ANNUAL REPORTS OF PRESIDENT AND SEC'Y. OF FIRE COMPANY

Presiednt's Report

To the Officers and Members of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co.
Gentlemen:—

In making a report to you regarding the affairs of the Fire Company for the year just closing, I am very much pleased to state that during this period it has been a pleasure to serve you as your chairman.

There has been given to me on each and every occasion all of the cooperation that could be expected. The fellowship and harmony enjoyed at the meetings at all times is an inspiration ot all who have helped me to carry on the business of our fire company. It is a great opportunity in our land to serve our fellow citizens in the capacity we serve when the rest of the world is fighting for each others blood. Let us pray that we can continue our present duties "Service for Others" and be spared the duty of serving our country in time of war.

Our membership is divided into four divisions: Active Members, Contributing Members, Woman's Auxiliary and the Board.

The men of the active list have made a splendid record in the fact that we have been spared having any serious conflagrations. These men have also been regular in attendance to meetings and have shouldered the burden of transacting practically all of the business pertaining to the company. Again this year they have enrolled in the University of Maryland Fire School training course so that they will better equip themselves to scientifically and efficiently attack and fight any fire. This is very commendable in them for so doing, as it takes a great deal of their time, study and effort to finish this course.

Morally speaking, I feel that our list of active members is of such a high type that I cannot help but speak of them as such, at this closing meeting of this year.

The dues received from our Contributing membership have financially aided us a great deal, but if these members would attend an occasional meeting of the fire company and take an active part in the proceedings, I am sure that our list of such members would greatly increase. To the men of our community, I beg of you during 1941 to join this fire company and take an active interest and at the end of this year I am sure that each of us will be greatly helped by your participation.

Our Woman's Auxiliary each year seems to grow in membership and also in its activities. Since I last made a report to you on the work of these ladies, they have had a banner year in increasing their membership and success from a financial standpoint. This success has caused each of their members to sacrifice a large part of their time to attain the record they have made. They have been the backbone of this fire company ever since they were organized. I could not enumerate in this report the many ways in which they have aided this fire company. Without their having had a successful year we could not have had a successful year. The members of the fire company, meeting from time to time with the ladies for a social evening, have each enjoyed these affairs immensely and that is just one of the many benefits of being a member of this company.

Our Band, under the competent leadership of Mr. Coleman, has had a very successful year. Due to the fact that our company attends so few carnivals, it makes less engagements for the band and to keep up such interest in the band as has been displayed, it requires extreme loyalty on the part of its members and able leadership on the part of its director. We, the fire company, and the community of Chestertown have a band to be proud of and it deserves the cooperation of all to see that they are encouraged and inspired by our interest.

As to our apparatus, we have two trucks in condition to answer emergencies and have contracted with a Baltimore fire to assemble a new truck to replace one bought in 1926. We expect delivery on this piece of apparatus sometime in February. From an inspection of the chassis and the specifications of equipment to be installed on it, I feel that it will be the most creditable piece fo apparatus we have had to date. For financial reasons we have not kept entirely abreast of the times in the purchase of new equipment that has been placed on the market, but I feel that we are in a better position to face emergencies due to the fact that when a truck goes out it is manned by the most efficient crew that this fire company has ever had.

The financies of the fire company are such that we have been able to pay bills as presented, leaving a small balance at this meeting. Our Treasurer's report will not show a check of $500.00 received as balance of 1940 appropriation, from the Mayor and Council as will be reported at this meeting, our year closing December 31st, 1940.

As soon as we receive the annual appropriation from the County for 1941 and a $1500.00 payment is made on the indebtedness of this building, the balance left will be $2,000.00. To this amount will be added the unpaid balance on new apparatus that I have mentioned. The Woman's Auxiliary have kindly donated $650.-00, the Mayor and Council $250.00 and several citizens have contributed enough to make approximately $1,-000.00 total to apply towards the payment of the cost of the truck. We had anticipated making a drive before this for all the funds that the willing citizens would contribute to this cause, but due to delay in delivery on truck this has been delayed. I trust that all will contribute to this cause as it is for your protection that the members of this fire company considered the purchasing of this apparatus at this time. Approximately $2,500.00 will be needed to pay the balance when the truck is delivered to us. We do not want to have to borrow any more than we possibly have to.

