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THE BOOSTER LINE

For many months we have been trying to find ways and means of creating a small publication to bring you news of the Fire Service which might be of interest or help to you and your Fire Department. Our funds and facilities for printing an elaborate BOOSTER LINE are limited, but we will try, with your help and the aid of a mimeograph, to give you a one page paper at least every month.

Our staff includes you as our roving reporter and the job of printing and mailing THE BOOSTER LINE will depend entirely upon volunteered labor. So if our news is stale, if our humor makes you mad or if we print mistakes, please forgive us.

Two copies of THE BOOSTER LINE will be sent to every Fire Chief at the start. If you want more copies, let us know. To save costs we will have to mail all copies to one address in your community.

Your comments and suggestions will always be welcome, and we earnestly need your support in the way of news, ideas and hot tips. We sincerely hope you will enjoy reading THE BOOSTER LINE.

FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR FIRE APPARATUS

This year the Fire Service of upstate New York will benefit from a \$165,000.00 Federal Civil Defense appropriation which has been earmarked for assisting communities in the purchase of 750 g.p.m. Class "A" pumpers. Apparatus purchased under the program is going to areas outside of the so called "target cities" and will result in a saving to the communities selected of up to 50% of the total cost of a pumper.

Chautauqua County is fortunate in having been allotted two of these pumpers or a total of about \$17,000.00. The State of New York in cooperation with your County Coordinator determined that one of the pumpers would go to the Village of Panama, while the second pumper goes to the City of Jamestown. If in the future an additional pumper is available to the County, you will be advised through this paper.

FED LIGHTS AND THE RIGHT OF WAY

At the Mid-Winter meeting of the New York State Fire Chiefs Association held in New York City on January 8, a letter from the County Chiefs Association received unanimous support. The contents of this letter urged that the State Vehicle and Traffic Law be amended to clarify the use and abuse of red lights on emergency vehicles.

As a result, the counsel of the State Association has prepared a bill to amend the V. & T. Law which if passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor will undoubtedly benefit us all and make enforcement possible. At the present time, there is some question of Police vehicles having a right to display a red light for emergency work; a definite handicap if we expect the Police to help us enforce the law.

A Fire Chief attending a convention at Boston wrote home to his wife:-

"Having a wonderful wish,
Time you were here."

WILSON REELECTED CHAIRMAN

At the January meeting of the Fire Advisory Board, Willis R. Wilson of Westfield was unanimously reelected Chairman; a position he had held for three consecutive years. Other officers elected were: Mayor Edward James of Fredonia as First Vice-President Chairman; Chief Clarence Scudder of Falconer as Second Vice-Chairman; Rolland Taft of Jamestown as Corresponding Secretary; and John Washington of Cassadaga as Recording Secretary.

In addition to the above named officers, the Board of Supervisors recently appointed the following members to serve as the advisory group: Ivan Velzy of Silver Creek; Thomas Bretz of Ripley; John Martyn of Jamestown; Christopher MacDonald of Silver Creek; John Sommers of Mayville; Samuel Lord of Fluvanna; Arthur Howles of Clymer; and Russell Towne of Forestville.

NIAGARA COUNTY JOINS THE NET

Niagara County Station KEC-990 joined the Fire Service radio network during the second week of January. This new station, with a power output of 250 watts, is located in the Sheriff's office at Lockport.

Upon completion of their system this month, Niagara County firement will have 32 mobile radios and an equal number of selective call station house receivers in operation.

Reports from Mayville and Fredonia indicate that KRC-990 is being heard regularly and top honors go to Jack Sommers, our veteran fire dispatcher, who was first to carry on an inter-county conversation.

We welcome Station KEC-990 on the air and wish Coordinator Cannaby lots of luck in this new venture.

SUGAR GROVE - On January 26 while Chief Stuart was in Jamestown admiring the 1953 models, his department was fighting a tough fire in a large farm house. When the Chief finally arrived on the scene, he immediately placed a call via radio for Indian pump tanks.

We wondered if - no, it couldn't be a grass fire with snow on the ground and concluded that all goes well at a fire until a white coat shows up.

FIRE TRAINING CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Coordinator Hughes recently awarded 78 Fire Training Certificates to men having completed the Basic, Intermediate and Advanced State courses. Our congratulations go to Busti department for best attendance at this series of schools.

WESTFIELD - While responding to a general alarm of fire on January 8, Truck 21 tangled with Engine 217 at the main intersection.

We are told that the venerable Ahrens Fox didn't miss a stroke but that Chief DuChaine blew a gasket when he saw a lengthy crease in his new truck.

We recommend less grape juice for the Westfield boys; first it has sirens, now its fenders!

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CONTROL CENTER ACTIVE

During 1952 the County Fire Control Center at Mayville handled 592 emergency calls, 88 of which were requests for Mutual Aid.

Since the Control Center does not receive calls from the cities of Dunkirk and Jamestown except for Mutual Aid, total alarms in the County exceeded 1,400 for the year; an average of about 4 alarms per day.

We extend sincere thanks to members of the Sheriff's Department who operate the Fire Control Center in addition to their many other duties.

EIGHT MEMBERS APPOINTED

Supervisor's Chairman Hall R. Clothier officially appointed eight additional members to the Fire Advisory Board on February 18. Total membership now stands at 19 with a maximum of 21 permitted by State law.

