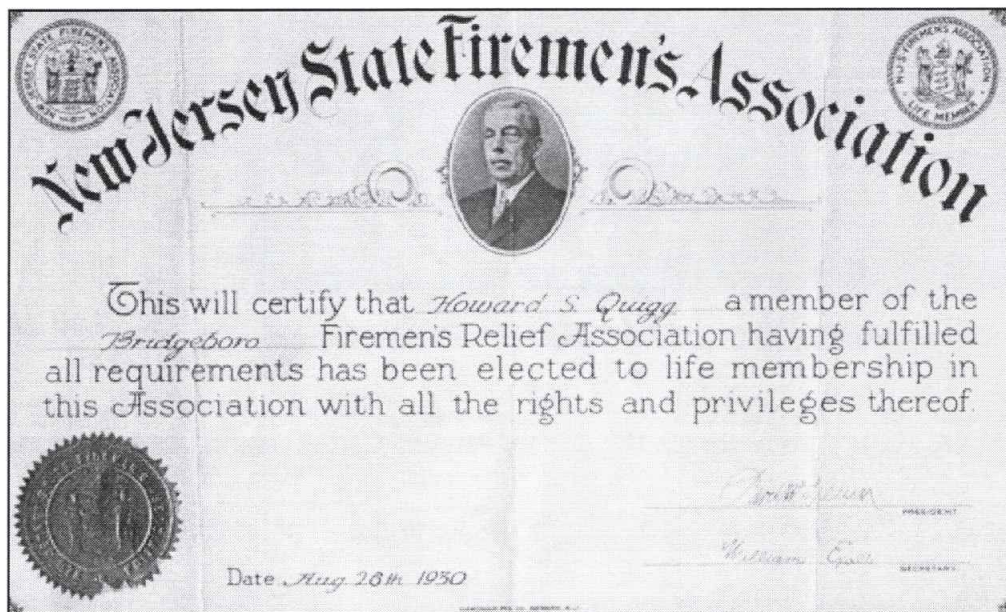
A plot of ground was purchased for \$200, and plans were at once started for building a home. A building 20 feet by 40 feet made of concrete blocks, every block of which was made by the boys, was the outgrowth of their early plans. In order to meet the cost of the material \$800 was borrowed on a mortgage, on November 10, 1918, this mortgage was paid and the Company was free from debt with a furnished home, a Simplex Chemical truck, and 600 feet of hose, all of which represent total assets of \$5000.

The present officers of the Company are:

President, C. M. Gaskill; vice president, Howard Anderson; treasurer, W. E. Newkirk; financial secretary, G. D. Newkirk; recording secretary, Howard S. Quigg; Chief, Wm. J. Smith; Foreman, George W. Caldwell; 1st asst. foreman, Al. Fenton; 2nd asst. foreman, Wm. Fenton; engineer, Earl Hubbs; 1st asst. engineer, Howard S. Quigg. 2nd asst. engineer, Raymond Little; trustees, E. H. Wright, Walter Southwick, W. E. Newkirk.

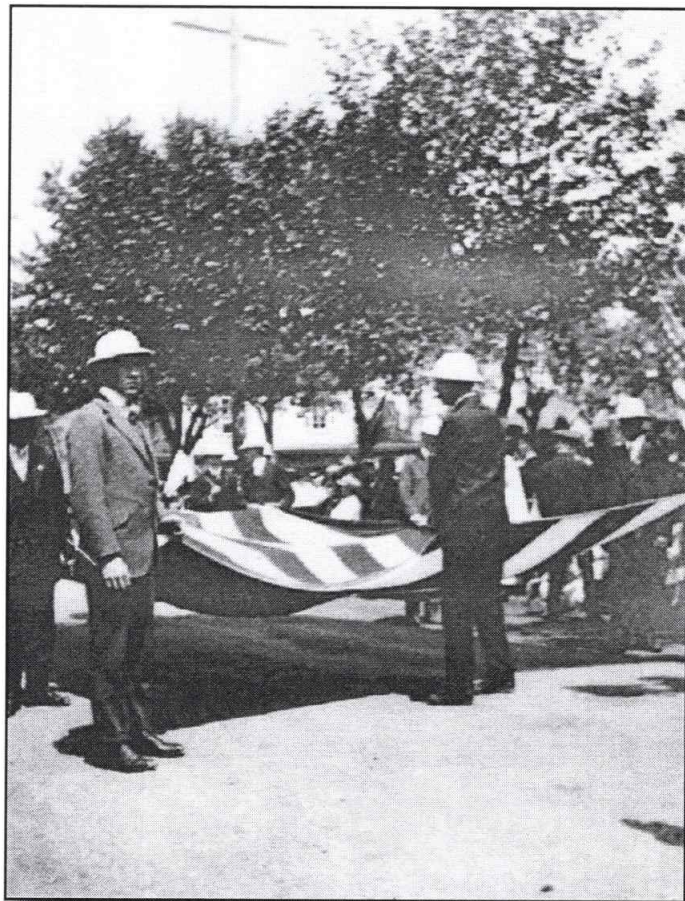
The present number of members is 49.

A descriptive page in a book published for the Burlington County Firemen's Association in 1922. This book showed all of the firehouses in Burlington County that existed then with an explanation of the assets of each and sometimes included officers names.

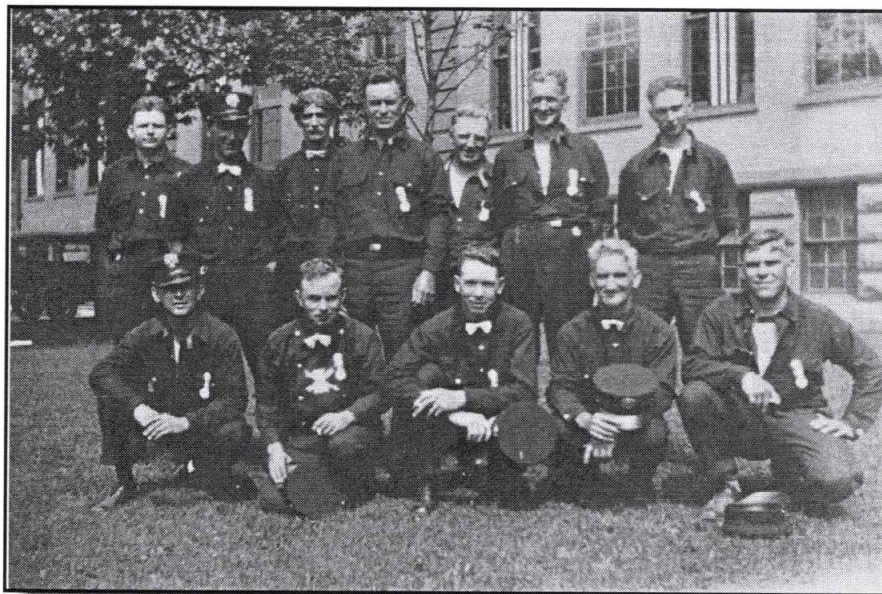




An Early Badge



Our "Boys" carrying a huge American Flag in a parade at Riverside. Possibly after the end of the First World War which ended November 11, 1918.



Firemen relaxing after a parade. Check out the early uniforms!

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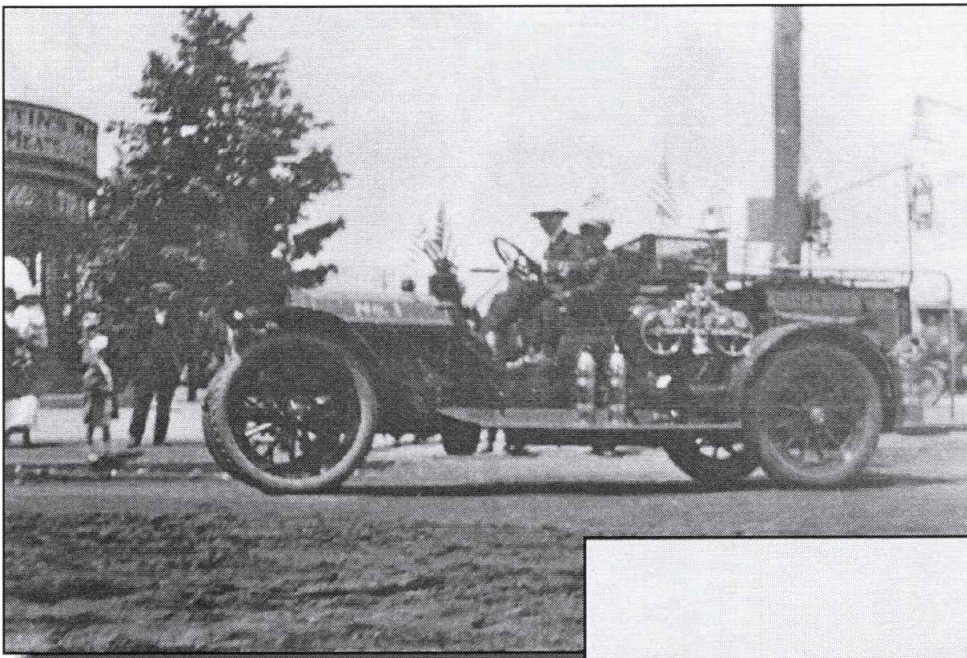
Casey Stratton, ? , Al Fenton, William Smith, Aubrey Painter, Carlos Fenton, J. Norman Stokley

Front

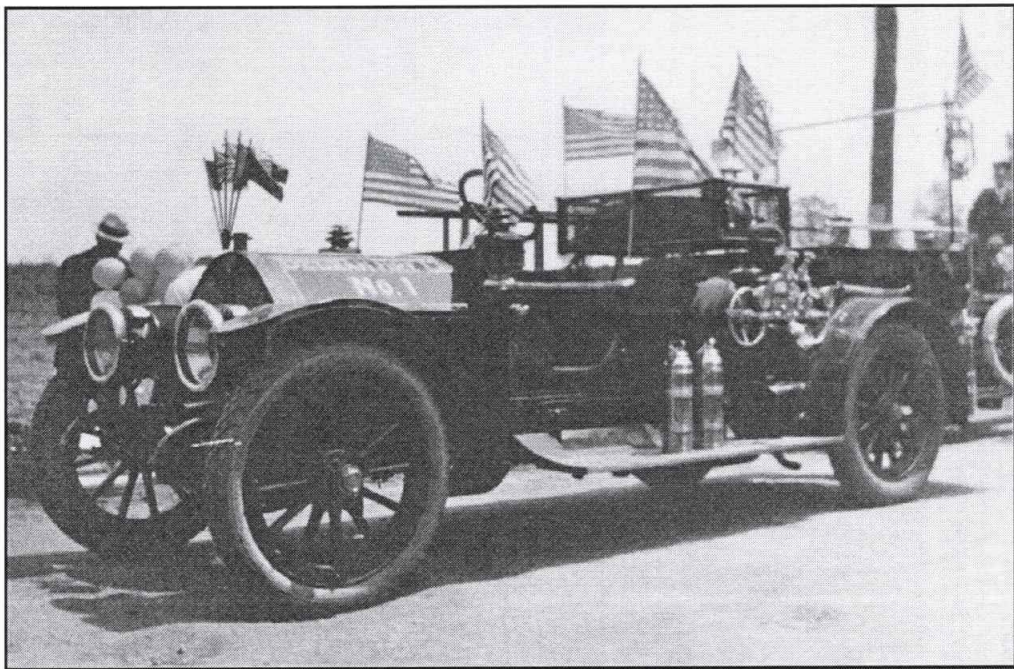
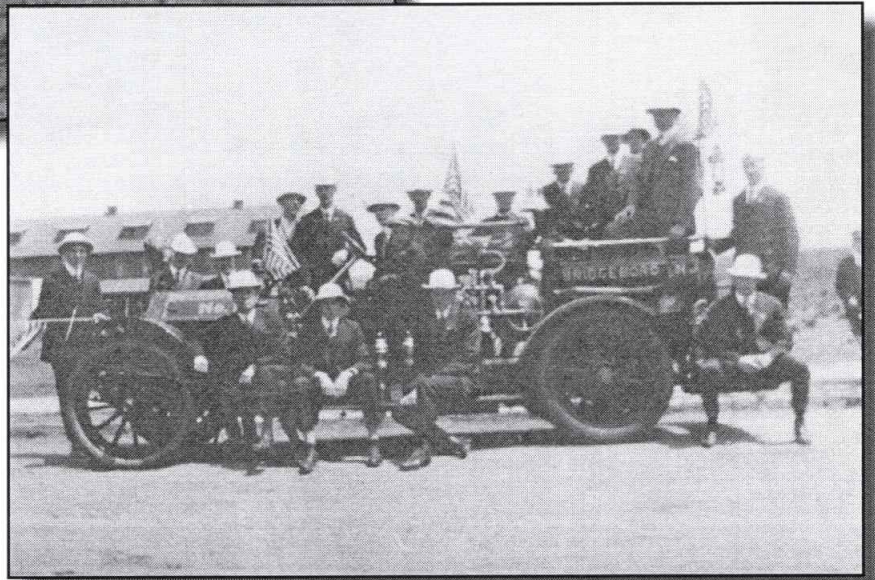
Harry Hunter or George "Tricky" Smith, —?—, Ed Kreiger, William "Billy" Fenton, Warren "Whitey" Frech

Back Row Right

Front



At a parade in Riverside possibly at the end of World War I. Note: The Uniforms and Hats



Showing off our "New" Truck


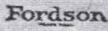


The "New" arrival of the 1923 GMC.

Left to Right:

Lester Fortnum, Driver: Warren Frech, W. Howard Anderson, Wm. Fenton, Wm. Smith, Wm. Woodington

Copy of the purchase contract
for the 1923 GMC

LESTER S. FORTNUM
 LINCOLN MOTOR CARS 
 AUTHORIZED SALES AND SERVICE
 BRIDGEBORO, NEW JERSEY

TELEPHONE RIVERSIDE 170
RAILROAD STATION, RIVERSIDE, N. J.