The members of the fire company are greatly indebted to the Mayor and Council, our Board of Directors and the citizens of our community for the splendid cooperation that each has given us during 1940. There has never been an instance when we have made a request, large or small, of any of the above mentioned that they have not always given us what we asked for and more. We most certainly appreciate this interest on the part of the citizens of the community whom we attempt to serve.

On the eve of this meeting we are sorry to report that one of our most efficient members, John T. Vickers, is in the local hospital as the result of injuries received while performing his duty as a fireman. We all trust that he will have a speedy recovery. We have been very fortunate that no member has sustained a serious injury over a period of years. Our members are covered by an accident policy donated each year by the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent County, also a policy with the Maryland State Fireman's Association.

In closing this report, I again wish to thank all who have been so kind to me during my service to the company in 1940 and the four years prior to that. It has been a pleasure to serve as your chairman. I have been fortunate to have such an interested and efficient list of officers who have shouldered the responsibilities from time to time.

After five years in this capacity, I truthfully feel that with the company in its present condition the time is ripe for the election of a new face to sit in the chairman's seat. I trust that you will give to my successor the same support you have given me. If you will his task will be a pleasant one.

Respectfully submitted,
R. CLARKE DAVIS,
President.

Secretary's Report

To the Officers and Members of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co.,
As Secretary I would like to make the following report:

Upon reviewing the minutes of the past year I find that we have held 51 business meetings with an average attendance of 19 members per meeting.

During these meetings we have had the pleasure of voting in 25 new members. Some of these as Active members and some as Associate.

Our active members have shown quite a lot of interest in the Fire Schools that are being held in our building. On Wednesday nights the Basic Class has a total of 20 members from Kent and neighboring Counties. Eleven of this class being men from our Company. On Friday nights the Advanced Class meets and has a total of 26 members. Thirteen of this class being members from our Company.

On Sept. 9th the Directors of our Fire Company met and approved the recommendation of our Committee to purchase a new fire truck, and made the necessary arrangements to borrow the money needed. The donations received, so far, to apply on our new truck amuonts to $1,027.75.

The Ladies Auxiliary of our Fire Company have been a very helpful organization. Among other things they have made donations totaling $650.00 to our new truck fund.

The active men have been showing their appreciation for the support the Ladies Auxiliary have been giving them, by helping them serve banquets, also during the year the active men entertained the Ladies at a party, and joined with them in a Hallowe'en party, in which, members from the Millington and Betterton Fire Companies and the Ladies of their organizations were guests.

The purchase of two desks, two chairs and a settee, was made possible by using the donation willed us by the late Mr. W. R. Maul. The difference between the cost of these and the amount willed by Mr. Maul was donated by the Active Men.

I have not gone into all events, as time does not permit, but I have tried to give a brief outline of happenings according to our minutes.

All minutes, vouchers, bills and etc., have been properly recorded and filed.

In closing I would like to thank each and every member of our Fire Company for the Cooperation and assistance they have given me.

Respectfully submitted,
IRVING F. LEVERAGE,
Secretary.

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STILL POND

The Officials of the Still Pond Methodist Church held their meeting at the parsonage Tuesday ecening. The meeting was in charge of Rev. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hadaway, of Chestertown, were visitors Monday of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hadaway.

Mr. Joseph Norris and Mrs. H. M. Rasin spent Wednesday with Mr. Sutton.

Miss Kathryn Howard, Miss Louise Pennington, Miss Edith Hepburn spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Those on our birthday list last week. Mrs. J. C. Boulden, Mrs. H. M. Rasin and Mr. Ralph Geary.

Mrs. F. B. Harper, Supt. of the church school work held a call meeting of the Sunday School board at the close of the church service Tuesday evening. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Ralph Copper to our Teacher's List in the Junior Dept. and Allen as a scholar.