Those appointed were: Sheriff Charles C. McCloskey, Jr. of Layville; Vernon Crandall of Kennedy; Howard Samuelson of Gerry; Walter Walleman of Sheridan; Clyde Jones of Panama; Edward Eulman of Celoron; Donald Curtis of Cherry Creek; and Anthony Strychalski of Dunkirk.

NEW ENGINE FOR KENNEDY

The J.N.K. Machine Corp. of Jamestown delivered a 750 g.p.m. pumper to the Kennedy Fire Department on February 21. This new apparatus, on an International chassis, has a 960 gallon booster tank and carries about 1,000 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose plus many other items of fire equipment.

The big pumper has been assigned county number E-412, as it is the 13th engine company located in the 4th Battalion.

Kennedy firemen now have three engines, and we have heard rumor that a new fire station is under consideration. This, we think, is sound planning for Chief Cross says it's a tight squeeze getting the new rig into quarters.

FIRE POLICE TRAINING

Security Coordinator Chester Wilbur recently held a meeting in Mayville to outline plans for a Fire Police training school.

Sheriff McCloskey, who attended the meeting, offered to invite Fire Policemen to certain classes of the proposed County Police Officers school which will begin later this Spring. In the meantime, the Sheriff together with Fay Hughes, Chet Wilbur and Bill Wilson will start work on a comprehensive training course to be offered regularly each year at convenient points throughout the County.

According to Wilbur there are 282 Fire Policemen in the County.

Of course you've heard about the fireman who tried Camels for 30 days then switched back to his wife!

RUSSELL - The Russell Fire Department has on order an R.C.A. 60 watt, dual frequency mobile radio. This will be the 42nd mobile radio on the County Fire Service radio communication system.

SUPERVISORS ADOPT EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

To further improve the County Fire Radio ~~Service~~ System, the Board of Supervisors adopted Emergency Resolution No. 20-53 at their regular meeting on February 13. This resolution provides for an expenditure of \$15,000.00 to purchase additional radio equipment. Approximately one-half of the appropriation will be returned to the County by the Federal Government under provisions of the matching fund program.

Specifications for the new equipment have been prepared by an Advisory Board committee headed by Mayor James of Fredonia, and by the time this issue of THE BOOSTER LINE reaches you, bid requests will have been sent to several radio manufacturers.

The principal item to be purchased will be selective calling equipment, which, when installed, will virtually eliminate the use of the telephone for Mutual Aid requests.

Should you wish to see how selective calling works, please contact Coordinator Hughes, and he will arrange a demonstration for you at your fire headquarters of one type of system now on loan to the County.

RADIO RECEIVERS IN CARS

It has come to our attention that several members of the County Fire Service have installed tuneable FM radio receivers in their personal cars. We do not intend to criticize this practice as the intention is undoubtedly worthy and of benefit to the Fire Departments concerned.

However, we wish to caution those using these mobile receivers to keep them tuned on the Fire frequency. Our reason for mentioning this appears in the New York State Penal Law, Section 1916 which reads as follows:

"A person, not a peace officer, who equips an automobile with a radio receiving set capable of receiving signals on the frequencies allocated for police use or knowingly uses an automobile so equipped or who in any way knowingly interferes with the transmission of radio messages by the police without having first secured a permit so to do from the person authorized to issue such a permit by the local governing body or board of the city, town or village in which such person resides, or where such person resides outside of a city or village in a county having a county police department, by the board of supervisors of such county, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to apply to any person who hold a valid transmitter and in connection therewith a receiver or receiving set on frequencies exclusively allocated by the federal communication commission to duly licensed radio amateurs."

FREDONIA SELECTS F. W. D.

The Village of Fredonia signed a contract on March 2 with the Four Wheel Drive Auto Co. of Clintonville, Wisconsin for delivery of a 750 g. p. m. Class "A" Pumper. According to Chief Guest the new rig will cost \$20,579.50.

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VOTERS APPROVE FIRE STATION

Ashville Fire District voters recently registered a substantial majority in favor of constructing a \$ 25,000.00 fire station. Plans call for a modern two story structure which will be located upon the present station site.

A few days before the election when a favorable majority looked dim, Chief Bowen was in the depths of despair. However, we happened to be passing through Ashville the other day and noted that the Chief was engaged in a water pistol fight right on the main corner. This, we decided, indicates two possibilities; either the Chief is truly elated over victory or the strain of getting out the vote was too much..

RADIO TECHNICIAN LEAVES

Robert Olson, our radio technician, has left Chautauqua County to work for the Federal Electric Co. of New Jersey. We sincerely regret Bob's leaving us but wish him every success in his new position.

Bob is temporarily residing at 181 Dayton Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

BUSY WEEKEND

The weekend of March 21 will long be remembered for the unusually large number of fires throughout the County. Grass fires predominated and kept most Departments on the jump, and to top things off, three serious house fires were added to the firemen's burdens.

The Control Center recorded over 60 fire calls, four of which were requests for Mutual Aid. In two instances fill in companies responded to alarms in communities which they were covering on a temporary basis.

FIRE TRAINING SCHEDULED

Donald Sales, County Training Coordinator, reports that the following Fire Training Schools have been tentatively scheduled to begin in April:

An Intermediate Course at Fredonia starting April 12; a Basic Course at Falconer starting April 23; and a Basic Course at Westfield starting April 28.

FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS

Coordinator Hughes is in receipt of a letter granting an additional \$ 10,000.00 in matching funds for Fire Service radio equipment. The details of handling these funds are now being worked out by the County Attorney and Ray Hughes.

Departments having expressed a desire to purchase mobile units and other associated equipment will be contacted within the next two weeks.

During the second week of April, your Coordinator will travel to Albany to complete the Federal application forms. It is anticipated that \$ 35,000.00 will be expended this year to improve and add to the radio system.

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ALBANY TRIP

In the April issue of THE BOOSTER LINE we reported that your Coordinator would go to Albany to complete the Federal matching fund application forms for Fire Radio equipment. We are happy to inform you now that this important trip was made on April 15, and although Ray experienced several hectic hours at the State capital, he accomplished much and found solution to some financial problems.

To convince the authorities that the Chautauqua County Fire Service meant business, Ray produced some \$ 6,000.00 in checks which had been turned over to the County by the various Fire Departments. After waving these checks under the nose of every important person while he let loose well prepared speeches of the most convincing nature, Ray won his point of permitting the County to accept these checks in the form of gifts so that the County may purchase radio equipment for the individual Departments, according to their wishes.

We are also happy to report that Ray returned with all of the \$ 6,000.00 which will now be deposited with the County Treasurer.

PANAMA PURCHASES PUMPER

The Village of Panama has signed a contract with the Howe Fire Apparatus Co. of Anderson, Indiana for delivery of a Class "A", 750 g.p.m. pumper.

This new apparatus will be powered by a 240 h.p. Waukesha motor. Specifications also call for a 600 gallon booster tank, a three man enclosed cab, space for 1,200 feet of 2½ inch and 400 feet of 1½ inch fire hose, and a 3 way portable deluge set.

In keeping with the County Mutual Aid Plan, Panama firemen requested that "Engine No. 35" appear in gold leaf on each cab door panel. Delivery of the Howe pumper is anticipated during the first week in October.

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION

Records indicate that farm fires are on the increase, and we thought that you might like to distribute Farm Fire Safety Inspection Blanks to the farms in your area. If you desire to use this inspection blank (sample copy enclosed with this issue of THE BOOSTER LINE), please contact your Coordinator for additional copies.

CONTROL CENTER TRAILER

The temporary fire control center set up in a house trailer on two occasions last year proved so invaluable for good public relations that plans have been made by the Advisory Board for similiar demonstrations at selected events this year. A fully equipped trailer will be on display during the County Volunteer Firemen's Association Gala Days at Stockton, during the Southwestern Convention at Dunkirk and during the County Fair at Dunkirk. John Gollnitz, Coordinator in charge of communications, will serve refreshments!

We regret that the work of the past month prevented us from publishing an April 15 issue of THE BOOSTER LINE. May the future give us more time and not come so all of a sudden.

TRAINING STARTED

Eighty-three firemen signed up for training last month in the first series of annual courses offered by the New York State Bureau of Fire.

The school year opened at Fredonia on April 12 with Instructor Burr conducting an Intermediate Course with 18 firemen attending. On April 23, Burr began a Basic Course at Falconer with 53 enrolled, and the following week, on April 28, Instructor Spute started the second Basic Course at Westfield with 14 firemen.

The large attendance at Falconer defeated the purpose of having quality rather than quantity instruction. So after a hasty call to Albany, your Coordinator received permission to divide the class. As a result, Walt Burr will now have two training sessions at Falconer on Thursday and Friday evenings.

This year the Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Courses will be offered consecutively within fifteen week periods as classes are generally scheduled one week apart. The next series of courses are scheduled to begin at Fluvanna on July 8 - let's have another fine turnout!

DUNKIRK GETS TWO

The Ward LaFrance Truck Corp. of Elmira Heights, N. Y. delivered two 1,000 g. p. m. pumpers to the City of Dunkirk during the last week in April.

Several local fire officials were on hand to see one of the new engines demonstrated in Jamestown prior to delivery. The new rigs will replace the Ahrens Fox pumpers which have served the City for thirty years.

LAW AMENDED

Governor Dewey recently signed an act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law in relation to the use of a gong or siren whistle on certain vehicles. The new law reads as follows:

"A gong or siren whistle shall not be attached to or used on any vehicle other than an ambulance or a vehicle operated by a police department, fire department, chief or assistant chief, of a fire department, county or assistant county fire co-ordinator, county or assistant county fire marshall, sheriff, or by a regular paid deputy sheriff when engaged in the performance of duty as a peace officer, or by an authorized public utility company when on emergency calls, or a snow plough, sanding truck or pavement marking machine operated by the state or by a county, town, city or village."

This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED

Creation of a temporary state commission to recodify the fire laws and study benefits and rights accorded volunteer firement has been authorized by Governor Dewey. This legislation was sought by the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, the State Association of Fire Chiefs and the State Association of Fire Districts. The approved bill carries an appropriation of \$20,000.00/

The commission will include 3 Senators, 3 assemblymen, the Chairman of the State Workman's Compensation Board, the state safety director, the state Superintendent of Insurance and seven citizens.

SCHOOLS TO OPEN

Security Coordinator Chester Wilbur reports that the Fire Police Training Schools will begin the second week in June. We urge all Fire Policemen, as well as all Chief Fire Department Officers, to attend these important training sessions.