December 29th, 1922.

Delran Fire Company,
Proposal for fire apparatus.

We hereby propose to furnish your Company the following:-

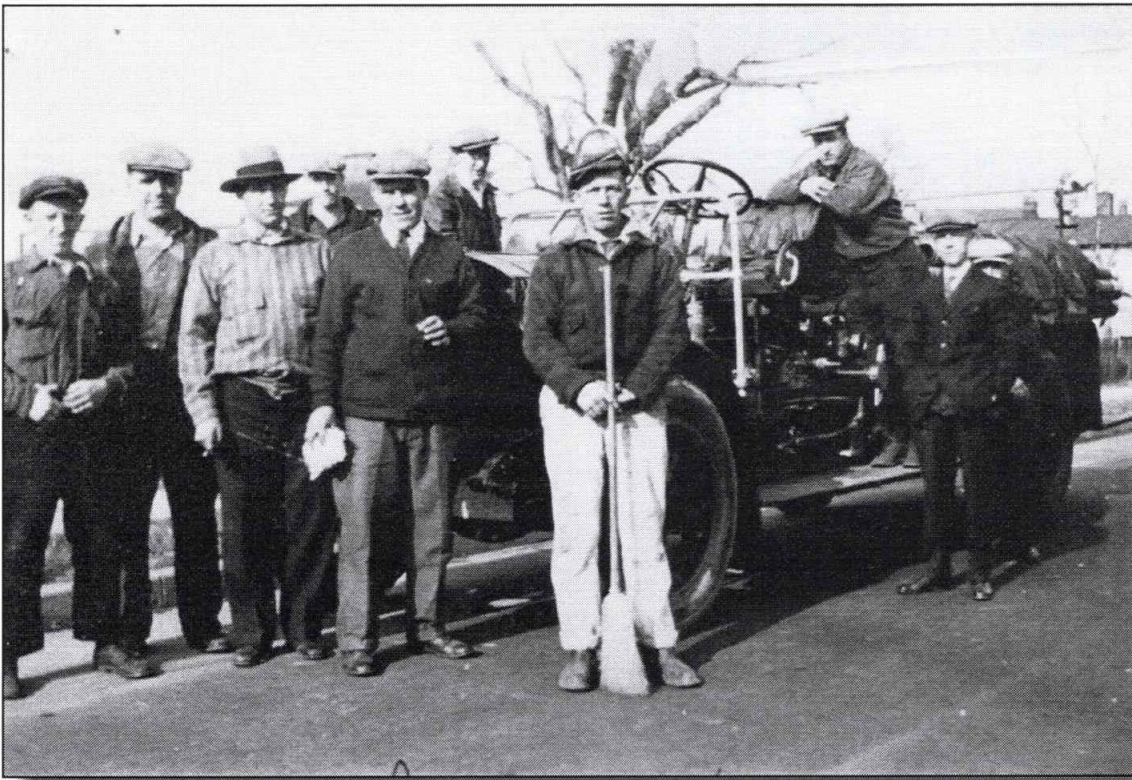
1 Model X-41, Two Ton Capacity, G.M.C. Chassis in accordance with specifications attached hereto and with electric starter and 36 x 6 pneumatic tires on front and 40 x 8 pneumatic tires on rear for the sum of \$2275.58
 Plus War Tax 57.00
 Plus Freight 90.00
 Total 2422.58

To have mounted thereon one Combination Pump, Chemical and Hose Car, as per specifications also attached for the sum of 3300.00

Making a total for the entire equipment of \$ 5726.58

The fire apparatus above referred to, to be constructed, finished and equipped in accordance with the specifications attached hereto. We warrant the material and workmanship to be of the very best quality and agree to replace such parts, should there be any, which may be found to be defective.

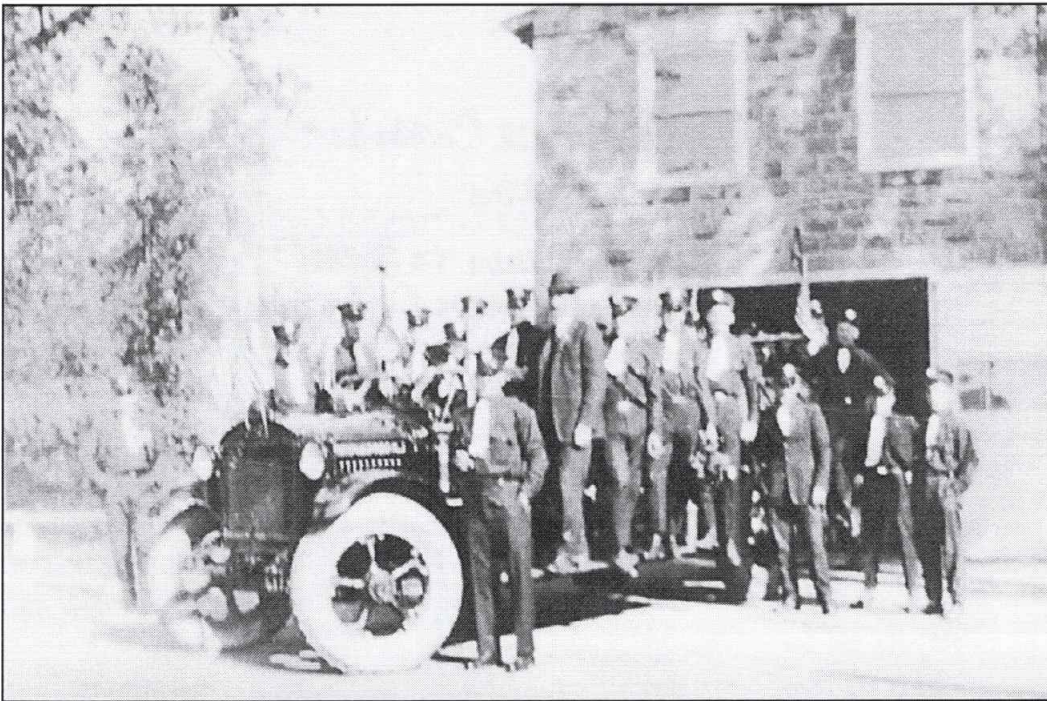
Warranty on the chassis is likewise attached hereto and becomes a part of this proposal.



Out Front with the "23" GMC

Left to Right:

Aubrey "Brick" Painter, Wm. Smith, ---?---, Malcolm Anderson Sr., Warren "Whitey" Frech, ---?---,
John Litle (with broom), Horace Anderson Sr. ---?---



"Getting ready to go to a parade"



This single monument stood in front of the original firehouse for many years until it was moved to our "Veterans Memorial Park". It was later moved to the front of the Delran Municipal Building along with its companion monument honoring WWII and Korean Conflict Veterans when our current Firehouse was built.

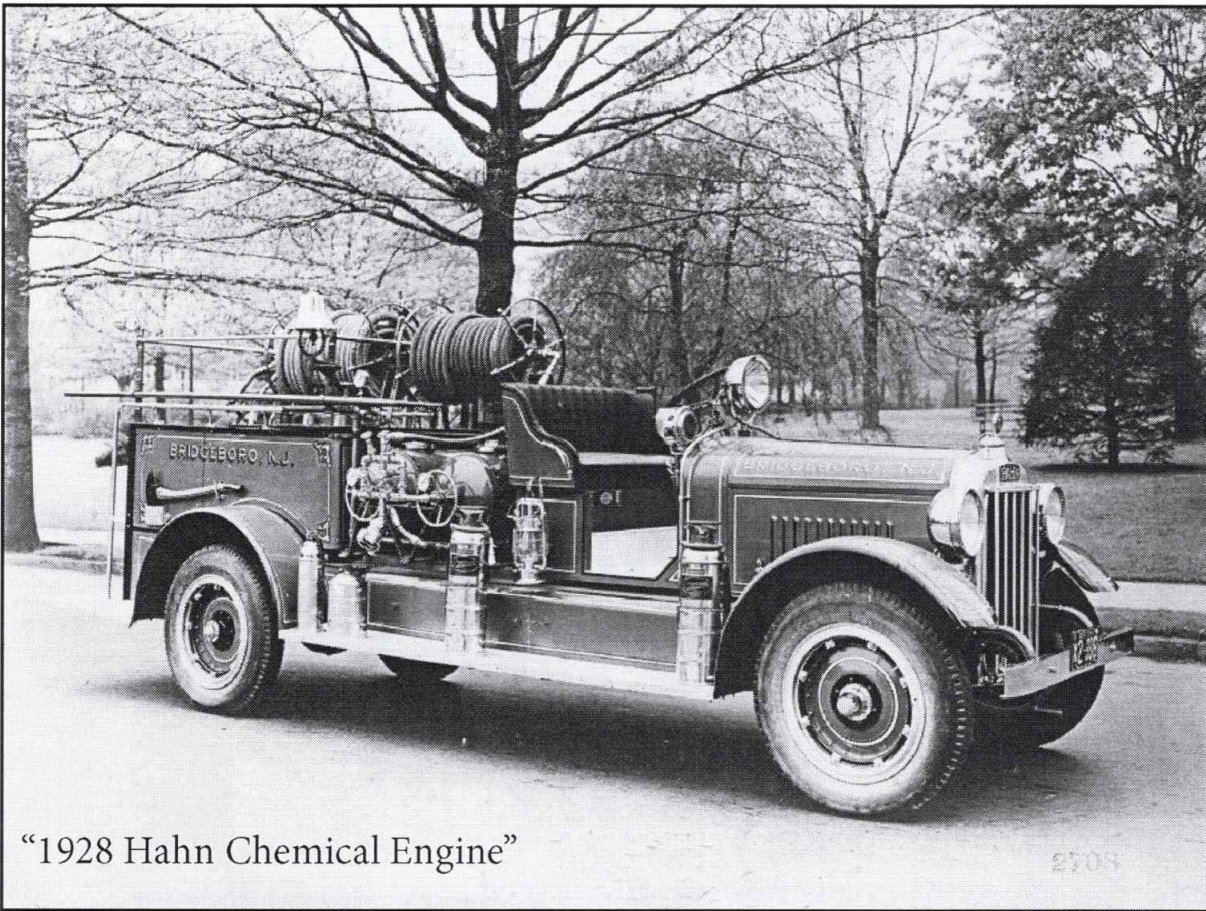
Sunday, October 3, 1920

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Bridgeboro to Unveil Monument

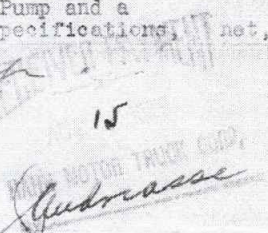
Bridgeboro, N.J. October 2, 1920

This town will be the centre of attraction for the first time in history for nearly the whole of Burlington County when on Saturday next, it will unveil a beautiful monument and bronze tablet in honor of our boys of this place who served overseas. The tablet, in the shape of an open scroll, contains the names of all those from this place who fought for democracy and contains but one gold star, that in honor of Sergeant Charles Peacock, who fell in the Battle of Marne, and will be unveiled by Miss Margaret Horner, a popular six-year-old child of this town. Major Edward B. Stone, of Burlington, who distinguished himself in the Argonne and later, upon his return, toured the State for the benefit of the American Legion with his lecture, "Hours I Spent in Hell", will be the principal speaker.



“1928 Hahn Chemical Engine”

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS		INVOICE No. 4-BT-73
THE HAHN MOTOR TRUCK CORPORATION ALLENTOWN, PA. 4/30/29		
SOLD TO Delran Fire Co. #1, Bridgesboro, N. J.		OUR ORDER NO. YOUR ORDER NO. DELIVERED TO VIA
TERMS See Below	GOODS RETURNED WITHOUT OUR RETURN FORM WILL NOT BE CREDITED	
1	Model Hahn Chassis #6239, Motor #152180, equipped with 100 gal. Booster Pump and a 100 Gal. Booster Tank, as per specifications, net, \$2,600.00 <i>Less 2% for cash</i> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	
	Terms: 25% down of \$700-90 day note without interest, then balance in three yearly notes, payable yearly.	
	<i>Please send bill of Sale of truck</i> <div style="text-align: right;"><i>gatt.</i></div>	