Miss Lena Geary, of Wilmington, Delaware, spent Saturday and Sunday, with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary.

Miss Louisa Travers, Mrs. Edward Dittman, Mrs. L. P. Atwell, Mr. Raymon Price, Mrs. Roseberry, are all able to be out after being on our sick list for sometime.

The "Home-Makers" Club of Still Pond met for their monthly meeting Friday, January 17, at 11 A. M., at the home of Miss Edna K. Wroth. The Club held their first all-day meeting and a covered dish luncheon was served.

Miss Avis Clark, of Philadelphia, Miss Louise Toulson, of Greenville, Del., Chas. Clark, of Chester, Pa., were week end guests with Mr. and Mrs. J. William Clark.

Dr. L. P. Atwell and Mr. Franklyn Hogans, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Harrison in Laurel, Md. Mrs. Atwell returned home with them after spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Harrison.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service are holding a bake in N. B. R. Garage the 25th of January.

We are sorry Mr. and Mrs. Ireland and Elsie May have moved from our community. Mr. Ireland has moved to a farm in lower Kent.

The Woman's Philathea Sunday School Class held their meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford, Wednesday evening. The meeting was preceded by a covered dish luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary, entertained at dinner Wednesday evening, January 8th, the occsaion being their twenty-first wedding anniversary. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Toulson, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper, Miss Anna Bowers, Mr. Wm. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

After dinner the rest of the evening was spent in playnig games.

Mrs. Wm. Medders, Mrs. Walter B. Harris, and Walter B. Harris, Jr., have returned home after spending some time with relatives in Washington, D. C., and New York.

Mrs. J. Leonard Price, County presdient of the W. C. T. U. will be hostess to the Still Pond-Betterton organization, at a covered dish luncheon, Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30 P. M. Everyone invited.

KENNEDYVILLE

Miss Betty Jean Groves, of Baltimore spent the week end at her home.

The Christian Endeavor Social and business meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, Jr., on Friday evening.

As the Farm Bureau Convention is being held in Baltimore this week the Kennedyville Home Makers Club will change their meeting to the last Thursday in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and Bobby and Anna Oliff, spent Saturday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Miller, Mabel Miller, spent Friday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson are spending some time with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Smith and family near Philadelphia. Mrs. Robinson has not been well for sometime.

The Christian Endeavor will hold a candle light service in the Methodist Church Sunday evening. The Installation of officers will be held at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anthony spent Sunday with his parents.

Billy Anthony spent Sunday with Billy Fogwell.

The Womens Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rasin on Friday evening. The officers were installed for the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Crow, of Denton, spent the week end with their parents.

Miss Bernice Scotton, of Baltimore, spent the week end at her home.

Dr. and Mrs. Urie left on Thursday for Florida, were they will spend some time.

Mr. John George is housed wtih a bad cold.

Mrs. Pearl Walls is spending sometime at her daughter's home near Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oliffe are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl, Joan Robertine, born in the local hospital last week.

The election of officers was held in the Sunday school on Sunday. The new officers are Supt., Mr. Harvey Hopkins; Assistant Supt., Mr. Arthur Pinder; Treasurer, Mrs. Cursey; Secretary, Mrs. William Anthony; Pianist, Miss Sara Scotton; Assistant Pianists, Doris Oliffe, and Marie Weer; Librarians, Billy Fogwell and Billy Anthony.

Mrs. Thomas Johnston visited her brother, Mr. Earl Pinder, and family at Pocomoke City and on Tuesday she visited her sister, Mrs. Freeman in Georgetown, Del.

The P. T. A. held their monthly meeting in the school house last Wednesday evening and decided to hold a card party Tuesday evening January 21.

Mrs. William Anthony, Sr., is on the sick list.

GALENA

Mrs. Richard Driscoll and sons, Richard and Ralph, left last Monday to spend the winter months in Miami, Florida.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Hicks last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Frank Cochran returned home last Friday after a visit with friends in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Harry Bowers of Crumpton, has accepted a position in the office at Old Fields Point farm.