The three hour schools are scheduled to start at 8:00 P.M., and identical instruction will be given at the Celoron Fire Headquarters on Tuesday, June 9 and at the Fredonia Fire Headquarters on Thursday, June 11. Please note that the Tuesday class originally announced as being held at Lakewood has been moved to Celoron.

Endeavoring to offer you the best Fire Police training, the School Committee is fortunate in having obtained the instructional services of Chief Norman Becker of Chautauqua, Lieutenant George Arnold of Jamestown and County Attorney Allen Cass of Jamestown.

NIAGARA FALLS C.D. TEST

Members of the Chautauqua County Fire Service are most welcome to attend the Niagara Falls Civil Defense Test Exercise to be held on Friday, June 5 at 5:30 P.M.

In issuing this invitation, Chief B. Richter Townsend of the New York State Bureau of Fire points out that several new fire fighting techniques will be tried for the first time and that much may be learned from the command and communications procedures to be demonstrated. An International flavor is being worked out with plans for the participation of 27 Canadian Fire Departments.

We have been advised that a considerable quantity of Canadian Civil Defense equipment and personnel are to be on hand; including a contingent of the famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police in their dress uniforms. We hope we'll see you there!

FIRE CALLS DECREASE

In a report recently submitted by John Gollnitz, we find that the Fire Control Center recorded 67 alarms during the month of April. Thirteen of these calls were requests for Mutual Aid.

This report indicates a 20 per cent decrease in the number of fire calls from the previous month and would signify a drop in fire losses. However, our encouragement is dampened somewhat by the fact that the County Fire Service has already responded to about twice as many fires this year as were reported for the same period in 1952.

COMPANION LAW AMENDED

In the last issue of THE BOOSTER LINE we quoted an amendment to the Vehicle and Traffic Law relative to the use of a gong or siren whistle. The Governor has also signed a related law in relation to according the right of way to certain vehicles which reads as follows:

"When in the performance of duty the following vehicles shall have the right of way: United States mail, police, fire, fire patrol, snow plough, sanding truck, pavement marking machine, bureau of buildings, emergency repair of public service corporations, ambulances, the military, and vehicles equipped with a gong or siren whistle operated by a chief or assistant chief of a fire department, or county or assistant county fire co-ordinator, or county fire marshal or assistant county fire marshal, or sheriff or regular paid deputy sheriff, provided such gong or siren whistle is being sounded, but this shall not relieve the driver or owner of any such vehicle from liability for injuries inflicted in consequence of the arbitrary or careless exercise of this right."

TEST YELLOW ALERT

In cooperation with the County Director of Civil Defense, all Fire Departments participating in the Chautauqua County Mutual Aid Plan were advised of a test Yellow Alert by the Fire Control Center on May 25.

The purpose of the surprise alert was to test present communication facilities and to determine the total time required to place the Fire Service on a stand-by basis in the event of a Civil Defense or peacetime emergency.

With the exception of alerting Fredonia and Jamestown by radio, the calls were made exclusively by telephone. Once alerted, radio equipped apparatus remained "on the air" until the All Clear signal was given by the Control Center.

The one hour and twenty-six minutes required to complete all telephone calls conclusively proved the need for a radio selective calling system which would have reduced the time element to less than one minute.

HOWE NOW

The City of Jamestown has signed a contract with the Howe Fire Apparatus Co. of Anderson, Indiana for delivery of a 1,000 g. p. m. pumper. This new Engine will have a 300 gallon booster tank, a wet water proportioner, a seven man enclosed cab and several other extra features.

ORCHIDS TO CHAUTAUQUA

We congratulate the Chautauqua Fire Department for the successful rescue of six persons from drowning on June 8. The rescued, all visitors from Pittsburgh, Pa., were thrown into Chautauqua Lakw when their sailboat capsized.

Chautauqua firemen displayed great courage and ingenuity in effecting the recovery of the nearly drowned sailors.

REMARKABLE TURNOUT

One hundred and eighty Fire Police, fire officers and firemen attended the initial Fire Police training school at Celoron on June 9. Students interviewed following the class were profuse with praise for the fine job done by the instructional staff.

Sheriff McCloskey, in his summary remarks at the school, emphasized the desirability of continuing the close cooperation between his office and the Fire Service.

LAKEWOOD - A farmer living in the Lakewood Fire Protection District wished to insure his barn and a few hay stacks.

"What facilities have you," asked the insurance man, "for extinguishing a fire in this area?"

The farmer pondered a little while. Finally he answered, "Well, sometimes it rains."

Don't forget that a new series of Fire Training schools begin on July 8 at the Fluvanna Fire Headquarters.

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RADIO APPROVALS

The Federal Civil Defense Administration has approved the radio matching fund applications for the cities of Dunkirk and Jamestown. These applications were for a total of ten mobile radios which will provide both cities with sufficient mobile units to equip all first line apparatus.

Recent information from Albany indicates that the County radio applications will be approved within the next week.

BOWEN APPOINTED

Chief Irvin Bowen of Ashville has been appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to serve on the Fire Advisory Board. We welcome Chief Bowen as a capable leader well qualified for his new position.

CIVIL DEFENSE MEETING

On June 24 the County and City Civil Defense Directors met with Col. Timothy Murphy of the New York State Civil Defense Commission to discuss the establishment of a County C.D. Control Center at Mayville.