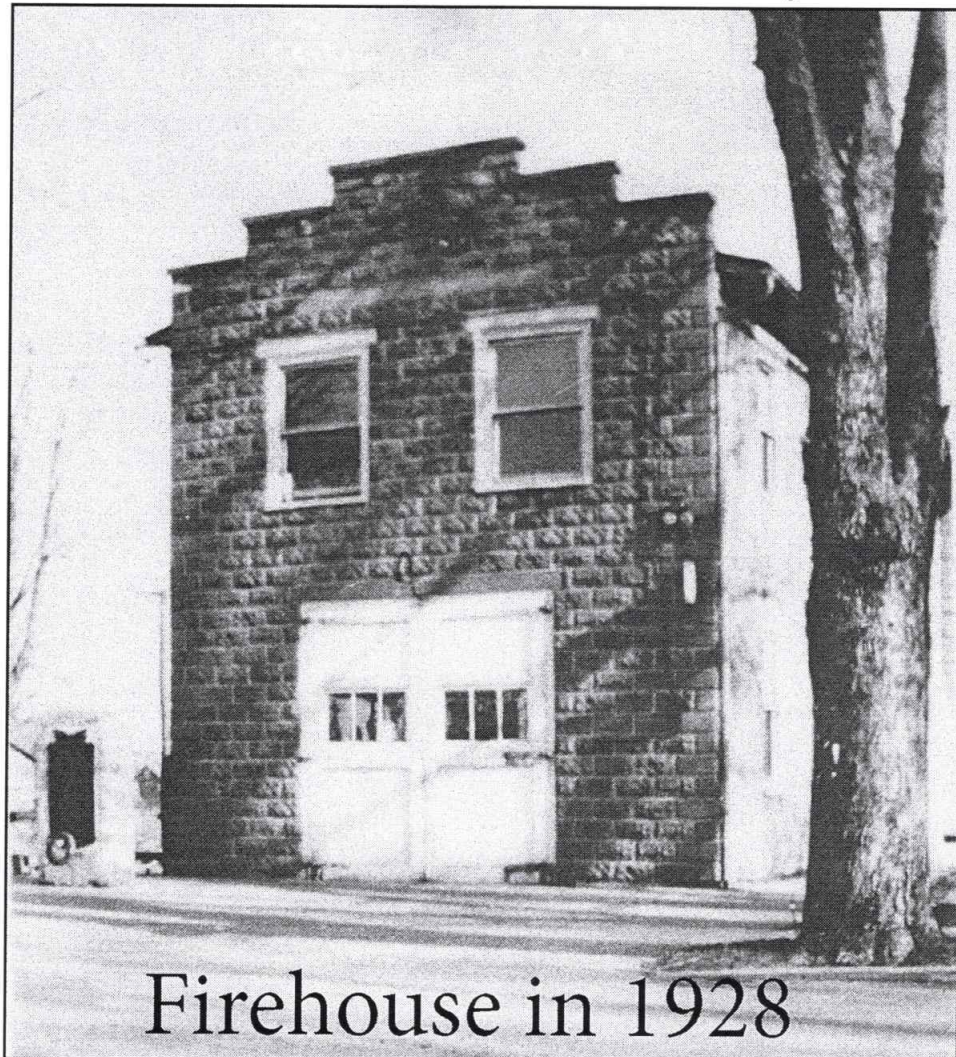
1928 Hahn Purchase Contract



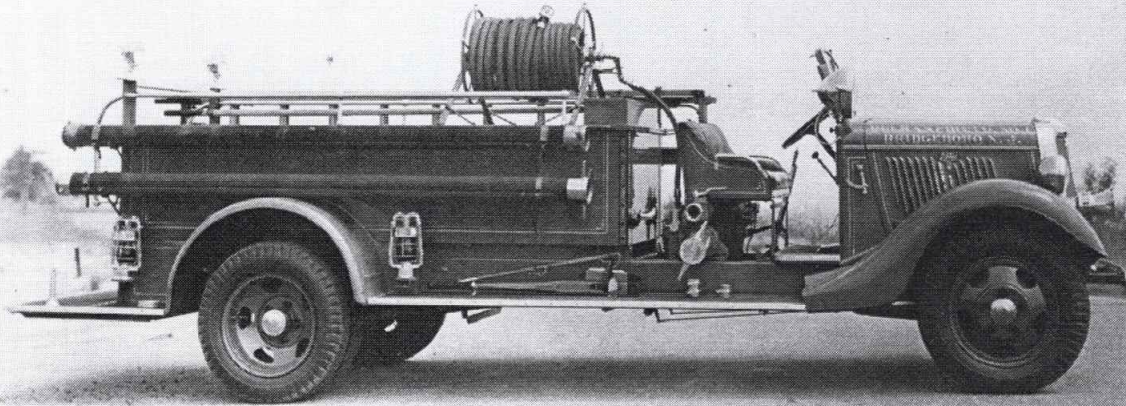
Men at a parade with the 1928 Hahn Chemical Engine

Left to Right:

Charles Hullings, Royden Woodington, Ed Krieger, Harry Hunter, Al Hullings, W. Howard Anderson



1935 Ford Peter Pirsch



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Looking down over Bridgeboro just after 1935. Can you pick out the Fire House?



1935 Ford coming out of the Fire House



Our men in their coats with the 1935 Ford.

Dedicate Service Plaque Sunday At Bridgeboro

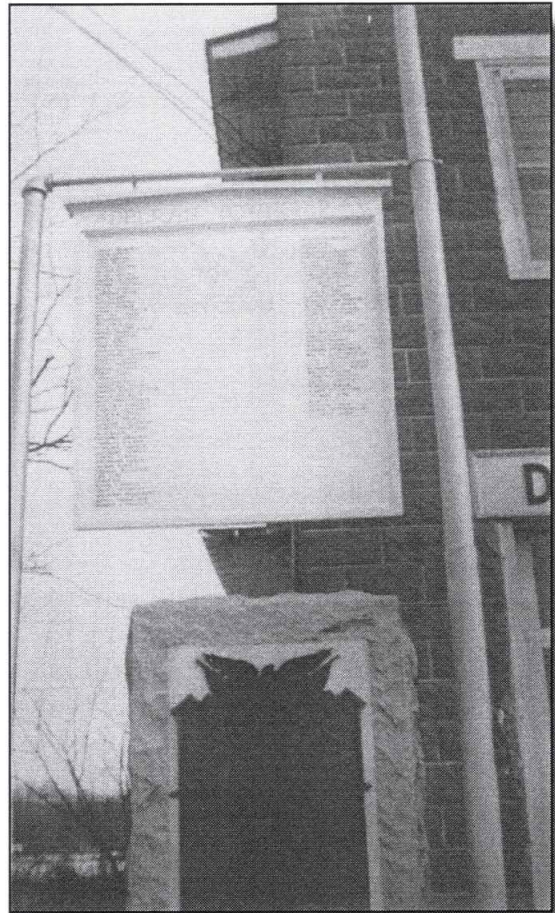
Delran Fire Company No 1, of Bridgeboro, in cooperation with other organizations, will dedicate a service plaque in front of the firehouse Sunday in honor of all the service men and women of the township. The names will number 131 in all, including one girl and one man who died in service, Garth Redman.

Other organizations sponsoring the plaque are the Delran churches, the Women's Auxiliary of the Zurbugg Hospital, the Odd Fellows, the Red Men, the P.T.A., Caldwell's Dairy and the Delran Township Defense Council.

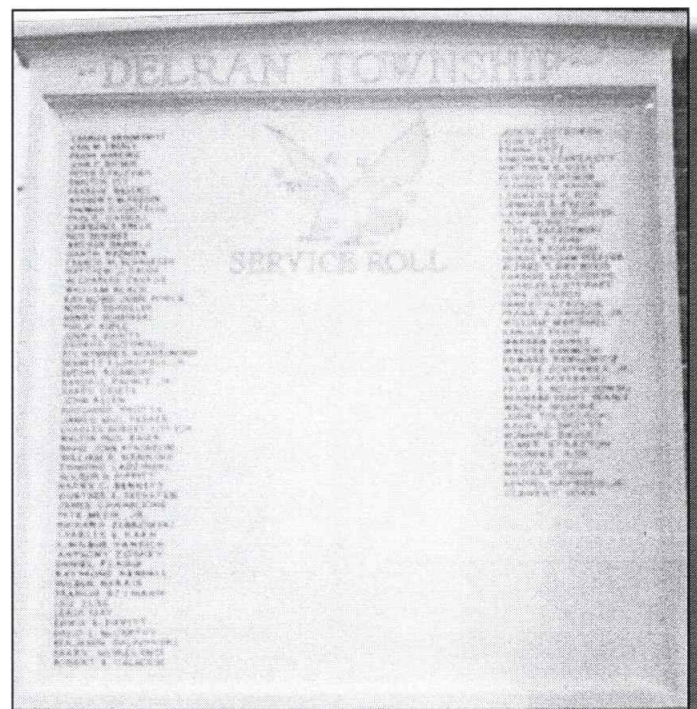
The ceremonies will begin at 2 o'clock Sunday, with a parade in which various organizations of the Triple Towns will take part. Music will be furnished by the Palmyra High School band and the Palmyra High School Girls' Drum and Bugle Corps.

Harry Groome, Past Commander of the American Legion, will be the speaker. The invocation will be given by the Rev. Charles E. Jones and the benediction by the Rev. Gretta B. Decker. The Rev. Quentin Ferguson will speak on the Gold Star soldier, Garth Redman. School Superintendent Aaronson Bell will preside.

The committee in charge of the program is composed of Edward Krieger, Gene Brown, Charles Anderson, William Black, Warren Frech, Howard Quigg and C. W. Risley.



World War II Service Plaque over the World War I Monument. At the end of the War, this plaque showed all of the names of Delran men and women who fought in World War II.



Delran Fire Co. No. 1

THE EMPTY CHAIRS

When meeting night again rolls
'round,
And we sum up our monthly
affairs,
I cannot help but shed a tear,
As I behold those empty chairs.

The boys who used to sit there
Are our buddies near and dear,
And now for no reason of their own,
They are scattered far and near.

The boys who helped on the en-
gines,
And those who handled the hose
Have been sent away to foreign
lands,
To fight against our foes.

They who fought with tooth and
nail
To put out a stubborn fire,
Have cast aside their coats and
boots,
And donned their battle attire.

Those boys are fighting with all
they've got,
On foot, in tanks, on ships and
planes;
Giving their limbs, their lives and
hearts,
To make those steady and hard
earned gains.

And when the days carnage is over,
When they have a few seconds
alone;
They sit and write and hope and
pray,
As they think of their loved ones
at home.

While those boys are fighting in
mud and rain,
On the other side of the pond,
We sit back in our nice warm room
And fight about buying a Bond.

Let's get behind them and give
that push,
That will wind up this rotten
affair,
Let's buy that Bond and help those
boys,
Who sat in those empty chairs.

With God's help the war soon will
be over,
And those boys will be home to
remain,
May we hope and pray that some
day we can say,
Those chairs were not empty in
vain.

— WILLIAM KAIN.



The Aircraft Warning Service Observation Tower. (Now a parking lot for the Knights of Columbus on Bridgeboro Street) Built in the beginning of WWII (1942) and taken down at the end of the War (1945). Our men volunteered to stand watch here as well as in the firehouse to keep an eye out for enemy planes, boats on the creek and saboteurs.



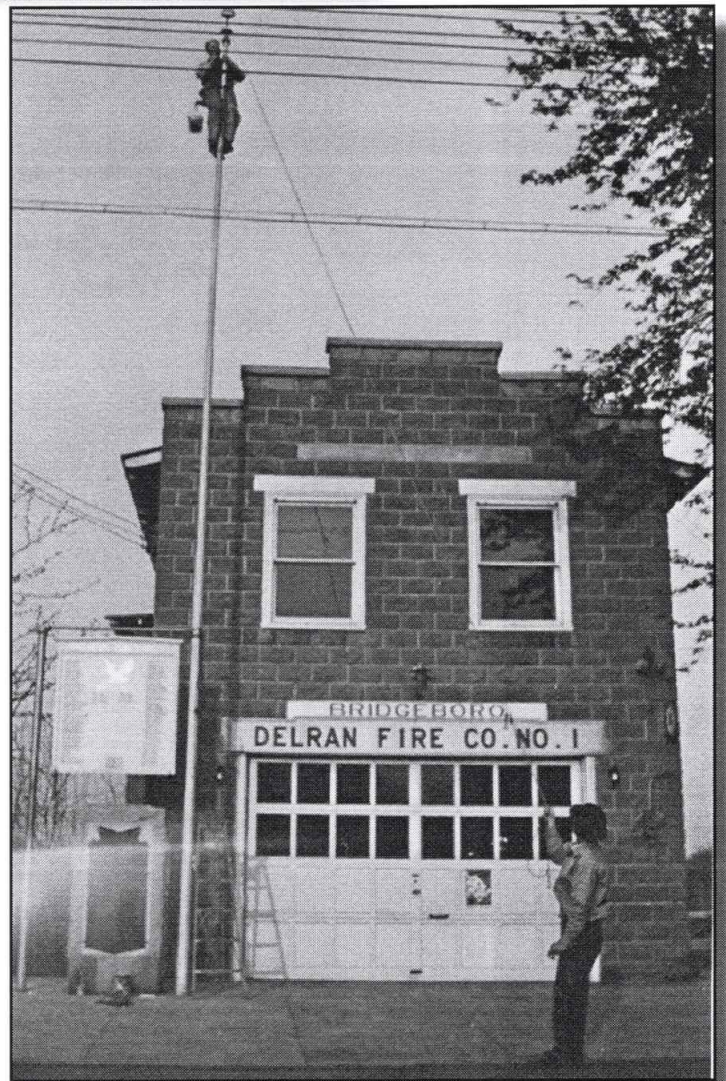
Firehouse in 1941 before we entered World War II. Note the siren mounted on the roof.