Miss Helen Mulford returned home on Friday after several days visit with Mrs. Byard Gregg in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. L. R. Vansant, Mrs. Ray Ahern, Misses Mary Hyland, Kay Heighe Ahern left last Monday to spend the winter months in Key West Florida.

The members of the Senior Class of Galena High School held a card party on Wednesday evening in the School Building.

Mr. Herman Starkey, of near town spent a few days last week with friends and relatives in Newark, Dal.

The friends of Mr. Samuel C. Waters are sorry to hear that he remains quite ill at his home near Millington.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Heldmyer and daughters, Joan and June, of Middletown, Del., were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bolton.

Messers Kenneth L. Clevenger, E. S. Jarman and Julian W. Hurtt were guests last week at the County Home.

Miss Pearle Fogwell has been on the sick list.

Cake decorations should always be edible and appropriate. Glistening white coconut or tinted coconut, pistaschios, walnuts, pecans, almonds raisins, currants, strips of angelica, bits of candied fruit, preserved ginger, dots of bright jelly, tiny colored or silver candles, and tiny chocolate candies are all suitable.

Chives are tiny grass-like shoots with a wild onion flavor. They are usually sold growing in a berry box and can be cut as needed and used for flavor in salads, soups and stews. Also used as a garnish for salads.

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HERE ARE SOME FACTS about Ford Labor.

During the year ended November 30th, 1940, the Ford Payroll throughout the United States averaged 113,628 hourly wage earners, not including office employes, students, or executives. They were paid $185,105,639.12. On this basis, the average annual wage was $1,629.05.

According to the latest available government figures, the annual average wage of all workers in employment covered by old age insurance law was $841.00.

If the 45,000,000 workers of this country received the same average wage as Ford employes, they would have had additional wages of more than $35,000,000,000, thus increasing the national income about 50%. Think what such an increase would mean to the workers of this country and to the American farmer, whose prices are based on the national income.

Wage scales in the Ford Rouge plants are divided into three classifications:

Unskilled . . .
Minimum hiring wage . 75c per hour

Semi-skilled . . .
Minimum hiring wage . 80c per hour

Skilled . . .
Minimum hiring wage . 90c per hour
Higher wages are in consideration of ability and years of service.

Minimum wage scales for unskilled labor at the Rouge plant are the highest in the industry. Top wages for skilled labor compare favorably with, or are higher than, wages in other automobile plants.

Now some facts on Ford labor conditions:

Not only are sanitation and other health conditions the best in the industry, but Ford also leads in safety devices for the protection of employes. Proof of this is found in the following comparison of compensation insurance costs:

The national average rate in automotive manufacturing plants as computed by the National Association of Underwriters is in excess of $1.50 premium on each $100 payroll. The Ford cost of workmen's compensation is less than 50c.

This indicates that the chance of injury in a Ford plant is much less than in the average automobile plant.

The Ford Motor Company has no age limit for labor, and in fact deliberately attempts to keep older workers working. The average age of Ford workers at the Rouge and nearby plants is 38.7.

A recent check-up shows that nearly one-half the workers at these Ford plants were 40 or over, falling into these age groups:

25,819	between	40	and 50
14,731	between	50	and 60
3,377	between	60	and 70
417	between	70	and 80
12	between	80	and 90

In addition to the so-called regular employes, the Ford Motor Company has hired, and now has on the payroll, at the same regular hourly wage, thousands of workers who are blind, crippled or otherwise incapacitated for normal productive work. They are not selected for their ability to build cars or to maintain the plant. They are on the payroll because c. Henry Ford's belief that the responsibility of a large company to labor goes beyond the point at which the unfortunate worker can no longer produce profitably.

The above are facts. They are open to anyone who really wants to deal in facts. Anyone who wants to get a job . . . buy a car . . . or place a national defense contract on the basis of fair labor treatment must place Ford at the top of his eligible list.

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