The State Commission has for some time advocated coordination of communications between all public and Civil Defense services, and it is now planned to tie in the Fire, Police, Highway, Medical and other services at one location with adequate communication facilities.

Your Coordinator represented the Fire Service at this meeting and presented plans whereby the selective calling system to be purchased by the County could be used for alerting the public as well as the Fire Departments.

COMMUNITIES SIGN UP

Six communities in Chautauqua County have applied for Federal Contributions toward the purchase of 750 g.p.m. or larger Class "A" pumpers. These communities include Dunkirk, Fredonia, Frewsburg, Jamestown, Lakewood and Panama. Approvals have already been granted to Jamestown and Panama for a total of about \$ 14,000.00.

FIRE FILMS

Four 16mm. films have been released by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The titles are, "What to Do Until the Fire Department Arrives," "How to Call the Fire Department," "Stupid Carelessness, the Fire Clown," and "How to Fight Fire in the Kitchen."

All four films are five minutes long and are available for showing in schools, clubs and industry.

Prints of these and other fire prevention films may be booked free of charge by writing to the National Board of Fire Underwriters Film Library, 13 East 37th Street, New York 17, New York.

Please advise your Battalion Coordinator if there are any corrections or changes on the enclosed listing of Fire Officers.

Sheriff McCloskey says, "With a reckless driver at the wheel, any fire truck is likely to last a lifetime."

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FEDERAL GRANTS APPROVAL

The County application for additional Fire Service radio units which was filed with the Federal Civil Defense Administration in April has been approved in full. The Board of Supervisors have already passed resolutions; thus clearing the way for signing of contracts with the Radio Corporation of America and Motorola, Inc. for 26 mobile radios and 40 station house receivers.

R.C.A. is to supply all of the mobile sets together with a 60 watt base station for the City of Jamestown, while Motorola will furnish the station receivers and complete selective calling system, plus a 12 watt base station for the City of Dunkirk.

It is planned that installation of the new equipment will be completed by the end of this year giving the County firemen a total of 84 mobile radios, one of the largest radio networks in New York State.

TRAILER AT STOCKTON

Final arrangements have been made to equip a house trailer as a temporary Fire Control Center to further public relations and assist participating Departments at the annual firemen's Gala Days at Stockton.

Communications at the trailer will be facilitated this year by a 60 watt base station loaned by R.C.A. for the occasion. Also on loan will be a 90 foot television tower for the antenna donated by The Trading Post in Lakewood. John Gollnitz of Westfield will be in charge of the Center.

All fire calls in the County will be recorded at Stockton in the same manner as they are at Mayville, and a duplicate indicator map will be on display.

FIRE SCHOOLS OPEN

The new Basic Courses which began last week attracted a total enrollment of 56 firemen. Forty men signed up at Busti while Fluvanna had 16 register; both good classes but we expect some firemen will transfer to the Fluvanna class to even up the attendance. Instructor Clarence Spute is conducting both schools.

SUGAR GROVE - Chief Stuart reports to us that his Department expects delivery next month of a new 500 g.p.m. pumper. The apparatus is being constructed at Kearsarge, Pa. on a F-750 Ford chassis. Sugar Grove will sell their old Engine to the newly organized Department at Bear Lake, Pa.

STUDY MUTUAL AID

Firemen from several New Jersey communities recently visited a New York State county fire control center to study mutual aid plans. It seems that our N.J. brothers have a high regard for the type of mutual aid planning common in our State, and they are anxious to establish similiar fire defense measures.

With all those feminine falsies, a fireman never knows what he's up against.

COORDINATORS MEET

County Fire Coordinators representing Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Wyoming counties met with Buffalo fire officials on July 22. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss in detail the paper problem and practical demonstration for the Buffalo Civil Defense test exercise to be held in October.

In planning Fire Service mobilization and response to the City of Buffalo, the Coordinators talked over the formation of convoys, the quantity of apparatus and manpower available, and the relief of fire personnel during long periods of duty.

Just what part Chautauqua County firemen will take in the practical demonstrations is yet to be determined by the general opinion of local fire chiefs. Participation is not mandatory, but some Departments may wish to take part in or observe the test.

EDITORIAL PRAISE

From the Salamanca REPUBLICAN-PRESS we quote in part the following editorial titled "The Volunteer Fireman, An Unique Institution":

"Not the least of the benefits accruing as a result of progress in the fields of transportation, communication and fire-fighting apparatus is the added security in the way of fire protection that is now enjoyed by communities which, like those in Western New York, have organized to help one another in case of need.

"The volunteer fireman is an unique American institution. He came onto the scene in the early days of every community, as the answer to an imperative need. He is a composite of American manhood - particularly young-manhood - eager for competition, excitement and adventure, intense in his loyalties, gregarious, sociable, fun-loving. He typifies community co-operation in fighting fire, until such time as more than voluntary service is required by community growth. He lingers on to supplement partly or wholly-paid departments, to be a source of supply of man-power for these departments, to inspire public support.

"Well within the memory of many of the present generation, the volunteer department of each community was its sole reliable protection against fire. In case of dire emergency, help from outside might be brought in, on railroad flatcars. But that was a slow process - too slow to be of value save in helping to stop big conflagrations far out of control.