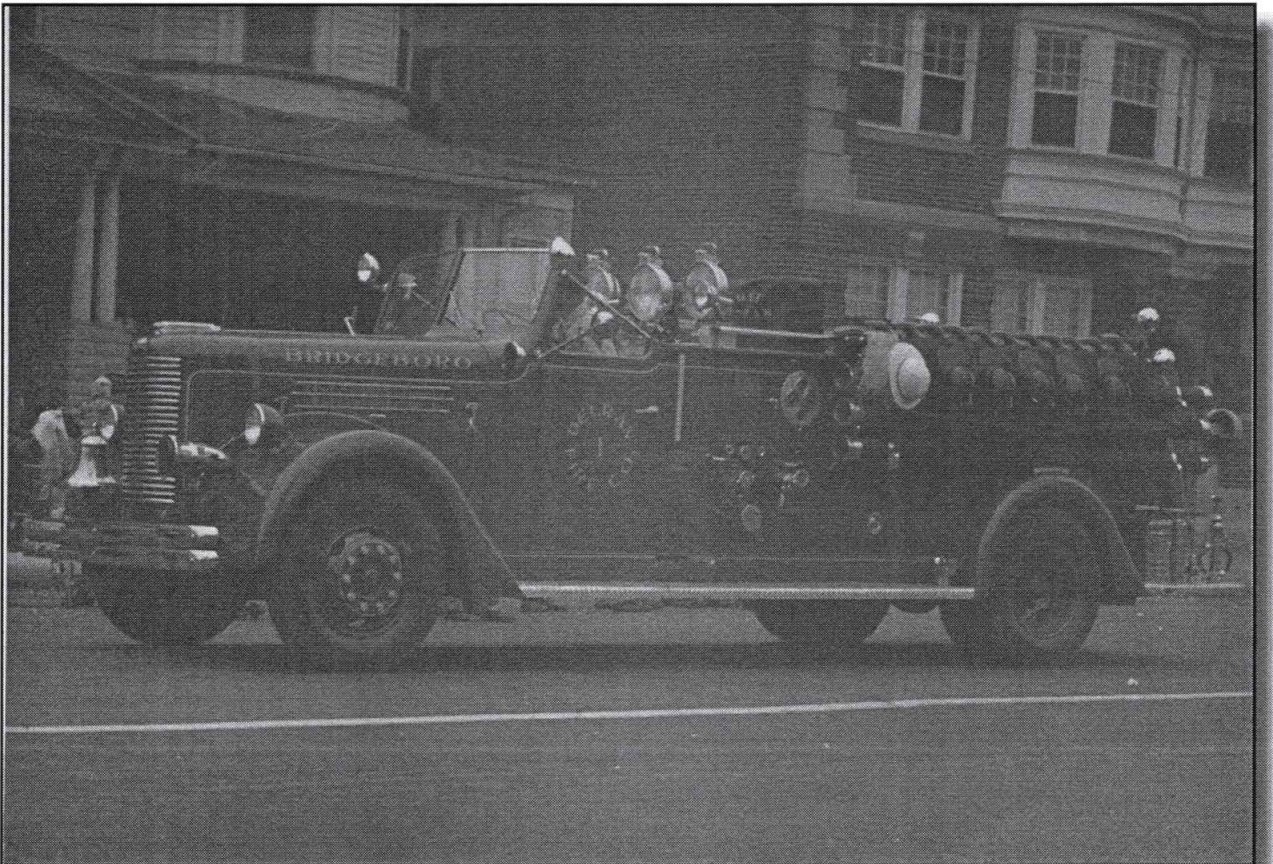
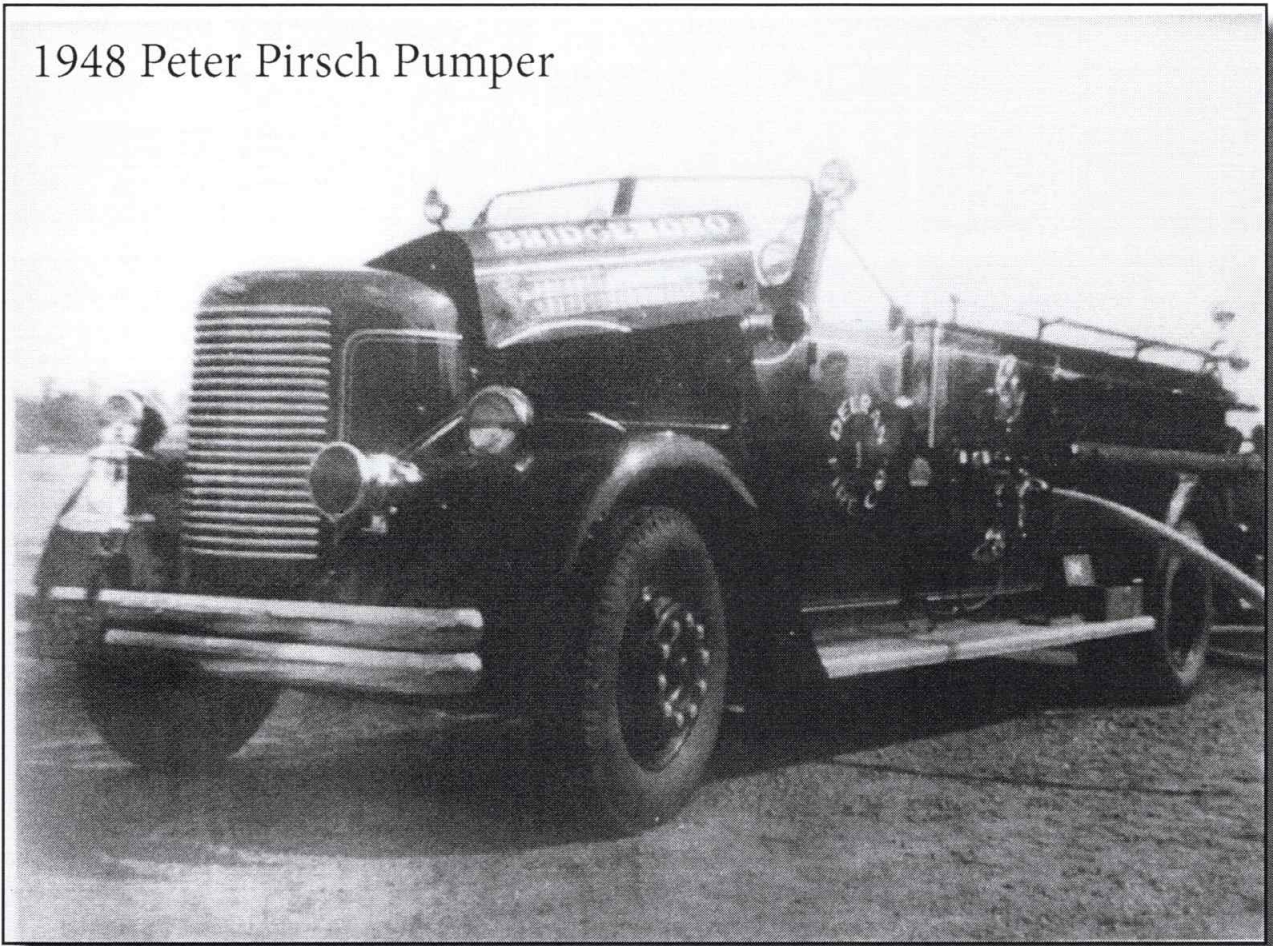
Some of our men with
our new 1948 Peter
Pirsch Pumper

Left to Right
Carl R. "Toby" Wells,
—???—, Paul Denneler
Sr., Jimmy Wilkins, Carl
Kendall, Clifford "Pete"
Litle

Our in-house steeplejack, William Gennett,
"Up the Pole" He would paint the flagpole in
return for having his annual dues paid.



1948 Peter Pirsch Pumper



Our 1948 Pirsch at an Atlantic City parade, September 18, 1954.

1948 Pirsch Purchase Contract

Revised Contract

Contract

THIS AGREEMENT, made in duplicate by and between PETER PIRSCH & SONS CO., of Kenosha, Wis., first party, and

The Delran Fire Co. No. 1, Bridgeboro, N.J.

By its authorized representatives, second party

WITNESSETH:

FIRST: The said first party hereby agrees to furnish the apparatus and equipment according to the specifications hereto attached and made a part of this contract, and to deliver the same as hereinafter provided.

SECOND: The first party guarantees that all material and workmanship in and about said apparatus and equipment shall comply with said specifications, and will replace free of charge at its factory any part found within one year to be defective in workmanship or material. This applies to all parts of said apparatus manufactured by said first party. On rubber tires, magnetos, batteries, self starters and other accessories purchased from other manufacturers the guarantee of such manufacturers will apply.

THIRD: The said apparatus and equipment shall be delivered to a transportation company at Kenosha, Wis., within about.....

18-24 months

after the receipt and acceptance of this contract at the first party's office at Kenosha, Wis., delays due to strikes, failures to obtain cars, materials, or other causes beyond its control not preventing, and shall be delivered to said party of the second part f. o. b. cars at

Bridgeboro, N.J.

FOURTH: Any demonstrations shall be held to be made solely by and under authority and direction of said party of the second part.

FIFTH: The second party hereby purchases and agrees to pay for said apparatus and equipment, the sum of Seven

Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Eight and no/100 - - - - - Dollars (\$ 7748.00) payable in cash, within 10 days after arrival at destination including trade-in of Hahn Apparatus

Terms: Deposit of \$500.00 with contract. Balance within ten days
after delivery and acceptance. A cash discount of \$152.56
can be deducted

Interest at six per cent per annum, payment semi-annually, shall be paid upon all deferred or past due payments, such deferred payments to be evidenced by negotiable paper. Any payments not made in cash within 30 days after date of invoice shall be considered deferred payments bearing interest as herein stated.

SIXTH: In case the second party desires to test the said apparatus before payment is made such test shall be made within ten (10) days after arrival at destination, and a written report of such test forthwith delivered to the first party as its principal office at Kenosha, Wis. If no such test be made, or if no such report be made by the second party within ten (10) days after arrival, then said apparatus and equipment shall be considered as fully complying with contract and specifications.

SEVENTH: It is agreed that any and all apparatus and equipment covered by this contract shall remain the property of the first party until the entire purchase price thereof, and any notes, warrants, negotiable paper, obligations, or securities given therefor, or as evidence thereof are actually paid in cash. If more than one piece of apparatus is covered by this contract, then each piece shall remain the property of the first party until the purchase price for such piece has been actually paid in cash. In case of any default in payment the first said party may take full possession of the apparatus and equipment, or of the piece or pieces upon which default has been made, and any payments that have been made shall be applied as rent in full for the use of the apparatus and equipment up to date of taking possession.

EIGHTH: When requested by the first party, the second party is to furnish first party a satisfactory opinion of the city or town attorney as to the power of the municipality to make the contract, and also that the notes or warrants, if any, to be given under the terms and conditions of said contract are valid, legal and enforceable obligations of the municipality.

This contract to be binding must be signed and approved by a member of the firm of Peter Pirsch & Sons Co., or some one authorized to sign. This contract and specifications take precedence over all previous negotiations and no representations are considered as entering into this contract except such as are contained herein or in the specifications attached hereto.

The prices bid herein do not include any Federal, State or Local sales tax, duties, imposts, revenues, excise or other taxes which may hereafter be imposed by Congress or otherwise and made applicable to the product or material covered by this proposal. Therefor should anything of this character or nature be later imposed and become applicable, same will be in addition to the price named in this proposal or contract price and cash payment of same shall be made immediately by purchaser.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. The said parties have caused these presents to be executed and the second party has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed, and attested by its authorized representatives, on this 16th

day of February, 1948.

PETER PIRSCH & SONS CO.

By [Signature] First Party

The DEL-RAN FIRE CO. NO. 1

By [Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature] Second Party



[Signature]
[Signature]
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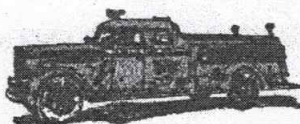
1950 Ford Great Eastern 500 GPM Pump/500 Gallon Tank 3 Stage Pump / Hi Pressure



Firehouse circa 1956-57

New Jersey Fire Equipment Corporation

PROPOSAL
For Furnishing
FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS



To Delran Volunteer Fire Company July 21, 1950
Bridgeboro
New Jersey

Att: Mr. Donald Andersen, Secretary

Gentlemen:

We hereby propose to furnish, after your acceptance, approval and proper execution of the accompanying Contract, Fire Apparatus as follows:

One "Great Eastern" Deluxe Model Triple Combination 500-gallon Pumping Engine, including Hale Three-Stage Centrifugal Fire Pump also 500-gallon Booster Tank, additional 10-ft. length suction hose and all other equipment in accordance with detailed specifications attached, for installation on Truck Chassis to be furnished and delivered by customer to our plant.

This is the new 3-Stage Combination Underwriters Approved Volume and High Pressure Pump, with qualifications for pumping up to 800-lbs. pressure.

as per specifications attached herewith, F.O.B. Bridgeboro, New Jersey For the sum of Six thousand four hundred eighty seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$ 6,487.50).
(If standard model is desired, deduct \$173.50 from the above price).

Net Bid (\$ 6,314.00).
Terms of payment as follows: To be arranged. Deduct for change to 35 ft. ladder 19.00

Shipment of Apparatus to be made within about 5 - 7 weeks after our acceptance of signed contract, and delivery of truck chassis, except for delays due to causes beyond our control.

The specifications attached hereto form a part of this proposal and contract and are subject to changes desired by the purchaser, provided such alterations are interlined prior to the signing of these papers and do not materially affect the cost of the construction of the apparatus.

Respectfully submitted,
THE NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT CORP.
By [Signature]
Sales Engineer.



This plaque or a similar one adorned all of early fire trucks. We will always be indebted to our Ladies Auxiliary for all their assistance with equipping our trucks and helping us pay our bills.



Laurel Run was dammed where it ran under Bridgeboro-Moorestown Road and here at Creek Road by our firemen. Prior to the installation of fire hydrants in the late 1960s, these ponds were created and needed to establish a drafting point for water supply.



Ladies Auxiliary in Parade Uniforms

Left to Right Back Row

Norma Stokley Hullings, Edith Richardson Wells, Angela "Angie" Brandolini, Carolyn Newkirk Quinn,
Lorraine Hubbs Matlack, Lois Yerkes McCurdy, Virginia Hubbs Frech, Betty Jobses,
Bessie Austin Anderson.

Left to Right Front Row

Gloria Karn Vogt, Evelyn Southwick, Ruth Moreland Barton, Lois Stokley Woesner, Dorothy Warden Ely,
Charlotte Ney Litle, Jane John, Bernice Tule, Alice Miller Anderson, Helen Stokley, Audrey Grob



Ladies Auxiliary Members with Banner

Left to Right

Elizabeth Krieger, Annie Hunter, Lavinia
Denneler, Nettie Smith, Lottie Bomboy

DELRAN FIRE LADIES PLAN ANNUAL PICNIC

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of Delran Fire Company, No. 1, Bridgeboro, met last Thursday evening at the firehouse at which time plans were made for the picnic to be held Wednesday, July 31, at Surf City. They will leave the fire house at 9 a. m.

The ladies are screening the windows of the fire house and it is hoped that the work will be finished by the next meeting. Two new gas stoves are also being installed.

Installation of officers was held at the meeting as follows: Lavinia Denner, president; Elizabeth Kreiger, vice president; Emma Fortnum, treasurer; Naomi Merrill, secretary; Helen Marshall, recording secretary; Helen Hullings, Elva Heaton and Alice Anderson, trustees; Lizzie Tracy and Anna Hunter, flower committee and Nan Hullings, publicity.