"How different under the mutual aid program now in effect in Cattaraugus county and elsewhere in Western New York. With multiplicity of telephones, two-way wireless communication, radio-equipped cars, the occurrence of a bad fire in any of our communities is known almost immediately in nearby villages. Through an effective call system, volunteers in any community can be mobilized speedily. If help is desired, speedy motorized fire-fighting equipment and a network of good roads bring it quickly - along with volunteers eager to demonstrate effective use of prized apparatus.

"It's well to give a moment's thought, now and then, to what we all owe, in security from fire, to the volunteer firemen and modern communication and transportation."

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UNDERWRITERS SURVEY

Engineers from the New York Fire Insurance Rating Organization have recently visited several Fire Departments in the County to survey fire protection matters and inspect apparatus and equipment.

We are in hopes that this survey may result in some insurance rate reductions as much new apparatus has been added in the past few years, and our growing communications system should provide several credits on the rating schedule. All Departments having purchased new apparatus within recent years should notify the Rating Organization in writing so that credit will be applied to your protection area.

COMPLETE INSTALLATION

The City of Jamestown has completed installation of mobile radios on all first line fire apparatus, including the Chief's car. This gives the Department eight radios and is an accomplishment that deserves the highest praise.

NEW YORK FIRST

The State Bureau of Fire publication, SIREN, reports that New York State ranks first in the percentage of Fire Departments that sponsor Boy Scout units.

Exactly 212 Scout units are associated with the estimated 1,400 Departments in our State; a 15.1 percent ratio. The national average is only 4.7 percent.

ALARM REPORT

During July the Fire Control Center recorded fifty-seven fire or public emergency calls. Of this total, 19 calls involved Mutual Aid.

On two occasions good inter-state mutual aid relations were demonstrated; the first on July 17 when Chautauqua County dispatched four companies into Pennsylvania to aid Sugar Grove at a large barn fire, and the second on July 29 when the North East Fire Department sent a company into New York to assist Ripley firemen at a similiar fire.

WHO'S FIRST?

At the July meeting of the County Fire Chief's Association, your Coordinator asked the membership for an opinion on the handling of installations for the twenty-six additional mobile radios now on order. The Chiefs voted unanimously to have these radios installed in alphabetical order, first in those Departments not now having any radio, and second in those Departments currently operating mobile sets.

As a result of this decision, the first group will include Clymer, East Dunkirk, Findlay Lake, Irving, Portland, Ripley, Sherman and Sinclairville. Our capable technician, Dick Lovejoy, will do the installing as rapidly as time permits.

Virgin timber is timber which has never been axed.

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COINCIDENCE!!

On the morning of August 24 we happened to be "on the air" when the Jamestown Fire Department base station reported that Box 128 was coming in. This alarm box, located at the Euclid Avenue public school, is directly across the street from the residence of our Fire Radio Technician, Dick Lovejoy.

Sensing possible trouble, we immediately telephoned Dick at the Fulton Market where he works during the day. A few minutes later Dick called us back to say that it was his house and that fortunately no damage resulted from a fire in the kitchen.

Our hat is off to Dick's wife for remembering to use the quickest and surest means of calling the fire department, and we think Dick owes us a radio modulation check for sounding off so fast.

MUTUAL AID DRILL

Firemen from four communities staged a mutual aid drill at the County Home on August 20 under the direction of the Second Battalion Coordinator, John Gollnitz, assisted by Pete Harmon, Deputy Coordinator

Chief Arnold of Dewittville commanded companies from Bemus Point, Maple Springs and Mayville, as well as his own Department, in this two hour drill that resulted in drafting water from natural sources and utilizing six good fire streams.

Among the benefits from the drill, we learned that the County has constructed several ramps for faster evacuation of the older residence from the main building, that there is approximately 7,000 bales of hay in one of the barns on the property, and that one of the fire hydrants does not drain properly and will undoubtedly freeze up this Winter if not repaired.

RADIOS ARRIVE

The first shipment consisting of three mobile radios has arrived together with several frequency conversion kits for the addition of the 46.22 megacycle frequency for those sets not now equipped for dual operation.

Within the next few days Engine No. 313 of Clymer and Engine No. 117 of East Dunkirk will have radios. Remaining installations will be completed as soon as possible.

If you have not already done so, all Departments are requested to decide which apparatus is to have radio so that the technician can make the installation without delay. This decision affects Findlay Lake, Irving, Portland, Ripley, Sherman and Sinclairville.

PLEASE FORGIVE

Due to the Labor Day week at the Fair and the Fire Chief's Convention at Toronto the following week, we beg your forgiveness for not publishing an issue of THE BOOSTER LINE on September 15. The next issue will roll off the press October 1, and there should be some very timely tidbits of news for you from Toronto as several local fire chiefs are planning to attend. We always report the news as we see it

Be sure to visit the temporary Fire Control Center at the
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CHANGE IN PROCEDURE

With more and more mobile radios being installed on the County Fire Service network, the problems of positive identification of fire units and of clearly understanding all messages become increasingly important to the dispatchers at the Fire Control Center.

To assist the dispatchers, we ask that mobile radio operators please use the full apparatus designation instead of the presently used abbreviation. Thus a mobile operator will say "Engine 28" or "Tanker 31" instead of "E 28" or "TA 31"; the only exception being the Miscellaneous units which will continue to use "M".

We have found that both "E" and "T" sound the same on the air, and since several units have the same number designation, the above change in procedure will help everyone concerned.