Three new members were elected for membership they are Stella Kendall, Anna Hullings and Doris Brown.

A poem about the picnic by one of the members was written. Here it is:

Lets have a picnic the President said
We'll paint the town of Surf City red
The Smiths, the Jones, the Blacks,
the Browns
And most all the ladies of the town.

The Fairview ladies we will also take
They always bring the ice cream and
cake

In Kauderers bus we leave at half
past eight

Wednesday, July 31st is the date.

Now after a year of absence passes

In wretchedness and pain

We hope to find the Smith house

All calm and bright again.

Dinner at the shore

Who would want more

Corn on the ear, it wasn't very dear

Ask the ladies who went last year.

A doggie roast on the beach

Plenty for all within their reach

Mustard galore, some eat one, some
eat more

Sitting on that old Atlantic Shore.

And yet the day will be all too short

As we depart for the Bridgeboro Port

CHARLES OLGIATI, JR.
PLUMBING and HEATING

1317 FAIRVIEW STREET

Riverside Hobart 1-0108 - 2671
New Jersey

ROAST BEEF SUPPER

FAMILY STYLE

DELRAN FIRE COMPANY NO. 1

Bridgeboro, N. J.

Saturday, November 5, 1960

SUPPER SERVED 4 to 8 P.M.

at the

Bridgeboro Fire House

Ticket

\$2.00

CHARLES MOLLITOR

Artisan Wells

Bridgeboro, N. J.

Phone: Riverside 4-0183-J-1

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

Given By

DELRAN FIRE COMPANY, No. 1

Bridgeboro, N. J.

Saturday Evening, Feb. 18, 1950

Supper Served 4 to 8 P. M.

Tickets — \$1.50



The Ladies took the Kauderer Bus Line for a picnic at the Smith's home in Surf City.



Ladies at the Smith's House in Surf City. The Lester Fortnum panel truck was used to carry all of the provisions for the picnic and day at the beach they had planned.

CHARLES H. ANDERSON
 MYERS WATER SYSTEMS
 Bridgeboro, N. J.
 Phone Riverside 0125-3-2

TURKEY SUPPER

Given By
DELRAN FIRE COMPANY, No. 1
 Bridgeboro, N. J.

SATURDAY EVE., FEBRUARY 23
 Supper Served 4 to 8 p. m.

Ticket - - - - - \$1.25

OYSTER SUPPER

Given By
DELRAN FIRE COMPANY
SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10th, 1921
DELRAN FIRE HOUSE

Oysters as U Like 'Em

TICKETS 50 CENTS



More fun at the Smith's at the shore.



∴ Chicken Supper ∴

GIVEN BY
Delran Fire Company, No. 1
Bridgeboro, N. J.

Saturday Eve., April 25th

Supper Served 5 to 8:30

Ticket (Including Dessert) 65c

∴ Chicken Supper ∴

Given by
DELRAN FIRE COMPANY, No. 1
Bridgeboro, N. J.

Saturday Eve., Sept. 25th

Supper Served 5 to 8:30

Ticket (Including Dessert) 65c





Left to Right

Charles Anderson, Horace Anderson Sr., Earl Bird, Al Hullings, Chauncy Smith, Royden Woodington, Earl Hullings, Warren Frech



Left to Right - Standing

Horace Caldwell, Charles Hullings, Wm. "Billy" Fenton, Clifford "Pete" Litle, George "Tricky" Smith, Carl "Toby" Wells, Lester Hubbs, Charles Anderson, Horace Anderson Sr., Ed Krieger, Gene Brown, J. Norman Stokley, James Hutchinson, Warren "Whitey" Frech.

Left to Right - Front Row

Benjamin Keys, Marshall "Rusty" Wells, Donald Horner, Earl Hullings, Marvin Frech, Chauncy Smith, Aubrey Painter Jr., Clarence Jones

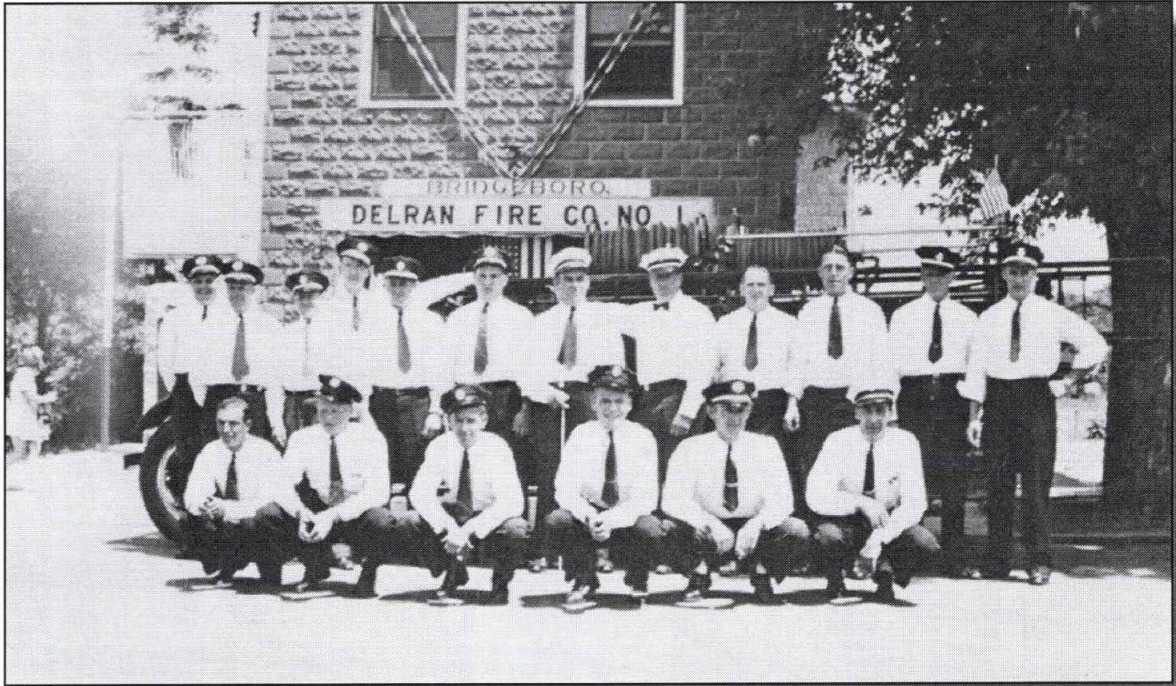


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Horace Caldwell, Charles Hullings, Wm. Fenton, Earl Bird, Lester Hubbs, —?—, Warren Frech, Charles Anderson, Horace Anderson Sr. Gene Brown, Ed Krieger, Aubrey Painter Jr., J. Norman Stokley, Jim Hutchinson, Clifford Litle

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Carl Wells, Marshall Wells, Donald Horner, Earl Hullings, Marvin Frech, Chauncy Smith, Clarence Jones

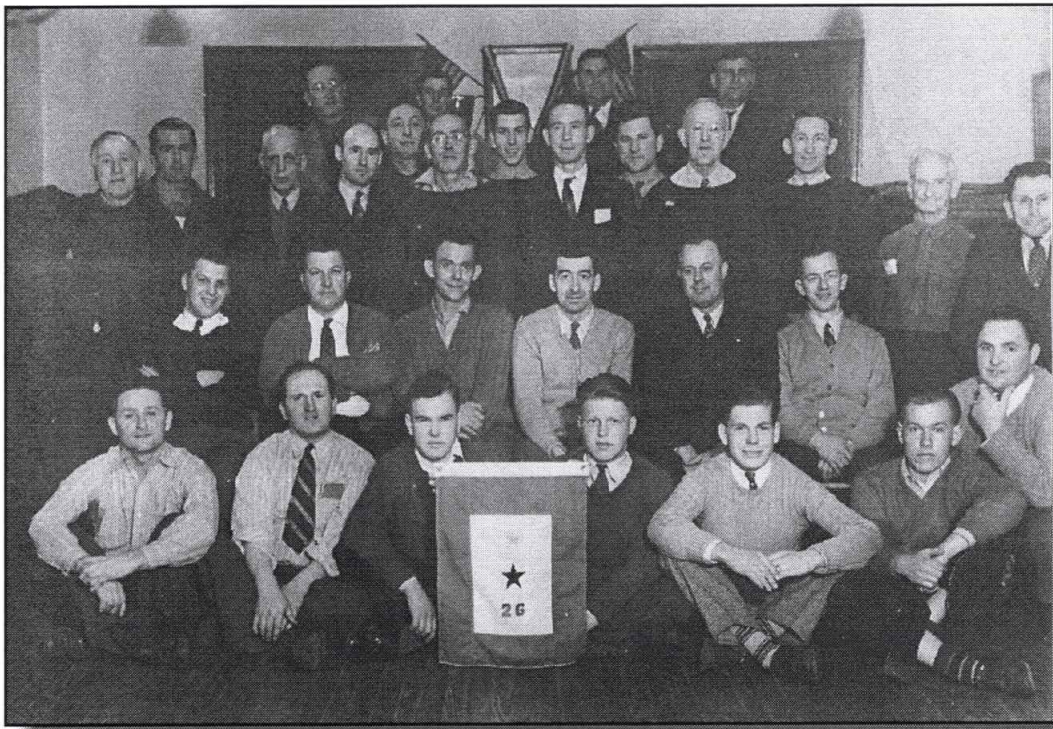


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Carl "Toby" Wells, Earl Hullings, Donald H. Anderson, Ed Krieger, Jim Hutchinson, Paul "Candy" Kendall, Warren "Whitey" Frech, Horace Anderson Sr., Donald Horner, Virgil Porter, Charles Hullings, ---??---

Left to Right - Front Row

Ben Keys, Marshall "Rusty" Wells, Clarence Jones, Marvin Frech, George "Tricky" Smith, Lester Hubbs



Left to Right Back Row

Gene Brown, Benjamin Keys, Warren "Whitey" Frech, Charles Anderson

Left to Right Third Row

Walter Southwick, Paul Denneler, Charles Heulings, Carl Kendall, Sam DeCou,
John Hutchinson, Calvin Faunce, Ed Krieger, William Kain, Al Heulings, Harry Hutchinson,
William Fenton, Aronson Bell

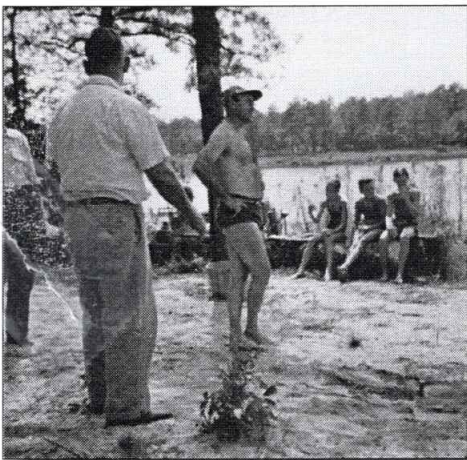
Left to Right Seated

Carl "Toby" Wells, Horace Anderson Sr., George "Tricky" Smith,
Lester Hubbs, Earl Hullings, Cyril "Bill" Risley

Left to Right Seated on Floor

James Hutchinson, Sam Trout, Lester "Lightning" Fortnum Jr.,
Marshall "Rusty" Wells, Marvin Frech, Samuel Anderson Jr.

The Service Flag: This flag and the blue star indicated that 26 of the men from the Fire Company were fighting in World War II. The gold star above the blue star shows that the Fire Company had lost one of its members in battle. (Charles Peacock died in France)



Members at a fire company picnic at Heulings "Jake" Gaskill's Lake in Medford.

Left: Frank Kohler and on the right with a hat is Carl Kendall. Girls on bench ????

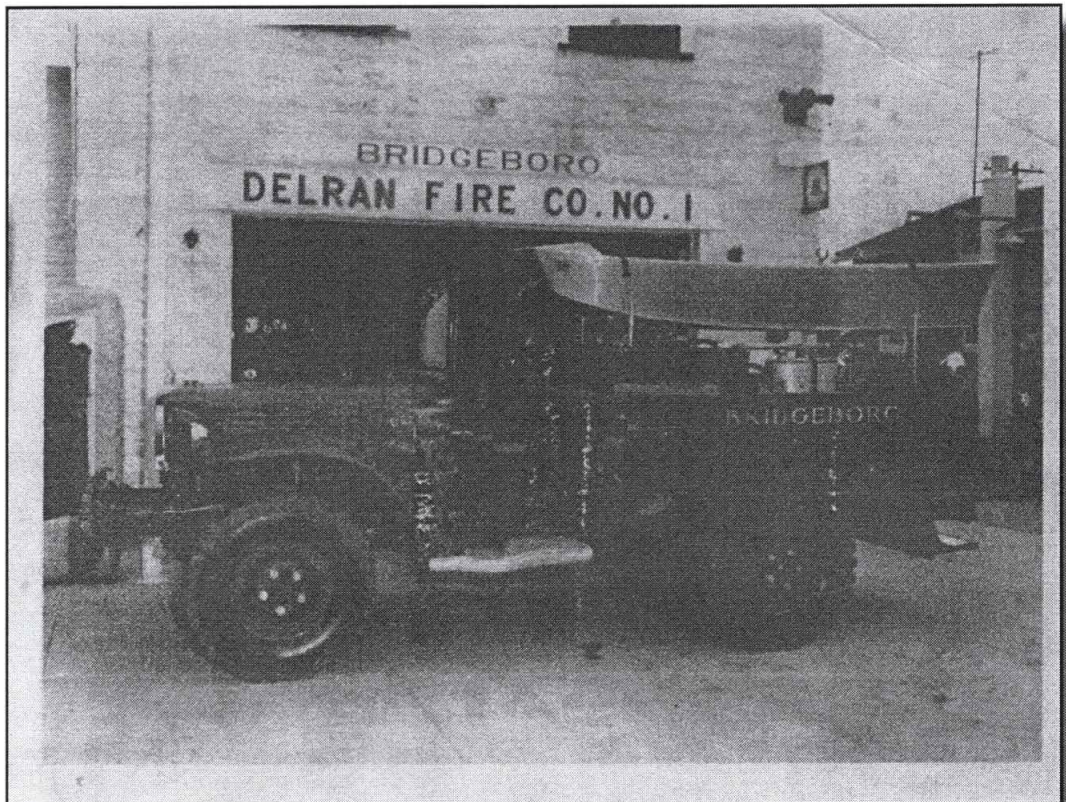


More picnic fun. Left, Larry Jobs, Bill Kain, Harry Dingas, Charles Anderson



Our first "Brush Truck", a 1942 Dodge, at the Memorial Day Parade in Riverside.

In the early 1950s, there were escalating amounts of field and brush fires we were having. On March 9, 1953, member, Ed Miller presented an idea to the company to purchase a War Surplus "Weapons Carrier" and outfit it for fighting those particular types of fires. Then, after almost two years of considering the idea, a special meeting was held on December 27, 1954 and the company decided to buy what would be our first "Brush Truck" from a dealer in northern New Jersey for \$400. After we brought the truck home, it was outfitted for it's job by DeCou's Auto Body Shop, a local business in Bridgeboro. This truck did its job well for many years however, the company decided to replace it and on July 12, 1965 we decided to receive bids for its sale. We received one bid on August 9, 1965 from Marlton Fire Company and it was sold. (Bid \$751.85)



Our "Old Dodge" with our small rescue boat mounted and ready for service. We received this boat as a donation from the local Lions Club on August 9, 1954.

Bridgeboro Firemen Erecting Addition To Present Building

To better house present firefighting equipment and provide space for future apparatus, the Bridgeboro Fire Company, for the past several months, has been constructing an addition to its existing fire house.

A building committee, under the direction of Horace Anderson, local contractor, has been leading a group of members on weekends and nights, to complete the construction. Other members of the committee are Charles Anderson, Clifford Litle and Lester Hubbs.

The new addition, when completed, will also offer better facilities for the unit's turkey suppers, which are staged to raise needed funds. It will cost several thousand dollars, Edward Miller, chairman of the donation drive, said.

Expected to be completed in November, the addition will be 35 by 90 feet. No special drive is anticipated to help defray the costs, but Bridgeboro residents have been asked

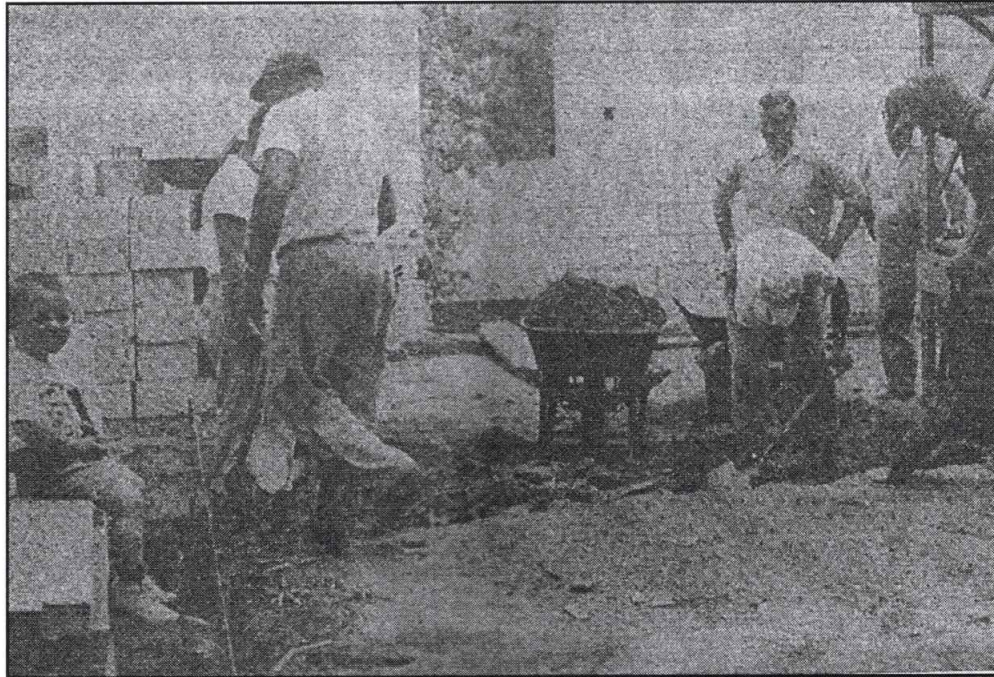
to donate with the use of the coin cards.

"Last year," Miller said, "the unit spent \$800 more than its actual receipts. Of the total collected each year, only about 15 per cent is given us by the township through local taxes.

"In 1955, the unit answered 60 fire calls and staged 12 drills. Over 4,000 man-hours were donated by the members," he concluded.

Like most volunteer companies in the area, the firemen are on call 24 hours a day. Bridgeboro residents needing the services of the company may reach them by dialing HO 1-9740.

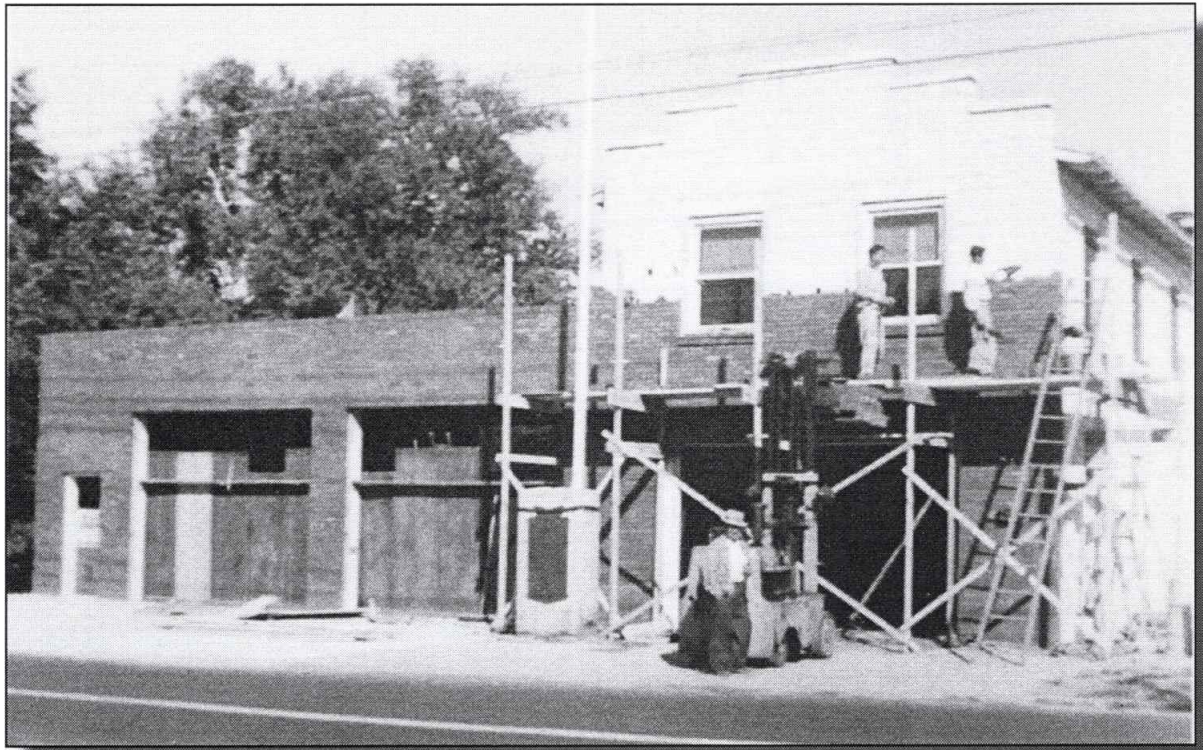
In the event the operator is called, the person reporting a fire should ask for the Bridgeboro Fire Company, and not Delran No. 1 Fire Company, Miller emphasized.



Construction of our largest firehouse addition in 1956-1957. From left: Tommy Miller (Young Man), Horace Anderson Sr. (Back to camera), C. Kenneth Anderson, Charles Anderson, August Leusner



Our new addition completed. Note: In 1925, the two story addition was added to the rear of the original firehouse. (From the door on the side to the rear)



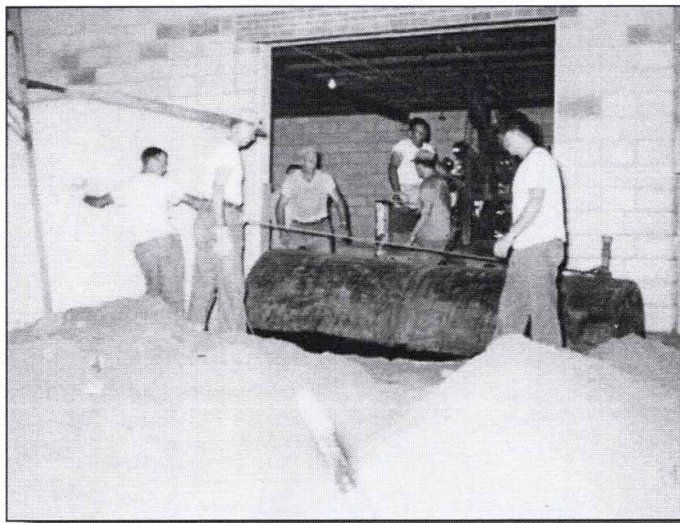
Workers installing brick veneer on the front of the completed addition and the original firehouse. The man on the ground is the contractor, Mr. John Repece.



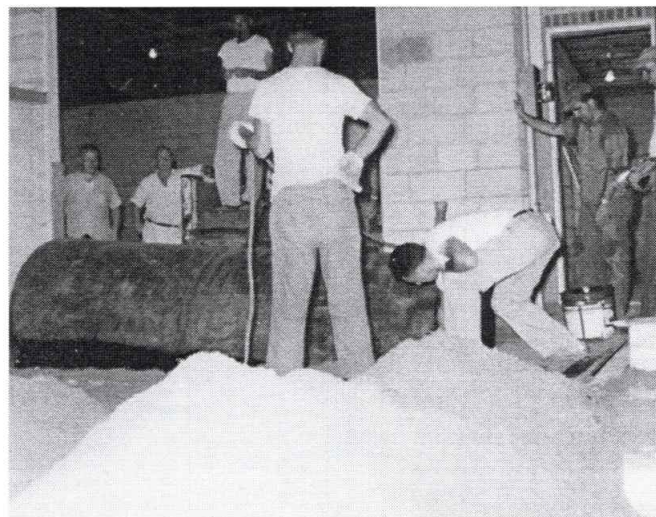
One of our members admiring the work being done.



Members installing a 1000 gallon heating oil tank near the rear overhead door.
 Left: Horace McCurdy, (Behind Horace), Clifford "Pete" Litle, Ed Lamb, (-?-)



Putting the tank in the hole. From the left: Ed Lamb, Horace McCurdy, Horace Anderson Sr., "Pete" Litle (seated), Ronald Hubbs, Lester Hubbs.



Adding the final touched of tar to preserve the tank.
 From Left: C. Kenneth Anderson, J. Norman Stokley, Clifford "Pete" Litle, Edward Lamb, Lester Hubbs, Ronald Hubbs and Horace McCurdy

“Judy” broke out of her corral on Smith Street and ran into a partially frozen Rancocas Creek tidal marsh across from Pancoast Boulevard. She sank into the mud and needed to be rescued. Members from Delran Fire Co. No.1 were there to help.



Our members were able to lay Judy down on a piece of plywood in order to drag her to shore where the ground was more stable.



Members dragged her to safety using our 1942 Dodge 4WD Brush Truck. She was taken back to her corral and the warmth of a garage where she met Dr. Laslocky, who recommended standing her up or she would die. The “Pancoast Boys” did just that and she lived a long and happy life.

Mfg. or
Fire Apparatus
Spangler Conversions
Special Bodies

INVOICE

HAHN MOTORS, INC.
HAMBURG, PA.

No. 8034
8034

DATE 8/13/62

SHIP TO

SOLD TO Delran Fire Company
Bridgeboro, New Jersey

CUSTOMER'S ORDER NO.	DATE SHIPPED	OUR ORDER NO.	SHIPPED VIA	TERMS	SALESMAN	
QUAN. ORDERED	QUAN. SHIPPED	DESCRIPTION			UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	1	750 GPM Triple Combination Pumper, Hahn Model H7-22				11,960 00
		Mount two Roto-Beam lights furnished by customer				20 00
						<hr/> 11,980 00

Purchase Contract Invoice for our 1962 Hahn



1962 Hahn in front of the Firehouse



"The Barn Arts Center" was on Conrow Road where the current Montessori School is located. Our members parked cars at venues held there to raise money to support the Fire Company budget.

Our men at the Fox Theater fire
in Riverside circa 1964. Left:
Bill Keyes, Carl "Toby" Wells,
William "Popeye" Reed,
Donald V. Anderson





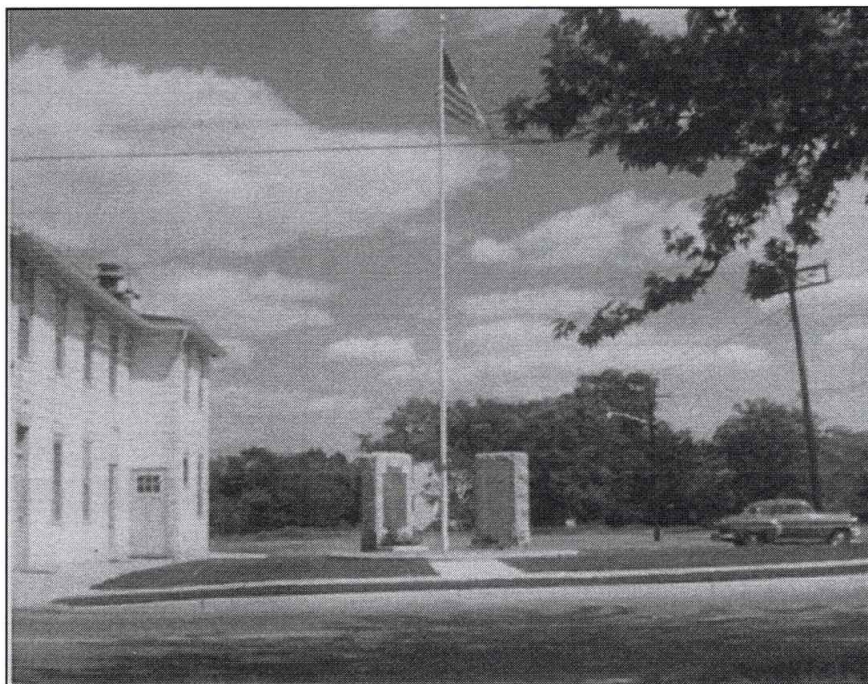
This early building, once rented to Lester S. Fortnum as a bicycle shop, was owned by Arthur Langin who sold it to the Improved Order of Red Men, a fraternal group. At our monthly meeting on October 14, 1963 the Fire Company approved a motion to proceed with the purchase of the property from the "Red Men". After acquiring the building and land for \$3000, we proceeded to sell the building to our neighbor, Abrasive Alloys, who moved it to their site behind the firehouse on Rancocas Street.



Our former firehouse about 1972. Note the siren at the rear of the building.



It took about two years to repurpose the property where Arthur Langin's building stood. We turned this site into a "Memorial Park". We moved the WWI monument from the front of the firehouse, received a second monument dedicated to Delran citizens who fought in WWII and the Korean Conflict and moved our tall flagpole there. This is dedication day and below are the results of our money and efforts spent.





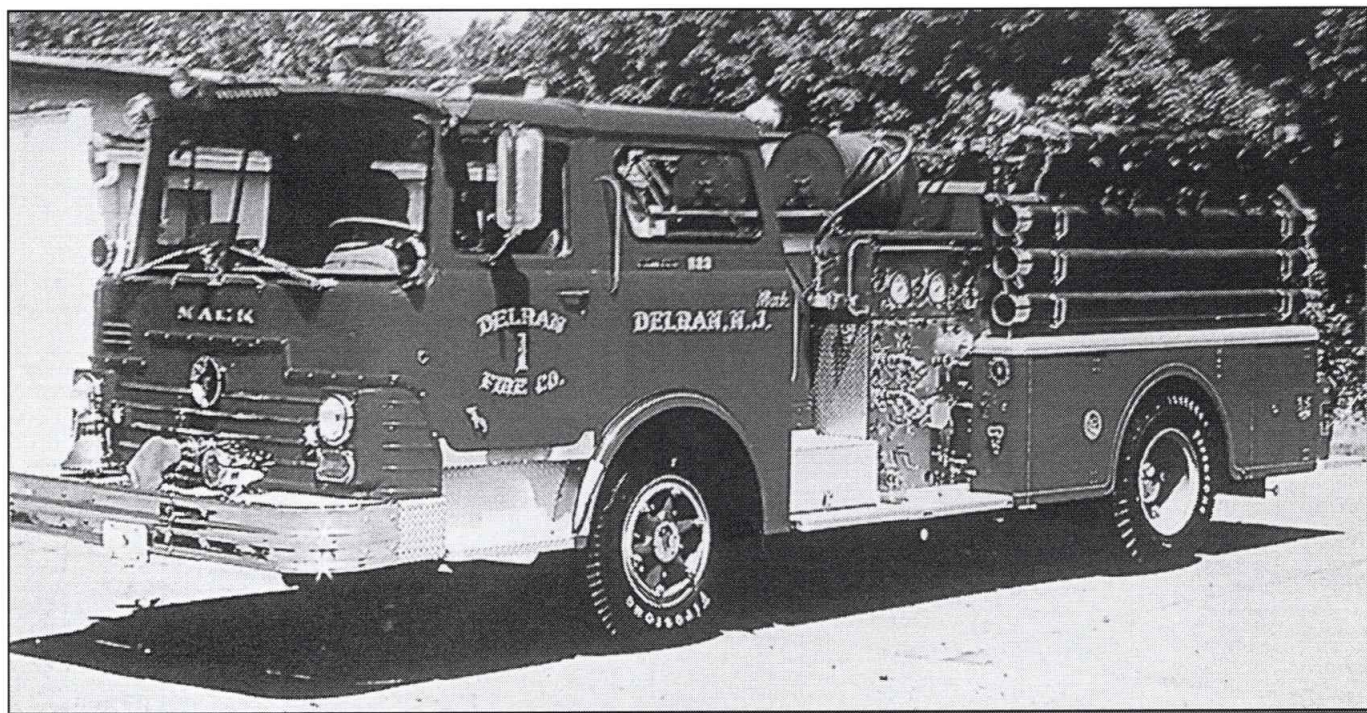
This boat was purchased and furnished for the Fire Company by the Ladies Auxiliary in the mid 1960s. It was painted and lettered by DeCou's Auto Body Shop.



This 1964 Ford Boyertown Body Van was purchased used. At a special meeting on August 29, 1969, \$1095 was approved to spend to buy it. It proved to be exceptionally useful serving as a Cascade Truck with a six bottle air system and plenty of other space for utility equipment that we could not fit on our pumpers. At the time, this was one of only a very few mobile cascade systems in Burlington County. It was painted by DeCou's Auto Body and lettered by Rudy's Signs, both of Bridgeboro.



Our 1965 Dodge Power Wagon Brush Truck was bought as a "Cowl and Chassis" unit from Reedmen Corporation of Langhorne, Pa. for \$3204.80. It was fitted out by DeCou's Body Shop of Bridgeboro. The total cost was \$8035.73 less the money we received from the sale of the 1942 Dodge Brush Truck (\$751.85) came to \$7283.88.



1968 Mack CF-600 Pumper. This style cab was introduced in late 1967. We were one of the earliest purchasers. This truck was a very dependable asset to the Fire Company. It was our first truck to have jump seats where firefighters could don their SCBAs enroute to a call while safely seated. Although gasoline powered, it had a 1000 GPM pump and a 500 gallon water tank. We paid \$31,146.25 cash and was delivered November 6, 1968



Donald H. Anderson presenting a Resolution on behalf of the Fire Company to (left) **William Smith** and (center) **Samuel DeCou Sr.** for having an extension of the emergency firehouse phone in their homes to answer emergencies and respond to the firehouse to activate the siren. This was prior to having emergency dispatchers answer the calls.



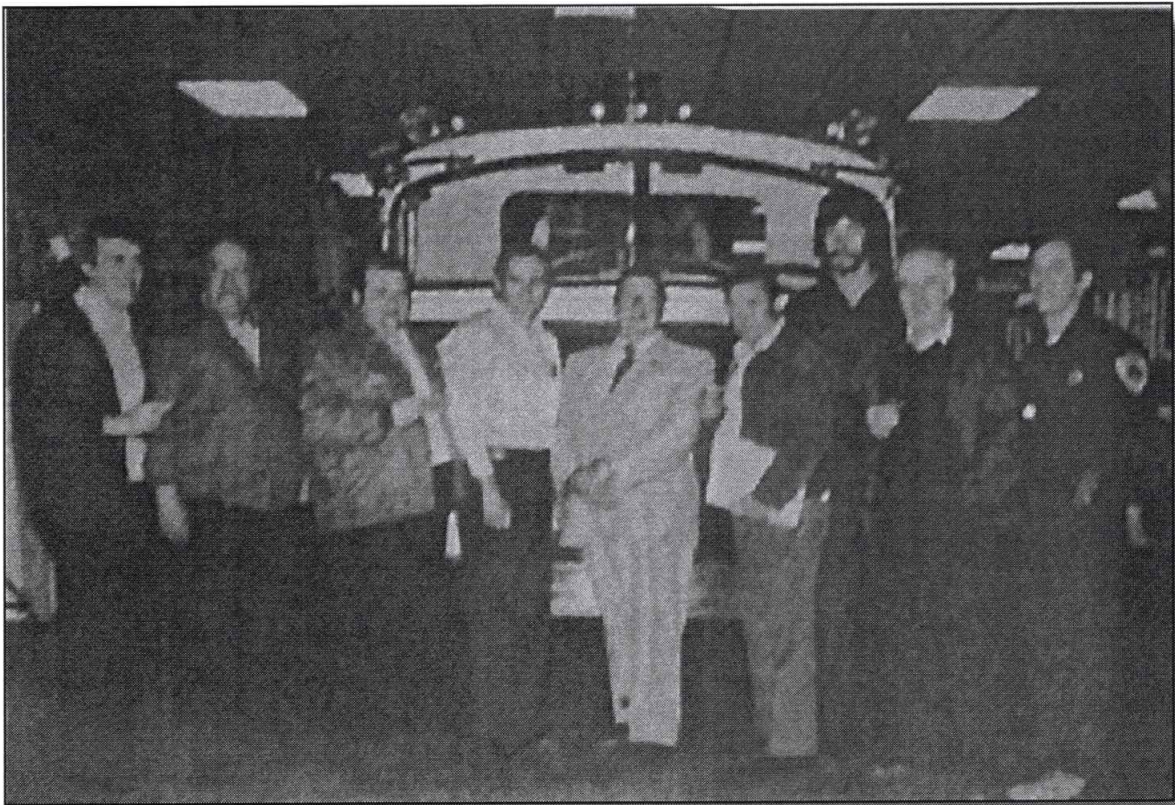
Our members marching in the
Riverside
Memorial Day Parade.

1971 Mack CF-600 Pumper. This was the first vehicle that was purchased for our company by the Fire District which was started in 1969. This, our second unit with jump seats for firefighters to don their air packs on the way to the call, was mostly used as our first out pumper. It had a 1000 GPM pump and 500 gallon water tank. Also, it was our first diesel engine unit and last bought with standard shift transmission. When we switched to having white tops, this was the first truck top repainted. When purchased, we sold our 1950 Ford to Mack for \$2000.



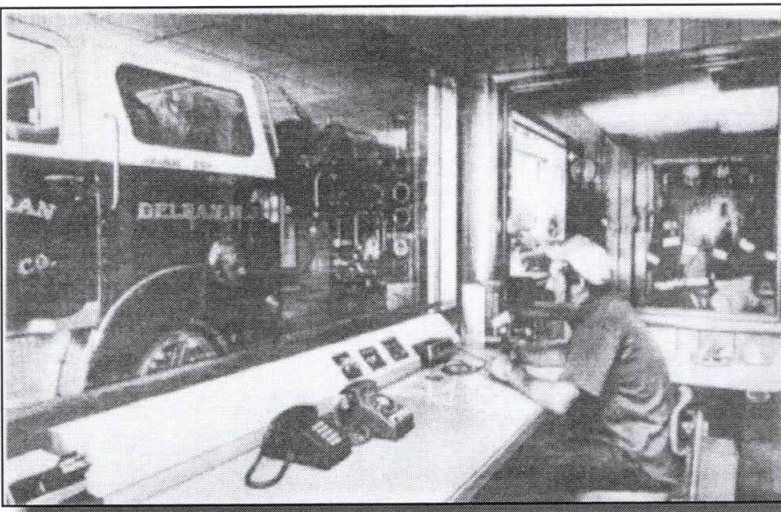


1967 American La France 100 foot ladder. Our officers and members saw the need for a ladder as Delran was building up with taller buildings and safety was another strong consideration. After researching our needs, it was thought that we should purchase a used ladder rather than buy new since this would be our first ladder purchase. We bought this from Abington Fire Company of Pennsylvania.



Some members of our “Truck” Committee and our five Fire Commissioners in front of the 1967 American La France Ladder just received from Abington F.C.

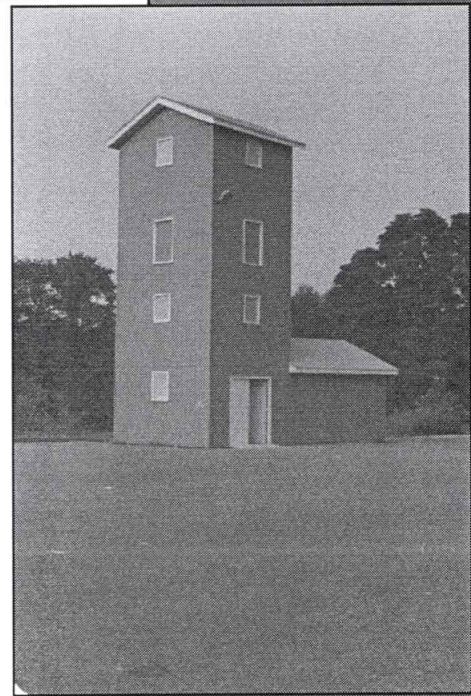
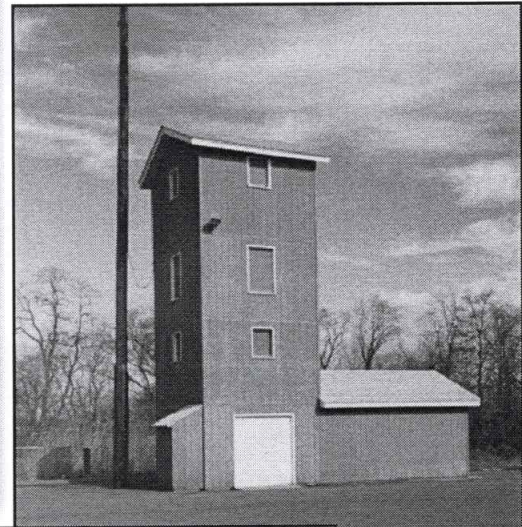
(L to R) Bud Bennett, Forman Shemeley Jr., William Horner Jr., Chief Donald V. Anderson, Carl Wells, Richard Gilbert, Mal Anderson, Wes Espenschied and Joe Bennett



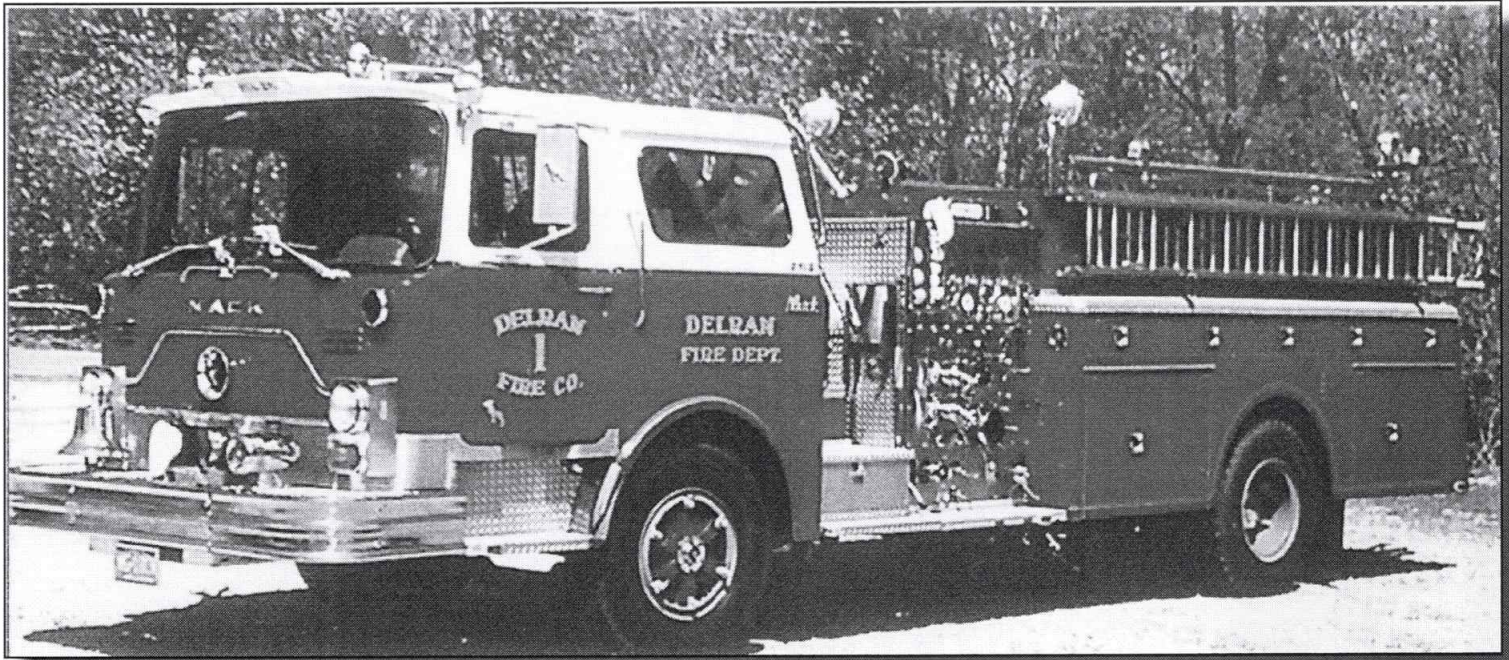
Chief Engineer Paul Hullings sending out a radio message to one of our trucks from the base station at the firehouse.



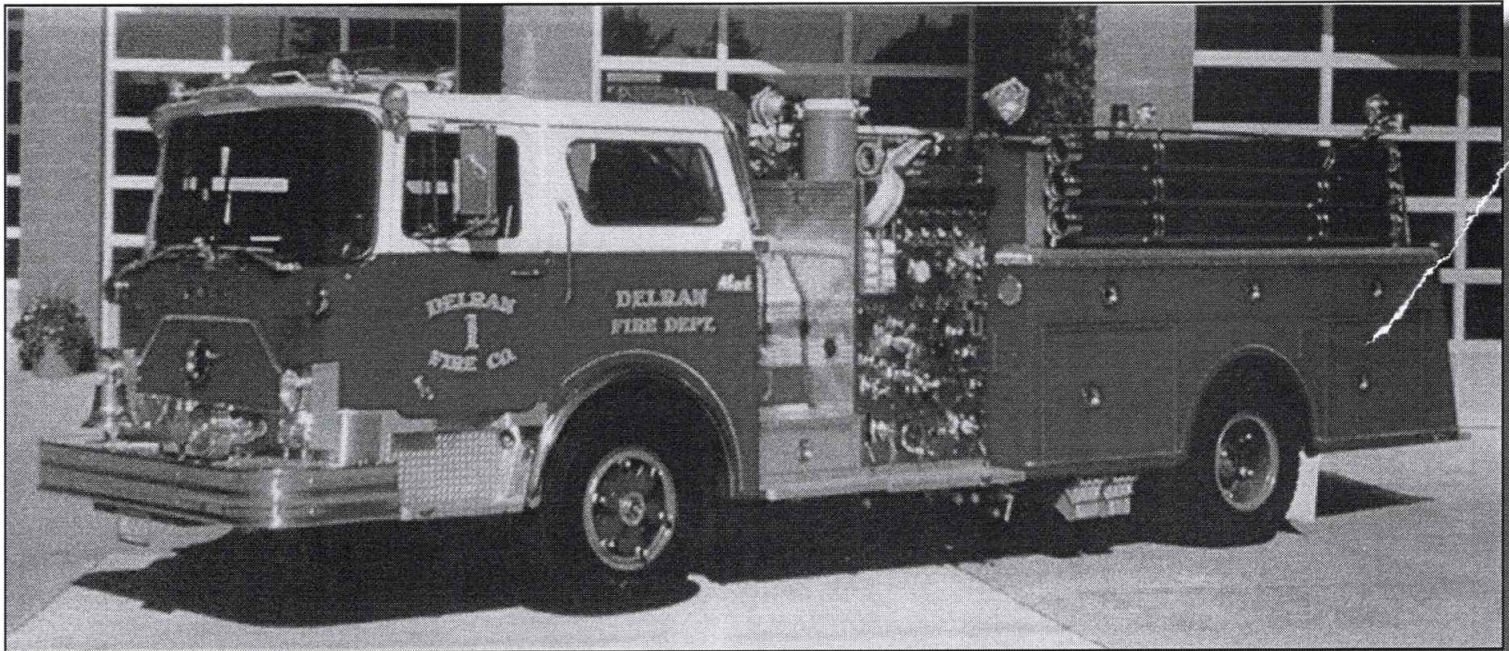
The meeting room on the second floor of our first firehouse. This room also served as a Delran Township Committee's official meeting place until the dedication of a new municipal building on Chester Avenue took place on May 8, 1967.



Our "Tower" for training and hose drying was constructed by our members. A majority of the work was performed by Ron Hubbs who designed the tower and Joe Bennett who was our Chief at the time circa 1975. Note the later picture showing the siren pole and the fuel pump house. We installed a diesel fuel tank and pump when it became apparent that the switch to diesel apparatus power was becoming the standard.



1982 Mack CF-600 1000 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Water Tank and a 300 horsepower Maxi-Dyne diesel engine. This was a longer wheel base truck due to having the larger water tank. It also carried no hard suction and had ground ladders mounted on both sides of the truck.



1988 Mack CF-600 1000 GPM pump, 1000 Gallon Water Tank and a 300 horsepower Maxi-Dyne diesel engine. This was also a longer wheel base truck due to having the larger 1000 gallon tank. We did carry hard suction on this truck.



1986 Chevrolet (Grumman) Rescue and Equipment Van. It had a diesel engine, automatic transmission and was equipped with a six bottle, 6000 psi cascade system.



The "Van" replacement committee charged with coming up with specifications for replacement of our 1964 Ford Van. (Left to Right Standing) Joe Lehmann, Tony Quaciari, Marc Taylor, Dottie Bennett, Paul Hullings.
(Left to Right Kneeling) Dick Donovan, Dan Paolini, Paul Matlack, John Martino.

New firehouse in Delran will open for visitors

By Michelle Gaffigan
BCT staff writer

DELTRAN — In 1989, township voters approved a \$1.2 million bond issue for a new fire station. This Saturday, they'll get to see what they paid for.

And the fire department is betting they'll be pleased as punch.

Delran Fire Co. No. 1 is inviting all residents to the unveiling of the new Bridgeboro Road station from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The festivities will include tours of the four-bay facility, the display of fire trucks and equipment, music by the Delran High School jazz band, refreshments and clowns to entertain children.

A formal dedication ceremony attended by local dignitaries, political officials and fire department leaders will take place from 1 to 2 p.m.

The new facility replaces a 74-year-old firehouse that was demolished in May.

Known as Station 231, the volunteer fire company is 75 years old this year and has more than 100 members, including 32 active men and women.

Their new home base has 11,000 square feet of space, modern offices, meeting rooms,

an apparatus room, engine room, repair shop and huge kitchen.

Most impressive is the extensive trophy case extending at least 20 feet along a wall in the entrance lounge, filled to the brim with hundreds of awards and plaques.

"The earliest one I found is from 1923," said Vice President Wesley Espenschied, who lent his carpentry skills to design and build the kitchen and part of the communications room.

The volunteer firefighters take home 20 to 30 trophies a year from state and regional competitions for equipment display.

"They've won a state trophy from Wildwood four years in a row," he said.

The new firehouse, made of cinderblock, has a gray and mauve decor throughout its spacious quarters. The huge engine room, with a mauve concrete floor, houses a \$500,000 ladder truck, two \$250,000 pumps, a walk-in van and a four-wheel drive truck used to fight brush fires.

Espenschied said the old firehouse was so small and cramped, firefighters had to pull the trucks out into the driveway to work on them.

"They were on their hands and knees putting hoses in be-



BCT staff photo/Dennis McDonald

The new Delran Fire Co. No. 1 station on Bridgeboro Road replaces a 74-year-old structure that was demolished in May.

cause the ceiling was so low," he said.

The new station also has special rooms to store equipment, uniforms and records. A mobile intensive-care unit based at Rancocas Hospital in Willingboro also will have an office in the new building.

Since the fire station is located just a stone's throw from Route 130 near the Rancocas Creek, access to the highway is quick and easy.

"It makes it much easier for them to get to the areas they cover," Espenschied said.

The firefighters even have a control switch for the traffic

light onto Bridgeboro Road near Cleveland Street built into a panel in their communications room.

The communications room will provide a command center for the station, with a police scanner, two-way radios and telephones tied in to Central Communications in Westampton and the fire trucks in the field.

The company raised about \$25,000 to furnish the conference and meeting rooms, offices and a "ready room" equipped with reclining chairs, a wide-screen television and a videocassette recorder for instructional tapes.

The 20-by-30-foot kitchen has three sinks, a microwave, 16-burner stove, wood cabinets and marble laminate countertops. It is oversized so that in extreme emergencies it can provide food and shelter for residents, Espenschied said.

"We spent about three years designing this building, trying to put everything into it that we thought we might need," he said.

The 1981 fire tax rate is 8.2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, meaning the owner of the average home assessed at \$130,000 will pay \$106 this year to support township fire services.

Our Newest Firehouse — Built in 1990 by D'Andrea Construction of Berlin, New Jersey. There was a Bond Issue approved for this project at a cost of \$1,200,000. The construction bid was \$802,000 while the remainder included architect fees and other engineering, bonding and administrative costs. It was dedicated in the spring of 1991.

Delran
Fire Company No. 1

Dedication

of our

New Fire Station

#9 South Bridgeboro Street
Delran, New Jersey

Saturday, September 7, 1991

12:00 Noon till 4:00 pm

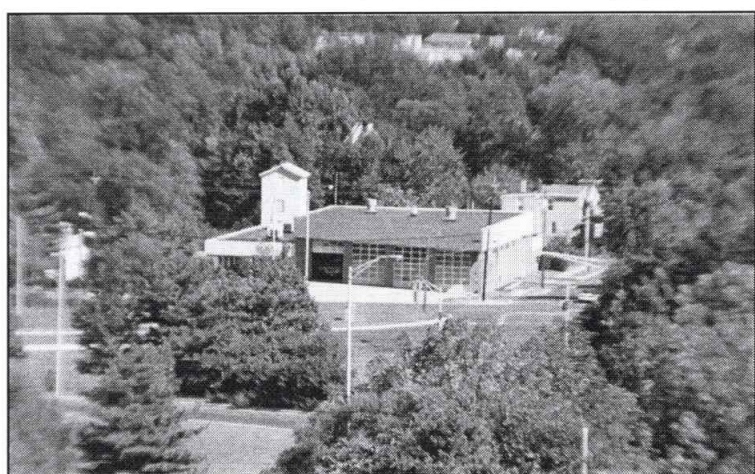
Refreshment - Music, Etc.

Ceremonies & Ribbon Cutting

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm



Our Firehouse as it looks in 2016.



An aerial view of our firehouse.

1994 Sutphen 100 Foot Tower Ladder. This is our first Tower Ladder. It replaced the 1967 American La France 100 foot ladder that we bought from Abington Fire Company.



1997 Peirce "Dash" Pumper. 1500 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Water Tank. This truck replaced our 1982 Mack Pumper.

2002 Ford Brush Truck with a diesel engine, automatic transmission, 4WD, 165 GPM Pump, 300 gallon tank, front and back winches and built to similar specifications that resembled New Jersey Forestry Service vehicles.





2012 Peirce "Arrow XT" Pumper. 2000 GPM Pump, 1000 Gallon Water Tank.
This truck replaced our 1988 Mack which was sold to Lake Harmony Fire Company of Pennsylvania on August 28, 2012 for a bid price of \$ 9,017.17



2009 Ford F-550 Cascade / Utility Unit. Hi-Pressure Cascade with a booster pump. This truck replaced our 1986 Chevrolet Van.





This book was compiled by Mal Anderson with photos and research from his collection and fire company archives.