Fire Chiefs are also asked to instruct their men to speak slowly and clearly into the radio microphone and, above all, do not shout as the dispatchers have to keep a written record of each transmission in the base station log. Dispatchers do not like to ask you to repeat a message when time is of the essence and you need Mutual Aid.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

We promised to bring you a bit of news from the International Association of Fire Chiefs Convention at Toronto which was held two weeks ago. Our roving reporter met several local persons and had this to say upon his return:

Assistant Chief Boswell of Busti arrived late Monday night, but in spite of the hour managed very well indeed and almost ended up in Toronto's Chinatown - Chief Swanson (Rudy, that is) seemed to know everyone present including the elevator operators and was last seen in the company of Assemblyman Magnuson obviously planning a fishing trip - Chief Stuart from down around Sugar Grove showed up on Tuesday with his wife; however this did not keep the Chief from admiring all the natural beauty of Canada - George Blackstone rolled in from Lakewood in time to find all of the hotel rooms gone and ended up sleeping in someone's parlor - Security Coordinator Wilbur from Busti managed to coordinate all activities within one hour after his arrival and nearly bought a radio at the General Electric booth.

The Convention's Technical Sessions proved very instructive and we did our best to publicize Chautauqua County by appearing on a television program for one whole hour. About 2,000 Fire Chiefs attended the Convention, and we had the pleasure of meeting Chiefs from England, the Phillipines and every State in the Union.

FEDERAL AID

The Fire Service of New York State received a total of \$ 1,133,457.59 in Federal aid for fire apparatus during the 1952-53 fiscal year. One hundred and seventy-one new fire trucks were purchased with this money by cities, towns and villages. All trucks financed under the Federal aid plan are Class "A" 750 g.p.m. or larger pumpers. Also \$ 398,510.66 in Federal money was spent for Fire radio-communications equipment.

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INSTRUCTORS CONFERENCE

During the week of October 5th, County Instructors Walter Burr and Clarence Spute attended the Fifth Annual Fire Training Instructors Conference sponsored by the State of New York.

This year Buffalo was host city for the one hundred and twelve county and municipal training instructors with headquarters at the Hotel Lafayette. A rugged schedule was maintained with classes beginning each day at 8:30 A.M. and ending at 9:00 P.M. with much physical work a requirement.

Two vacant houses were repeatedly set on fire and extinguished by the instructors while learning new methods of fire attack in team or company operations. Emphasis was directed toward the proper hookup and advancement of booster, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose lines. On two occasions the set fires nearly involved the entire structures of both buildings requiring considerable ingenuity and hard work before control and extinguishment were effected with only one Engine company using $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch preconnected hose lines.

TIP ON A DIESEL HAZARD

At present all railroads are using more and more diesel powered locomotives which present new hazards to the firefighter. It seems that these "iron horses" are seldom shut down and the continuous use of the engines causes large quantities of carbon to be deposited in the exhaust ducts.

Frequently these carbon deposits become ignited from the heat of the engines for over each diesel motor unit is a duct and ventilating fan to carry off the exhaust fumes. Hazard to the fireman consists of the possibility of fragments of hot carbon getting into his eyes.

GROWING NETWORK

We are pleased to announce that Engine 313 of Clymer, Engine 117 of East Dunkirk and Tanker 24 of Findlay Lake have recently joined our growing radio network.

Dick Lovejoy tells us that within the next two weeks he plans to install mobile radios in Engine 16 of Irving and Engine 210 of Portland. To date there are fifty-seven mobile radios in use by the Chautauqua County Fire Service.

NEW HOSE TENDER

The Lakewood Fire Department is currently having their Engine 38 rebuilt into a hose tender by the J.N.K. Machine Corp. of Jamestown. About a month ago the 500 g.p.m. pump on this apparatus became worn out and inoperable, and the cost of a new pump was prohibitive since the whole body would have had to been rebuilt to accommodate pumps available today.

Lakewood's new unit will be known as Hose 32, and the tender will be equipped with a 150 g.p.m. rotary gear, power take-off booster pump together with a hose body for 1,000 ft. of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch and 200 ft. of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch hose. The truck will also carry a 45 ft. extension ladder and a 200 gallon booster tank.

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HELPING HANDS ACROSS THE LINE

The fact that county lines mean nothing to the Fire Service was vividly demonstrated during the early hours of October 18 when three Chautauqua County Fire Departments responded to the Leon hotel fire. Both Gerry and Sinclairville dispatched tankers while Cherry Creek sent Engine 110 directly to the fire, and Kennedy "stood by" at Conewango's Fire Headquarters with their Engine 413.

We have heard several comments on the need for the large amount of apparatus at the scene, and had we not been present, we also may have offered criticism. However, we noted that every company at the fire was working. One of the outstanding jobs accomplished by the firemen was the rapid layout of three 2,000 foot relays which resulted in saving a considerable portion of the century old hotel.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Fredonia has started construction of an addition to their Fire Headquarters made necessary by the acquisition of a new Engine -- Panama firemen are all smiles these days as their new Howe apparatus arrived last week -- Ashville is having difficulty with construction of their new fire station; seems that there is a shortage of steel -- Chief Martyn of Jamestown gets publicity in national publication for his invention of a ladder "butt bar" -- Westfield firemen are becoming weary and exasperated over forest fire in Chautauqua Gorge now in its fifth day; Chief DuChaine's famous last words, "We never had it so rough!"

Irving Engine 16 and Portland Engine 210 are now radio equipped with Ripley next in line -- Lakewood places "new" hose tender in service -- Heard around fire circles these days are prayers for more rain; frankly we're not sure whether its the fire hazard or hunting season that everyone is worrying about.

The following verse is dedicated to our hard working County Fire Instructors who have labored long to make us better firemen:-

"Here is the little fireman, with shirt so bright and red,
Who guards your precious domicile while you're asleep in bed.
They've taught him all the little tricks and just how they
are done,
And showed the eager rookie that he's not there all for fun.
They showed him how to ring the bell and man the hose and pump,
And coax the lovely ladies down if they're afraid to jump.
They give them each a little axe, with blade so shining new
And if the boy is really bright he knows just what to do.
And so my trusting neighbor, guard your roof right well
For if he sees a sign of smoke he'll chop it all to hell."

ORLEANS COUNTY GOES ON THE AIR

Radio station KED 513 located at Albion and operating on 46.10 megacycles went on the air last week. Orleans County firemen now have nineteen mobile radios and plan to install more during the coming year.

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SUBMITS TRAINING REPORT

Donald A. Sales, County Training Coordinator, has submitted the following Training Report covering the period April 12 through October 16, 1953:

1. Basic Course - 28 units completed
 - a) Total Firemen in training 164
 - b) Total Wallet Cards issued 113
 - c) Percentage of Firemen completing 68.1%
 - d) Participating Departments 16

2. Intermediate Course - 30 units completed
 - a) Total Firemen in training 140
 - b) Total Wallet Cards issued 117
 - c) Percentage of Firemen completing 83.4%
 - d) Participating Departments 15

3. Advanced Course - 9 units completed
 - a) Total Firemen in training 100
 - b) Total Wallet Cards issued 92
 - c) Percentage of Firemen completing 92.0%
 - d) Participating Departments 16

4. Compilation of above totals for County
 - a) Total Firemen in training 404
 - b) Total Wallet Cards issued 322
 - c) Percentage of Firemen completing 79.6%
 - d) Participating Departments 19

It should be noted from the above that 47% of the total number of Fire Departments in the County participated in the Fire Training Program during this report period. However, the attendance increased considerably over the previous year and would indicate a trend toward individual Department training; possibly the result of scheduling the three courses consecutively with only one week between units."

We compliment Don on this fine report and sincerely thank all members of the Fire Service for their continued support of the program.

FIRE POLICE INVENTORY

Security Coordinator Wilbur is currently surveying Fire Police units to get an accurate inventory of manpower and determine the type of identification each unit possesses, such as uniforms, badges, flashlights, etc.

Chief Officers or Fire Police Captains are requested to fill out and return the postal card questionnaires at their earliest convenience. Please note: Cassadaga, Ellery Center, Ellington, Hartfield, Kiantone, Sinclairville, Sunset Bay and Westfield.

Sign on a bra display: These come in four sizes--Small, Medium, Wow!, and Holy Mackerel!

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BOWEN HEADS DIMES MARCH

Chief Bowen of Ashville was recently appointed Special Director of the Chautauqua County Fire Service March of Dimes. The Chief urges all Departments to financially support the battle against polio, and he suggests that some sort of benefits be held to raise money for this worthy program.

Any contribution your organization or individual members wish to make should be sent to Chief Irvin B. Bowen, Special Director for March of Dimes, Ashville, New York.

CIRCULATION GROWS

Although THE BOOSTER LINE is only ten months old, we feel like bragging a little bit by informing you that our initial circulation of 76 "subscribers" has increased to a total of 99. We appreciate the many favorable comments and hope that we can continue to bring you a few articles of interest and a smile once in awhile.

SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING RED

The Town of Carroll (Frewsburg) recently signed a contract with the Howe Fire Apparatus Co. of Anderson, Indiana for delivery of a Class "A" 750 g.p.m. engine. This makes the third Howe pumper to be purchased this year in the County; Panama, Jamestown and now Frewsburg.

Happiness prevailed two weeks ago when the new F.W.D. engine arrived at Fredonia. From all reports this fine apparatus is well worth seeing as it has many unusual construction features including four wheel drive, a separate high pressure pump and a well designed control panel.

Chief Mowry of Cherry Creek tells us that a new 500 g.p.m. front mounted pump has been installed on what was formerly Hose 12. The pump plus the acquisition of a booster tank now classifies this unit as Engine 119.

RED CROSS REVISES TREATMENTS

The American Red Cross has changed its recommendations for the first-aid care of frostbite and the use of the tourniquet for the control of severe bleeding.

For injuries caused by freezing of a part of the body, it is now suggested that the victim be brought into a warm room as soon as possible and the frozen part should be warmed quickly in a tub of warm, although not hot, water or under blankets.

As for tourniquets, the Red Cross now recommends that the tourniquet be placed close to the wound, and once applied, it should not be removed or released until a physician arrives and directs its removal.

The Red Cross warns that the application of a tourniquet to a limb is a serious step and if it is left on too long, the limb may be lost. "Therefore," says the Red Cross, "a tourniquet should be used only for severe life-threatening hemorrhage which cannot be controlled by other means."

From each of us to all of you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS