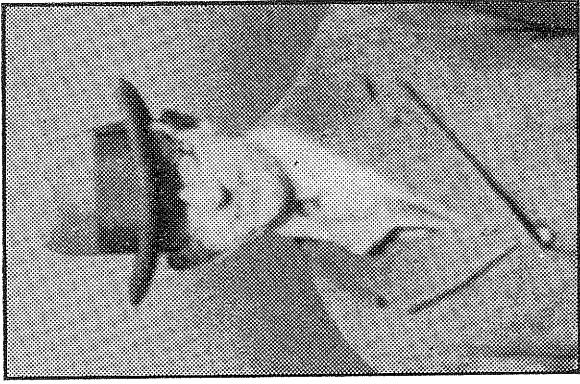


Pawling Fire Department



October 18, 1945



GEORGE B. NICKERSON

The holocaust which swept the Howard Block March 10th, 1932, snatched from our midst one whom we could ill afford to lose. A sincere member of any group interested in things firemanic, he was primarily responsible for the program begun in 1922 to purchase new fire-fighting equipment to lessen an overburdening load, and largely through his personal efforts were the fund-raising Pawling Firemen's Carnival inaugurated in that year and seen through to successful conclusions.

Continually in the front line when danger was evident, he was an inspiration to those of us privileged to know him, and we are sure, had he forseen the beckoning finger of death, he would have preferred the last line opposite his name in the company books to read: "Died at His Post of Duty."

In the meeting room at the fire house is a plaque erected in his memory, which serves as a constant reminder to us all:

"Greater Love Hath No Man Than This, That a Man Lay Down His Life for His Friends."

To his memory this Souvenir Booklet is respectfully dedicated.

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On the evening of August 7, back in 1895, a group of Pawling men, desirous of assisting their struggling village in becoming a better place in which to live, met at the Town Room and offered and passed a Resolution bringing the present Pawling Fire Department into being. They ballotted and elected the following officers: Wm. G. Tice, President; Wm. Elliott, Vice-president; Geo. A. Daniels, Secretary, and Wm. J. Carey, Treasurer.

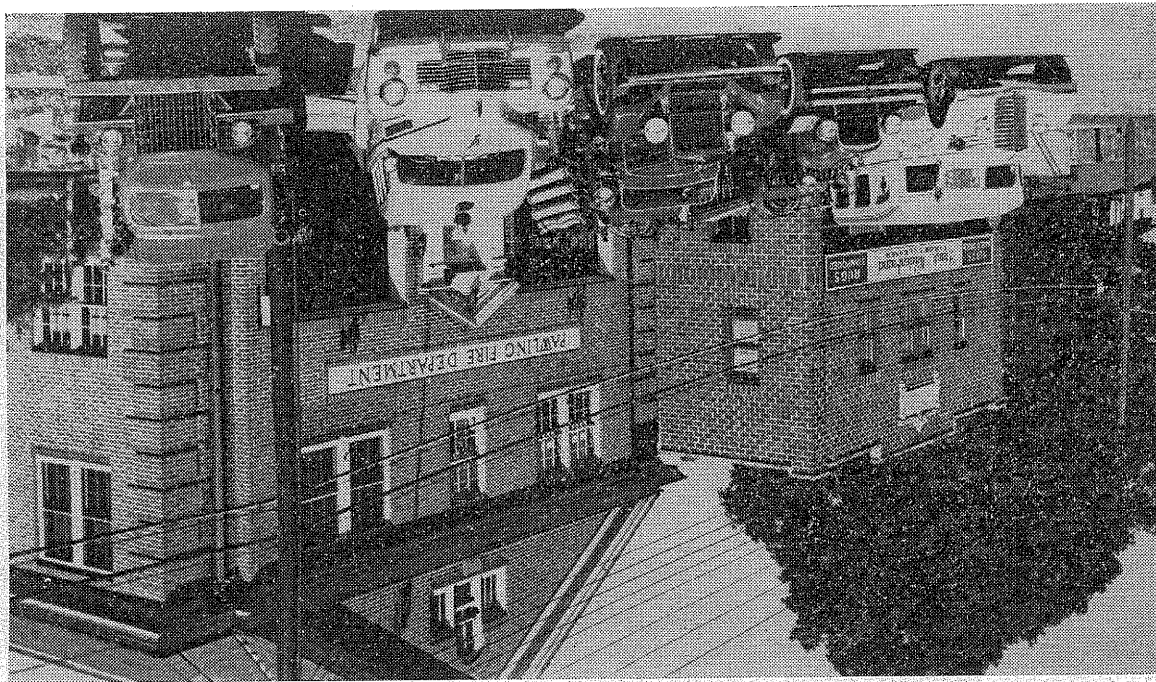
One week later the Pawling Fire Department held its first meeting in the Town Room, August 14th, 1895. A committee reported that it had drafted a set of By-Laws, and after being read they were accepted. A committee on members was authorized to hold the Membership Roll open until August 25th. The Department then elected officers as follows: Chief Engineer, B. F. Burr; Asst. Chief, Geo. W. Gibney; Recording Secretary, Geo. A. Daniels; Financial Sec., J. A. Kline; Treas., A. C. Hurd; Foreman, Hook and Ladder Co., J. A. Kline; Foreman, Hose Co., Sam Mason; Asst. Foreman, John Rooney.

On Sept. 4, 1895, the Annual Meeting of the Department was held with Sam Mason as chairman. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: W. F. Dye, Chief Engineer; T. E. Roberts, Asst. Chief; George A. Daniels, Rec. Sec'y; John C. Gardner, Fin. Sec'y.; Joseph A. Kline, Treas.; Sam Mason, Foreman Hose Co.; John Rooney, Asst.; Chas. Bouton, Foreman Hook and Ladder; R. J. Kimlin, Asst. Officially the Department came into being on October 1st when sanction was given by the Village of Pawling at a meeting on that date. The organization was composed of 36 charter members, listed elsewhere, and 20 honorary members. A Special Meeting was called on November 18th, and the members voted to name the two companies. The Hose company chose the name Liberty Hose Company, No. 1, and the Hook and Ladder group, Union Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1. Committees were appointed to procure furniture and fixtures necessary for the Department meeting room.

Pertinent information regarding the Department was contained in the December 20th, 1895, issue of The Pawling Illustrated, a supplement to The Pawling Chronicle, as follows:

"The boys now occupy fire quarters on Oak Street, in rooms especially prepared for their use. The large room on the first floor is for fire apparatus. A Hook and Ladder truck, two Hose carts, 1000 feet of 2½ inch hose, with fire and ball nozzles, in short all the latest devices in apparatus are kept there in readiness for instant use. Overhead is a room 25 feet square, finished in hard wood, furnished with oak tables, 60 oak chairs with cane seats, lamps and base-burner stove, for the use of the companies. Each member has a key, and

OUR DEPARTMENT TODAY



is free to make use at any time of the rooms, which are always heated and lighted. In this room their meetings are held, and it is proposed to add the attraction of a reading room, and to that end solicit contributions of books, etc., from citizens. Wednesday afternoon and evening of each week will soon be designated as Ladies' Day, when lady friends of members will be invited to inspect the rooms, and occasional entertainments will be given. There is a membership now of 45 members and 30 or more honorary members.

"The village has been divided into fire districts, and a map of the same has been made, locating the fire hydrants. A code of signals, previously agreed upon, will, at the first alarm of the fire bell, call the members together and locate the fire. With 32 hydrants located at convenient points in the village, with 6 fire nozzles, 2 ball nozzles, and one oyster nozzle, with pressure of over one hundred pounds to the square inch, and a hook and ladder truck, the Pawling Fire Department claims to be as well equipped as any company outside of New York City. Arrangements are now being made for the First Annual Ball and Reception to be given by the Department at the Dutcher Opera House on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1895, the proceeds of which will be used in completing the furnishings of the house, purchase of uniforms and other necessary equipment. This may not be the proper place to advertise a ball, but we cannot refrain from calling the attention of our readers to the fact that the best way to have a proficient and well equipped Fire Department is to assist them in their efforts to raise necessary funds. Everyone can lend a helping hand."

The Annual Ball became a regular event of the company for many years, and gained in prestige with the passing of time. The Dutcher Opera House was invariably the scene of the festivities, and an account from the Chronicle of Jan. 7, 1888, seems to be a typical example:

"The Third Annual Ball of the Pawling Fire Department, at the Dutcher Opera House on Thursday evening last, like its predecessors was the event of the season. Owing to the fact that the date had been changed from New Year's Eve, and numerous other things, tended to lessen the number in attendance, there was a good sized party present and all seemed bent on having a good time. The dancing kept up at a lively pace until four o'clock in the morning with an intermission of an hour or so for supper. The supper was pronounced by one and all the best ever served by the firemen. There were several couples present from Patterson, some from South Dover, Dover Plains and Amenia.

The department is under obligations to the ladies of the town for the generous supply of cakes and other refreshments and for valuable assistance in many ways and to Mr. Dutcher who kindly gave them the use of the hall and to Mr. C. V. Lansing for valuable assistance. In fact the members of the Department are to be congratulated on the fact that the people of the village on any and all occasions are found ready to aid them in any manner possible, which demonstrates the fact that their efforts to maintain a first rate organization are appreciated by the people at large.



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ACTING SECRETARY

CHARLES COLMAN
ASSISTANT
CHIEF



On Saturday the firemen held open house at their headquarters and the afternoon and evening was pleasantly passed with whist, checkers and other games. At five o'clock announcement was made that lunch was ready and from that time 'till late in the evening a continuous stream of callers were served with a most tempting supper. After feeding more than a hundred it was found that there was still a large quantity of provisions left which was distributed about town to those whom it was thought would appreciate it most."

Uniforms for the Department were ordered on May 11th, 1896 from Arnheim and Co., New York city. Forty outfits at \$18 each, and caps at \$1.50 were received soon after, and the boys were ready to take part in any and all parades and public affairs which might occur.

In the early days, according to older members, the Pawling firemen had, to use the vernacular, a tough row to hoe. They protected an area roughly one mile square, the Village of Pawling with hand-drawn equipment. The hose carts carried several hundred feet of 2 1/2 inch hose, and it took at least six husky men to draw equipment to the scene of a blaze anywhere within that area. There were no paved roads, no adequate lighting facilities at night, and when a half-dozen men got a hose-cart rolling on a comparatively rough street, the possibilities of accident and resultant personal injury were many indeed. But accidents were few, and if a man hauling the cart found that his legs were too short to match the strides of his longer-legged companions, or if he just plain got tired, he could always do as Driver John Cunningham's father, Jim Cunningham did—hop on the apparatus and get a free ride occasionally.

Along about the turn of the century, what is now the Colman Lumber Co., was a coal shed and a lumber yard owned by Elmore Ferris. Mr. Ferris used a pair of jet-black horses in his deliveries around town and often the team and driver would overtake the boys on their way to a fire and give them and the hose apparatus a tow to the scene. The story goes that this particular team was anxious to perform this voluntary duty and as soon as the fire bell began to clang, sensed that their services were urgently needed. And you can be sure that their assistance was welcome to the hard-working firemen.

There was no pump attachment to the hose cart, the connection being made directly to the hydrants, of which the Village was fortunate in having a considerable number at the time the Department was organized. The 100-lb. pressure was more than adequate to contend with almost any fire. In fact, insurance rates were lowered considerably after observers watched the Department in action before the end of the year 1895.

From the Pawling Weekly Recorder, Sept. 29, 1900—Tuesday morning shortly before nine o'clock, George Gibney was seen tearing through the streets with his horse and wagon attached to one of the fire hose carts. Immediately after Zach Roe followed with a team and the other cart also driving furiously.

There had been no alarm of fire but everybody ran in the same direction and in the briefest space of time a big crowd had

gathered on Henry Holmes' corner from whose residence a cloud of black smoke was issuing.

Shortly before this Mrs. Holmes had removed a charred stick of wood from the open parlor fire-place into a woodbox, thinking there was no fire about it and went to another part of the house. She returned a few minutes later to find the parlor all ablaze. Hastily summoning assistance a stream of water from the garden hose was turned on, which with a few pails of water put out the fire. The interior woodwork in that portion of the room was badly damaged but prompt action prevented the flames from eating through the partitions else we would have a different story to tell. The firemen when they arrived, attached a hose to a hydrant and made ready to play on the fire but their services, fortunately, were not needed. Considerable damage was done to the furniture and rugs by smoke and water.

Pawling Weekly Recorder, George E. White, Prop., September 15, 1900—Sunday evening last, at about the hour of ten, the village of Pawling was roused by the ever thrilling cry of fire. The bells of both churches added their clangor to the din, and the alarm was quickly spread far and wide. Villagers poured from their doors in all manner of full evening dress and scarcely any dress, while the fire ladders skurried along the dusty streets with ladder-truck and hose-carts to the scene of the conflagration. The fire had been started in a small barn belonging to Mrs. Akin Toffey and as soon as five hundred feet of hose could be laid and connected with the hydrant near the Methodist Church, a stream was turned on the fire that made short work of it.

Had there been a high wind blowing in an easterly direction, that entire portion of the village would have gone up in smoke in spite of the splendid facilities for fighting fire which this village possesses. The blaze was evidently the work of incendiarism, as the fire is said to have begun on the outside, and the flames ran around and enveloped the sides and roof of the barn almost instantly. The barn contained no hay at the time but was used as a place of storage for farm implements and washing machines. The building was insured for one hundred dollars. One of the dwellings opposite was ablaze from the heat, but a dash or two of water stopped it.

Several amusing incidents occurred. A young man was spending the evening a little out of the village and when he started for the fire he threw off hat, coat and vest into the hammock, and ran hellowing "fire" at every step. As a result of his excitement he had to wend his way all the distance back to the hammock to procure his coat and hat. One member of the fire department was making a record-breaking pace for the fire when he called out to a citizen to "run back and get the hose and come on" It was a matter of remark that more people were at the fire than were in attendance at the three churches an hour or so before.

But the members were doing a good job at this early date without protection for themselves from water, smoke, wind and varied weather conditions. They were putting out fires at undue



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REV. ERLE D. CLARK

REV. RICHARD W. WAMSLEY

REV. WILLIAM V. DICKINSON

personal risk until early in 1897 when Mr. John B. Dutcher presented the Department with complete outfits of rubber coats, hats, boots and gloves for use at fires. This is the first recorded gift of many which he and members of his family have made to the Pawling Fire Department through the years. As this booklet is being printed, Mrs. J. G. Dutcher is purchasing the latest type fog nozzle for our use, a piece of equipment thoroughly tried and tested by the Army and Navy during the second great war, and recommended as invaluable in combating the most serious fires where flames must be subdued quickly to prevent loss of life. Other courtesies from the Dutcher family are too numerous to list individually, but for all, the members are sincerely grateful.

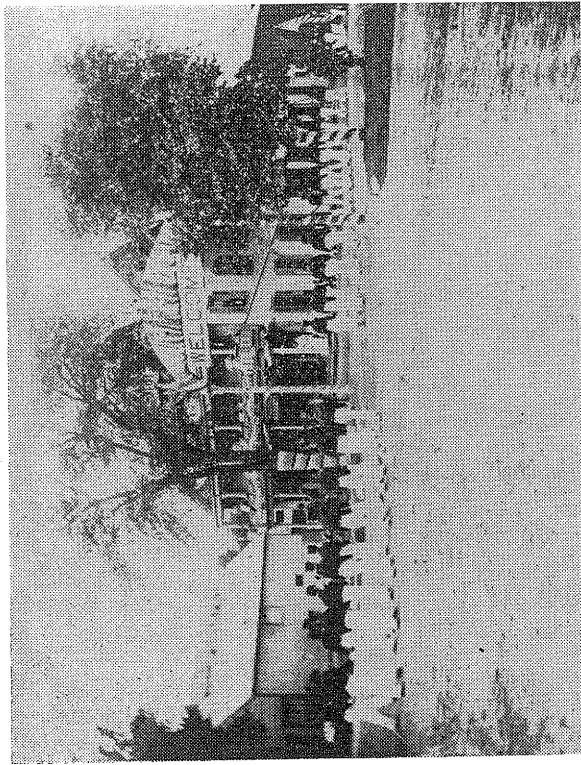
One of the outstanding events following the Gay Nineties days was the Annual Tournament of the Harlem Valley Firemen's Association. This organization was composed of the fire departments of Millerton, Pine Plains, Amenia, Dover Plains, Brewster, Sharon, Pawling and others, at various intervals. The local Department is generally credited with having started the group organization which highlighted its claim to fame with Tournament in the Fall of each year. These took the form of a field day, with a baseball game and hose and ladder races the main events. Each of the member companies made a day of the affair, with competition very keen in all of the events. A street parade was also an integral part of the day's activities, the gaily uniformed firemen and their band escorts making a picture which will always be remembered by the older residents of the Harlem Valley. The photograph shows the Sharon, Conn., firemen parading in front of the present Sheridan building at the First Annual Harlem Valley Firemen's Association Tournament in the year 1900. The Association was disbanded in the early 20's.

THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT

The initial tournament of the Harlem Valley Firemen's Association took place in this village on Wednesday last. Two brass bands, two drum corps, four fire companies with their hose carts and hook and ladder trucks made a display that our village may not have the pleasure of witnessing again for many a day.

The light buff uniforms of the Brewster contingent, the red and white of the Sharon boys, the red, blue and white of the Amenia department, and the dark blue uniforms of the Pawling firemen made the streets resplendent with a moving panorama of bright colors, while the martial strains of the brass bands and drum corps filled the air with floods of harmony that set one's blood to tingling. Many of the residences were tastefully and appropriately decorated and the hearts of our villagers seemed attuned to the occasion and everything denoted a hearty welcome to the visiting fire laddies.

After a half hour's march through the principal streets of the village the column was headed towards Lakeside where the ample grounds and accommodations were generously thrown open to the public through the kindness of Mr. Dutcher. Arrived at the grounds, the various fire companies were drawn up in a hollow square with the speaker's stand in the center where a speech of welcome by the



SHERIDAN CORNER, TOURNAMENT DAY, ABOUT 1900

President of our village, Mr. J. B. Dutcher, was received with great applause. This was followed by speeches by Rev. Mr. Ackerly of this village, Rev. Mr. Basten of Amenia and Rev. Mr. Ludwig of this village, each of which was received with hearty applause.

The baseball games were the center of attraction to the younger generation; the plays were well contested throughout and showed some very fine points. The dinner in the tents was a success in point of excellence, both in quantity and quality and was served in fine style by those in charge.

The concert by the Brewster Band was an attractive feature and appreciated by the crowds present. The organization reflects great credit on the town that sends it out and on its promoters.

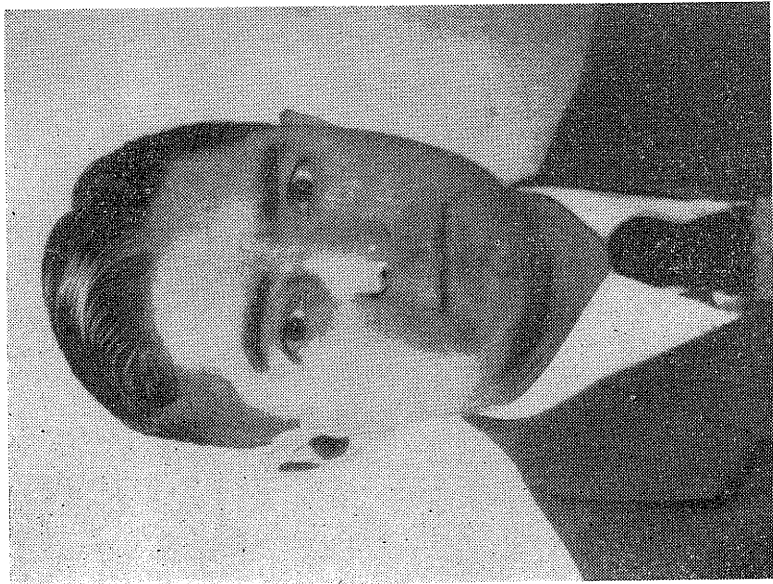
In all fairness to the visiting companies, the Pawling firemen are entitled to credit for their marching and evolutions and their fine appearance on the street and our village is to be congratulated on having such an efficient organization.

One event which added to the zest of the day's entertainment was that of the Brewster Band and Fire Company marching down the street and marching back again with two Brewster boys at the head, Coley Charter and Edwin Cole with their prizes of a barrel of flour and an easy chair which were awarded them as the laziest man and the homeliest man in line.

Frequent showers in the afternoon sent the crowds frequently to cover but when the sun emerged the crowds also emerged from their hiding places and the fun went bowling merrily on.

Of course it is impossible to relate in this booklet many of the events of company activity over the period of fifty years. It is our aim to acquaint many of our friends with what we consider the more romantic part of our history, the early days of organization, much of which we ourselves are none too thoroughly acquainted. Company records are, unfortunately, too scanty to make the review complete in detail, consequently our efforts are directed toward compiling the most important and best remembered incidents over the half century we have had the opportunity to serve the people of our town. Many are the destructive fires which will not be mentioned because of the almost impossible task of checking old newspaper files for dates and details, and many will be the anecdotes old-timers love to talk about which will be overlooked. The more recent history of the Department is well-known to nearly everyone.

The Department made its home at the Oak street building until about 1915 when the apparatus and fixtures were moved to the John Colman building on Railroad avenue, now occupied by Gordon Van Dyke's farm supply store. The hose carts were now antiquated and the present Hook and Ladder truck was an urgent necessity after the experience of fire at the Pawling School for boys. Pawling Village had advanced to a point where the latest type equipment was imperative if the companies were to do a satisfactory job. In 1922 the company inaugurated their Annual Carnival to gain the funds necessary for purchase of a pumper. An American La France was bought in 1923 while Judge George Lucas was at the head of the



JOHN A. SHERIDAN
MAYOR 1944-'45
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company. A six-cylinder motored job, this truck was the pride and joy of many a local fireman for many years.

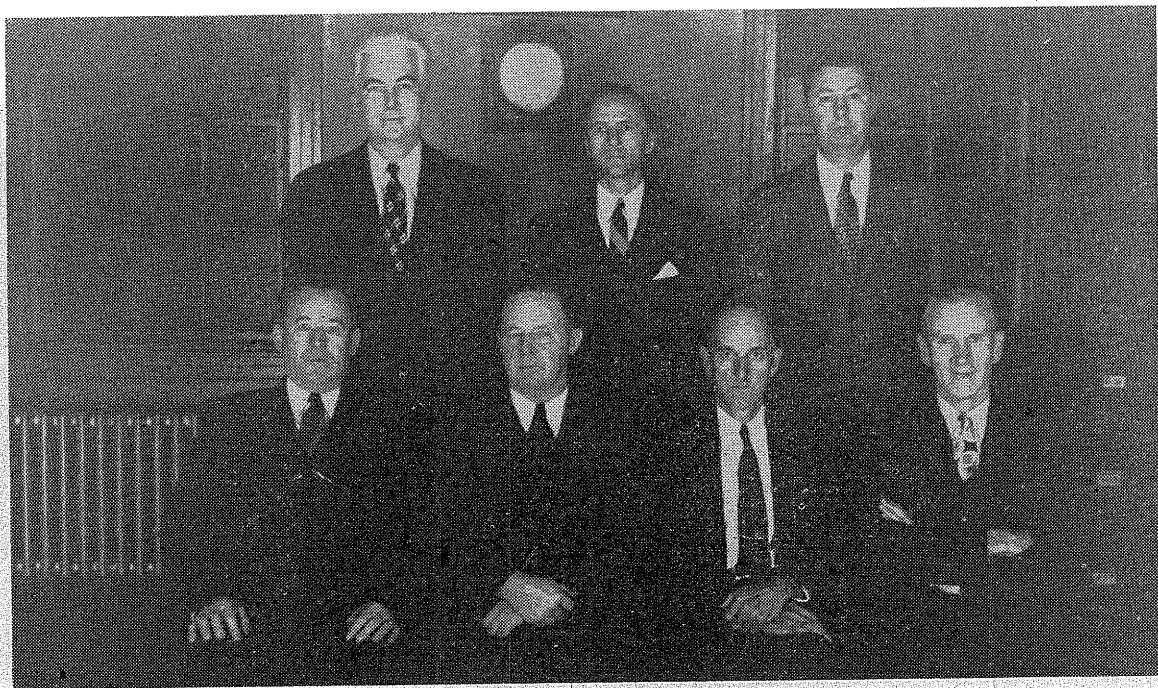
Commenting on the discussion which took place while the members were trying to come to an agreement on the choice of a four- or six-cylinder motor for this great addition to the Department, Henry A. Holmes related at the Anniversary dinner on October 6th, an amusing little story to the enjoyment of all who were present. Chief Lucas had made a diligent attempt to sound out most of the members on their choice of a four or six, and at a meeting of the company went to great length to explain to the boys that one of them, who was already famous in aeronautics, was present that evening. He was referring to Howard Stark whose experiments at instrument or "blind" flying laid the groundwork for the great air armadas now plying the air lines. The chief said Mr. Stark's opinion would be given the greatest consideration by him and the committee. A wave of expectancy flooded the room as the late flying genius arose to discuss the relative merits of engines, but died a quick death as Mr. Stark gave his opinion: "Six."

With the motor equipment purchased, the members now began to turn their attention to a more suitable and more centralized location on which to build their new home. The Carnival receipts were allocated to the Building Fund and in 1929 the site was purchased on East Railroad Avenue, directly across the tracks from the Dutcher House, in the very center of the village.

The Annual Firemen's Carnival is and has been since its inception one of the highlights of the summer season in Pawling. We of the department look forward each year to the entertainment and enjoyment we are able to furnish adults and children alike, and it is evident from the public's response to each of these affairs that our efforts are appreciated. Invariably a Block Dance is a feature, and many booths with various merchandise, toys, etc., candy, refreshments and always one big prize, usually an automobile being given away. War Bonds have been the big prize the past few years, including this year, though the Carnival was suspended for the year 1943 because of the war.

Innovations have been many at our Carnivals in years past and at times even sideshows and freaks have been presented. Ex-Chief Brunow recalled, at our Dinner this month, that at one Carnival Chief George Lucas asked him to man a booth which would dispense ducks. Jules agreed to oblige, and went on to relate that the Chief showed up at the carnival with some personally trained birds which were placed in a tub of water. The customers had three attempts to ring a duck with a large hoop for 10c, but Mr. Brunow swears that Mr. Lucas had trained the ducks so well that not one was won during the three-night stand.

Mr. Lucas countered with another story which had the Firemen presenting a side show featuring a look at five bare legs for the very reasonable price of five cents. This show made a one-night stand and netted a clear profit of \$75. Mr. Lucas had set a one-quart fruit jar on a stand with an electric light bulb for illumination, and in it he



OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF PAWLING

Seated, left to right: Joseph Orosz, James L. Clark, William Renner, Village Board; Standing, William Carey, Clerk; William Lutz, Treasurer; James F. Sheridan, Attorney.

had placed a plain ordinary bullfrog, but a freak because one of the rear legs was attached to where a tail might have been.

The Carnival is started off each year with a street parade made up of firemen and apparatus from nearby communities, and Dutchess county, Putnam county and western Connecticut are always well represented. As many as 32 departments have been in Pawling on the opening night of the affair. The first few Carnivals, of course, were inaugurated without a parade of apparatus. Gas rationing prevented this feature at the last two.

The Carnival of 1924 is a typical example, as reported in The Pawling Chronicle of September 6th, that year:

The Firemen's Carnival for 1924, held in this village on Friday, Saturday and Labor Day was a great success in every way.

The Fair and Block Dance attracted many from surrounding towns and big crowds were in evidence each night. The gaily decorated booths were surrounded by people eager to spend their money for the good cause of helping the Fire Department. Our firemen are magnificent and unterrified barkers, and how they did bark those three nights—it is a wonder they have any voices left. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Holmes, Albert E. Dodge, E. T. Green, Bert Slocum, George A. Daniels and others who presided at the blanket booth couldn't hand out the blankets fast enough, while "Hi" Carroll, Norman Patrick and Will Renner at their booth shouted so much that the racket was tremendous. These leather-lunged gentlemen were still barking vociferously at 2 o'clock in the morning about their everlasting "traveling bags that they gave away for a dime"; George A. Lutz with his candy could be heard a mile, as could Dennis Murphy, T. H. Smith and others. The watermelon booth did a thriving business, as did Mrs. Unger and her assistants, who sold ice cream and soft drinks galore, and Akin Brill and Emmett Rozell had to hop around to hand out "hot dogs" fast enough.

The music of the Danbury Band was of a superior order and the Block Dance was a great attraction for many, the space roped off being filled with merry dancers all the time.

The firemen should be very thankful to the women and girls of Pawling who did so much to make the affair a success. They sold about every person on the grounds a rubber balloon and kept them supplied with chewing gum and cigars. The Catholic Daughters of America had charge of the cake booth and made considerable money for the firemen, and the ladies of the Baptist and Methodist Churches conducted a cafeteria stand, feeding a great number of people.

Jules H. Brunow had on exhibition a pipeless furnace, and handed out thimbles and literature. 'Tis said he has a number of prospective sales as the result of his enterprising act.

The exhibition of rattlesnakes from the Scaticose country in Connecticut that Mr. Wein had in a tent attracted many. Mr. Wein is a most interesting man to listen to as he told of the habits of these reptiles.

A great attraction was the hairless calf from the wilds of "Hiddenhurst," the Sheffield Farm at Coleman's Station, and was a freak of nature rarely seen. Notwithstanding its lack of having a hairy coat,



EGBERT T. GREEN
SUPERVISOR 1933-'45
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the animal was probably glad of it those three hot nights of the fair and was a big husky calf for its age. Possibly its kind-hearted owners will have an overcoat made or a jersey knit for the animal next winter so that it won't catch cold.

On Labor Day night firemen from Brewster, Carmel and Mahopac were on hand, the Mahopac firemen bringing their truck.

A good friend of the firemen, Dr. Gamage, presented them with two fine Guernsey calves and they were sold at auction Monday night, one bringing \$16 and the other \$13. James Stark was the auctioneer. Dan Heinchon bought one of the calves and Thomas Gillan the other.

In 1934 our present pumper, a Mack, was purchased to replace the LaFrance which suddenly and unexpectedly went out of commission on the way to a fire on Route 22.

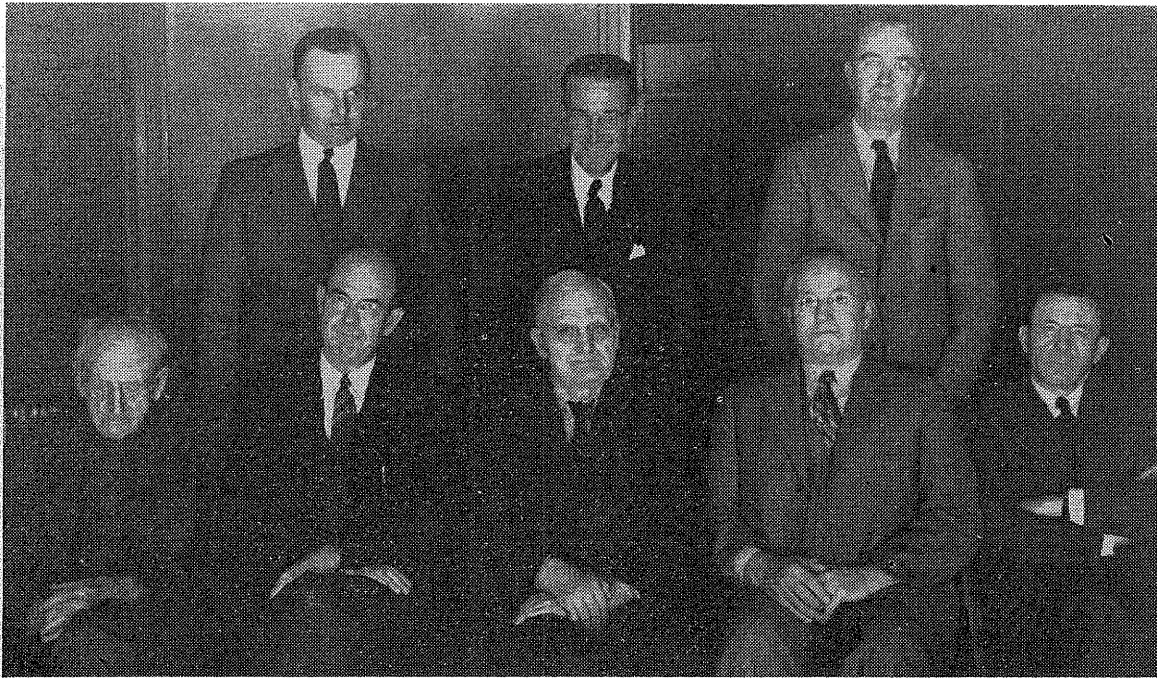
The emergency or squad truck was authorized to be purchased by the Department in December of 1937. This piece of equipment has saved immeasurable wear and tear on the large pumper, being equipped with a booster tank, extra hose, tools, a portable pum, a complete 110-volt lighting outfit with two large search lights, and complete first-aid equipment. Being fully enclosed and capable of carrying 18 men it is used considerably for transportation to out-of-town parades and firemanic events as well as small chimney fires brush and grass fires, etc.

In October of 1940 the Department voted to inaugurate an ambulance service. In early 1941 a fine new Cadillac ambulance, fully equipped, with two beds when necessary, was purchased and put into service. The addition of this valuable piece of equipment has enabled us to further and better serve the community when sickness or accident overtakes any of our citizens. We are proud of this contribution to the welfare of Pawling and neighboring townships and are ready and anxious to be of service in this respect whenever the occasion occurs.

An auxiliary pumper, a 500-gallon centrifugal, was put into service last year by the department. This Dodge army truck has besides the pump, full equipment of hose ladders and all necessary tools, to be used as a separate unit or in conjunction with another piece of equipment. The pump is an O. C. D. war pump recently purchased by the village and the department.

The \$32,000 Fire House was dedicated on January 9, 1930 with over 300 persons jamming all available space to hear the Dedication Ceremony. The Dedication address was given by Dr. Frederick L. Gamage, Headmaster of the Pawling School for Boys, who complimented highly the entire community for its progressiveness in erecting such a substantial addition to the facilities of our town, and the Fire Department for its contribution of \$19,000 to the building fund and a building site valued at \$2,000.

Other speakers at the ceremony were: Ex-Chief Egbert T. Green, Chief Ray F. Dalzell, Mayor Flavious L. Packer, Chief Chris Noll of Poughkeepsie, Supervisor Hiram C. Carroll, Hon. J. Gordon Flannery, Assemblyman Howard N. Allen, and Ex-Chief William Frank of Poughkeepsie. Henry F. Blessing acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers.



OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF PAWLING

Seated, left to right: John L. Haynes, Justice; Egbert T. Green, Supervisor; George L. Lucas, Justice; Emery G. Cole, Justice; Arthur B. Denton, Justice; Standing: Kenneth J. Utter, Superintendent of Highways; Henry P. Murphy, Attorney; Charles R. Daniels, Town Clerk.

The building was designed by Waldron Coulter, and erected by H. M. Coulter and Son, of Pawling.

For fifty years we of the Pawling Fire Department have dragged hose carts, climbed ladders, chased fire engines, and sustained injuries, and on one occasion, death, serving the people of Pawling in our voluntary task of fighting fire.

It has been a job that had to be done, and we have been happy to do it. It continues to be a job that must be done, and we are glad to do it.

We have held balls, tournaments, clambakes, suppers, parades and carnivals and always enjoyed ourselves immensely in doing it. But much more have we enjoyed the loyal and hearty co-operation that has always been ours from the people of Pawling and adjoining communities.

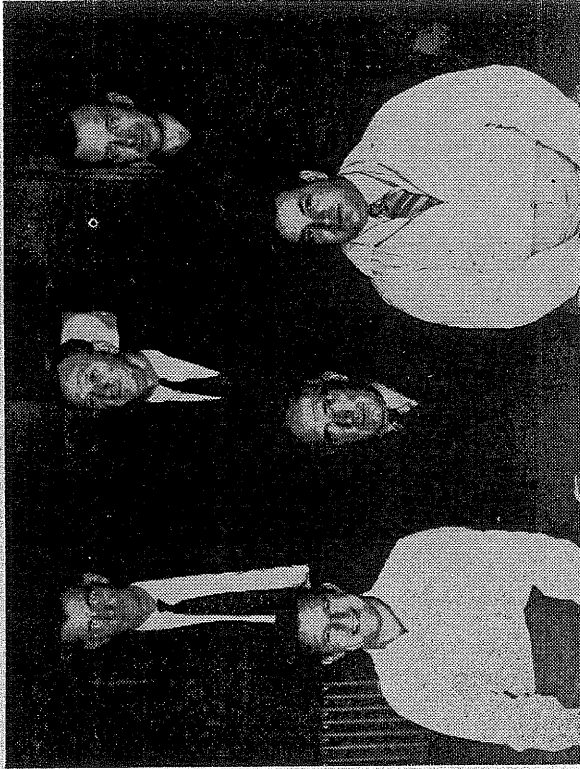
Often have we needed assistance from you and invariably has it been given in the spirit which prompts us to say that although we consider it our bounden duty to fight fire, you have made it also a genuine privilege for each and everyone of us.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner of the Department was enjoyed by about fifty of the members on Saturday evening, October 6th, at the Log Cabin, Route 22. A steak dinner was served at 7:30, complete with the incidentals and liquid refreshment in quantity. A Broadway show featuring a baritone soloist, a mimic and impersonator, a juggling act, a magician and a dancer who was talented in other lines, furnished a complete evening's entertainment for a highly appreciative audience.

Gerald Osborne, Floyd DeWitt, Al Howe, Hadley Kindieburgh and Arthur Weaver were in charge of arrangements for this get-together to which every living member appearing on the books of the company was invited to be guests of the Department. Those who were present will long remember this anniversary affair with its good fellowship and informal setting. Three long tables the length of the dining room were almost completely filled with both old and new members, men who have served up to 40 years in the Department and who have turned the task of fighting fires over to the younger, more active members; the experienced, hard workers who ARE the Pawling Fire Department, and the younger men who are willing to learn.

It was a real pleasure to the active members to greet Henry Holmes, George Lucas, L. V. D. Smith, Jules Brunow Sr., Albert Dodge, Howard Allen, Bert Green, Dr. Dawe and John Carey that evening. Their presence made the celebration the success that it was. It could only have been more successful if more of these leaders, most of whom



WARDENS, PAWLING FIRE DEPARTMENT
Left to Right: Seated, Jesse Munro, Alfred Howe, Gerald Osborn;
Standing, John Unger, Frank Lisewski, Louis Chamberlin



FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TOWN OF PAWLING
Emery Cole, Kenneth J. Utter, William D. Akin, Arthur B. Denton



JOHN D. CUNNINGHAM

A member of the Department since 1927, and paid driver of the apparatus since 1933, John Cunningham is synonymous with the words fire company in Pawling. His duties as Driver also include the care of the Fire House building, and invariably when an ambulance trip to a nearby hospital is a necessity, John is the man routed from his bed at any and all hours to go on the mission of mercy.

One of the hardest workers of the entire group, he often draws the assignment of the more menial tasks which are so necessary to the proper functioning of the companies. His whole-hearted co-operation at Carnival time over a period of many years is largely responsible for the success we have enjoyed and the enjoyment of the general public at these annual affairs.

But he comes by his firemanic inclinations naturally, for his father, James Cunningham, was a Charter Member of the Department. And John's son, Dave, was active in company affairs until entering the armed forces. Truly a family of which the Department can well be proud. May they long continue their uninterrupted service to the community.

headed the Department at one time or another, had found it possible to join us. Their efforts represent, in the main, a major portion of the achievement that has been ours as an organization. They had an important part in acquiring the land, the building, the trucks and equipment which allow us to compare favorably with a similar organization in any town. And, for the most part, they were the individuals in elective offices or key positions or substantial private ventures who were willing and able to use their talents to assist our Department and our Village and Town at one and the same time.

Their reminiscences during and after the banquet were interesting and varied as they were called on, in turn, by Chief Dalzell who acted as toastmaster.

George Lucas recounted that during the days of the hand-drawn equipment there was a fire on Main street one particular night and he and several others were on the way with the hose cart bumping along behind them. A man standing on the street wanted to know where the fire was, and the reply was, "Get the hell out here and give us a hand and we'll show you."

Ex-Chief Dawe related some interesting features of the old apparatus and fire house while the company was quartered on Oak street.

Ex-Chief Green recalled that during his tenure as chief, the Department was invited to Wassaic where they were to take part in a contest among companies. They were to proceed to a designated spot, drop the suction hose and make the hook-up, attach a nozzle and have a stream of water in the quickest possible time with an award for the winner. The Pawling boys worked smoothly and efficiently, made the necessary adjustments, but failed to get a drop of water. The pumper was checked and found to be in shape. Still no water, so the suction hose was examined. It was embarrassing, in Prohibition times, to find one of John Barleycorn's empty bottles stuck fast in the hose!

Harry Holmes paid tribute to the Department as one of the oldest in the Village and one of the key organizations. He gave the late George Nickerson most of the credit for inaugurating the Carnivals in 1922 to purchase essential equipment, and stated that his personal efforts on behalf of the company were extraordinary. He recalled that the McNulty Bros. Garage and Pawling Chronicle fire in the building now housing the Clarence Riley Garage was one of the most difficult of any which ever faced Pawling firemen due to the fact that most of the structure was covered on the outside by sheet metal and streams of water had no effect unless played through a doorway or window. Consequently the fire on the second floor was inaccessible to firemen.

Former Assemblyman Howard N. Allen congratulated the company on their anniversary, and recalled that his family was routed by fire many years ago. The barn on their farm was destroyed and the heat blistered the paint on the house but the firemen saved the residence.

Albert Dodge narrated in detail an event of 49 years ago. The Department was having a clambake at John B. Dutcher's "Lakeside," in the summer of 1896 and it seems that the boys had a little difficulty in getting the stones hot enough to steam the ingredients. Before they got through, according to Al, they used exactly 30 cords of wood. A fireman named Lee also had trouble with a keg of beer. The half

somehow got loose and headed for the lake. Lee started in hot and diligent pursuit but finished a poor second. The beer landed with a splash in Green Mountain lake, and Lee landed with a still bigger one, clothes and all. But he got the beer back!

Jules Brunow, also an Ex-Chief, expressed his pleasure at joining the celebration and entertained the assemblage with several amusing Carnival stories. Before the professional entertainers arrived, Mr. Brunow at the piano, and Frank Lisewski got together on several melodies which were well received by fellow-members.

L. V. D. Smith, a Hose Company foreman, and also a former Chief of the Department, expressed his thanks for an enjoyable evening, and mentioned several fires which were unusual in some respects. He also complimented the Department for its 50 years of service.

Chief Dalzell thanked all present for their co-operation in making the evening so successful and enjoyable, and asked that everyone put his shoulder to the wheel to make the public celebration on October 18th one of the outstanding events in Department and Village history.

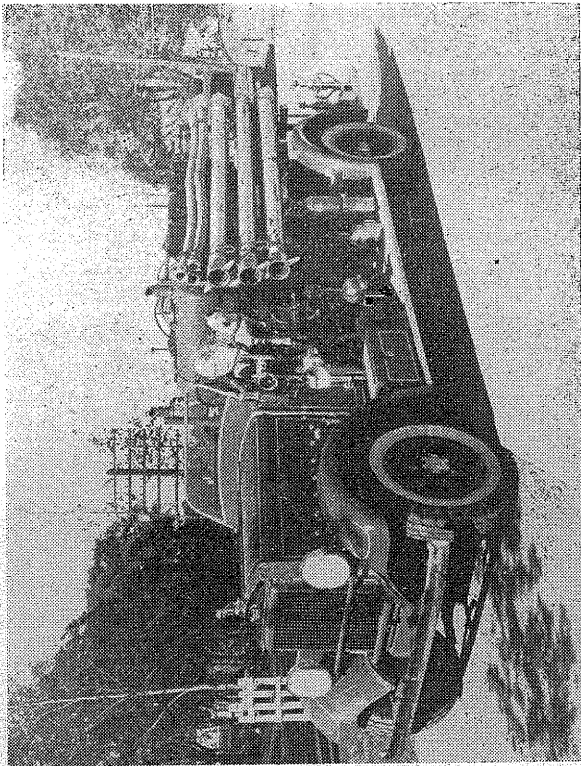
While waiting for the entertainers, who had been delayed by tire trouble at Croton Falls, to arrive Sylvester Burns filled in with a number of stories which would have done credit to a professional. "Vet" thoroughly enjoyed himself throughout the evening and his stories of the couple at the bingo game and of Pat and his confessor will be retold many, many times.

Those present at the Dinner were: Dr. H. P. Dawe, George L. Lucas, Henry A. Holmes, John Carey, Jules Brunow Sr., Egbert T. Green, Howard N. Allen, Albert E. Dodge, L. V. D. Smith, Ray F. Dalzell, Hadley Kindieburgh, Arthur Weaver, Frank Clay, Howard Kniffen, George Chase, Gerald McGough, Clarence Utter, Eugene Joyce, Joseph Orosz, Philip Ferry, John Cunningham, Charles Colman, Lloyd Tompkins, Spencer Colman.

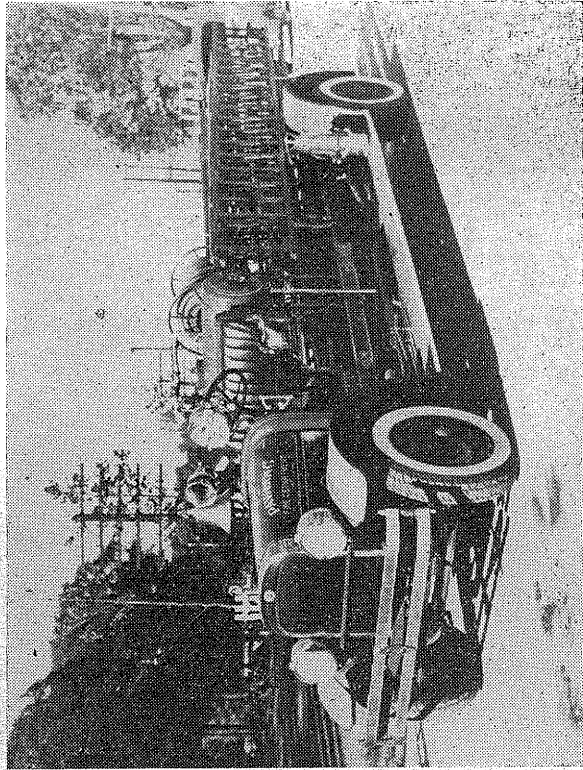
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The Most Disastrous Fires

It was the disastrous loss of property at what was known as the Ferris Block in 1892 which prompted the residents to get together to find some means to prevent another such catastrophe. It was a major conflagration in every sense of the word, and almost miraculous that no lives were lost.

The entire section of the block occupied by the Olmstead store, the Martha Corbin Confectionery store, Dr. Pearce's Drug store, James Hartford (harness maker), Toffey's Meat Market, the Theron Stark store, a tin shop, a jewelry store, and the home of Dr. Pease, among others, was a ruined heap of rubble the day following the fire. Several families were homeless, property damage was tremendous, particularly to Elmore Ferris who owned many of the buildings there at that time.

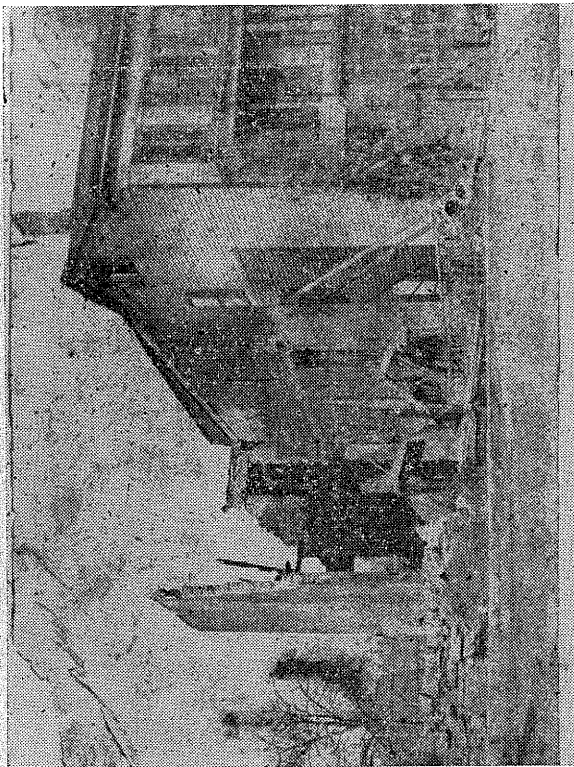
Residents of Dover Plains, Patterson, West Pawling, Holmes, Whaley Lake, Brewster and Stormville recall that the sky was a brilliant fiery glow at the height of the blaze. Hundreds of villagers were engulfed with terror at the prospect of attempting to block the spread of the flames, easily 100 feet high. The ominous and dreaded cry of "F-I-R-R-R-E" had awakened the entire town and the clanging of church bells only served to magnify the utter hopelessness of empty-handed men to cope with the conflagration.

But many and strong-armed men fought to the limit of their endurance with the meager equipment at hand. A bucket brigade worked hour on hour, but old-timers vouch for the futility of the method at the Ferris fire. The only hope was to confine the flames to as small an area as possible and pray that the Almighty would be kind and prevent the winds from spreading the fire to other sections of town.

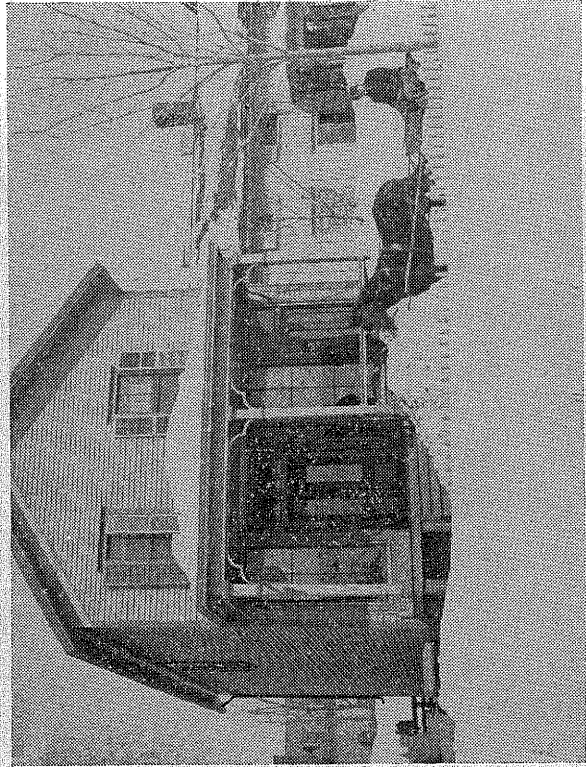
As the accompanying photograph shows, the present Charles Utter building was virtually undamaged, thanks to the brick-walled building to the left and, a wind from the North. The wall had been torn down before the photo was made.

Will Dye, later to become Pawling's first full-time Fire Chief, was injured in the Ferris Block fire. He was on the roof of one of the buildings in the early minutes of the disaster when it collapsed. He was rescued by sidewalk superintendents who undoubtedly saved his life when they assisted him from the smoke-filled structure. His hip was quite badly wrenched and he walked with a decided limp thereafter. The fire swept everything before it as far as and including the building now occupied by Dan Rogers on West Main street.

On May 22nd, 1914 fire was again discovered in the Ferris block. Company records state that it was a very dark morning and the lanterns of the company were in poor shape, but that the fire was put out in due time with the Masonic rooms badly damaged, Paul Ross burned



RUINS OF FERRIS BLOCK FIRE, 1892 (Railroad Ave)



BUILDINGS DESTROYED AT SAME FIRE
(Present Site of Britton Service Station, West Main St.)

out, the ceiling in the drug store badly burned, and all stores in the block badly damaged by water.

The Ferris Block, now familiarly known as the Rogers Block, was rebuilt by Ferris and others and is now occupied by a number of varied businesses and professions. They include Dan Rogers' Furniture Shop, George Britton gasoline station, Mary Palmer Drug store, Pawling Grange rooms, Dr. George N. Kelly dental office, Worden Beauty parlor, Harrie Wright Jewelry store, the First National store, part of Milton's Variety store, the law offices of James Sheridan, and the real estate office of A. L. Schnackenberg.

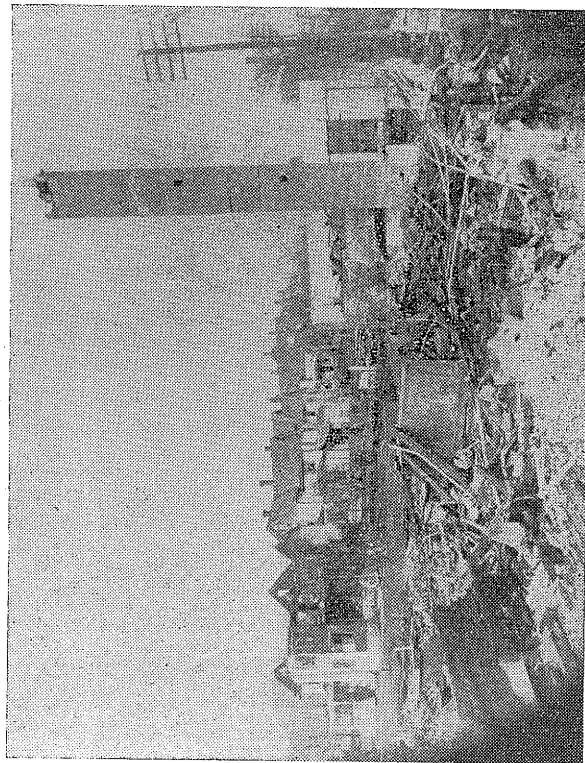
Twice within a period of twelve years the Sheffield Milk Factory was burned to the ground. In 1902 a ruinous fire, as the picture shows, visited the local concern, and again in 1914 the building was demolished. After the earlier fire, the company put up a then modern plant on the same site, which in turn was replaced the third time after destruction in 1914.

At the 1902 blaze, Henry B. Renner and Claude Ferris were handling the nozzle of a 2½-inch line from inside the Ragan Blacksmith shop, playing the stream on the huge building burning a few feet away. The heat of the blaze was so terrific that firemen buddies played another stream on the two smoke-eaters to enable them to continue the battle. After the fire was out, several hours later, Ferris and Renner, wet to the skin in spite of rubber hats, coats and boots, nonchalantly poured gallons of water from their boots, and avoided a cold even though the fire occurred in the Fall of the year.

And at the second Sheffield fire, Judge Emory Cole and Mr. Renner teamed up to get into a predicament seldom confronting the most eager beaver among our present-day volunteers. Burning embers from the factory fire caused a roof fire on one of the Christian Hill residences, and Cole and Renner manned the business end of the 2½ in the attic. By the time they reached a vantage point from which to attack the fire, flames had burned through the roof and set fire to a feather mattress stored in the attic. The stream at close quarters sent a million feathers into the air and the unfortunate pair found that they had a bear by the tail and couldn't hold on, and at the same time found it impossible to let go. They were a happy duo when help came to the rescue.

What was probably the biggest fire in Pawling's entire history occupied by the Pawling Post Office, the Grand Union store, Lang's Drug store, Clark's Electrical shop, Feinson's Dress shop, Jacoby's store and William J. Carey's grocery store was reduced to a mass of smoking rubble. George B. Nickerson, Pawling fireman, was crushed under the brick and mortar of a falling chimney to become the first man in the department's long history to die at his post of duty. Two families lost most of their worldly possessions in the disastrous conflagration, the Milton Lopinskies and the Henry Slocums, who occupied apartments over the Carey store.

Damage to property was conservatively estimated at \$200,000, with most of the store owners sustaining an almost total loss. The



RUINS OF SHEFFIELD MILK FACTORY, 1902

fire broke out at 6:15 p. m. in the Jacoby Department store, approximately 15 minutes after the store was closed for the night. Within a matter of minutes this structure was a flaming inferno, and, fanned by a 40-mile gale, the flames rapidly swept into adjoining buildings. Pawling firemen had just sat down to a dinner and social at the fire house when the wailing of the siren atop their building summoned them to a disaster which they, with the help of companies from Danbury, Patterson, Wassaic, Amenia, Dover Plains, Millerton, Lake Mahopac and Carmel finally brought under control about five hours later. At the height of the fire fifteen hose lines were being played on the fire, with New York Central trains being delayed for hours, and traffic within a radius of four blocks of the fire completely at a standstill.

The Colman Lumber company offices were ignited from burning embers carried over 800 feet by the gale, endangering the yard of lumber as well as a fuel storage tank. The Pawling railroad station was spared due to a metal and slate roof, which withstood a shower of burning embers for over an hour. Five houses on Smith street, probably 500 yards from the Howard corner, were set afire. These were all brought under control by neighboring companies which rendered yeoman assistance to the Pawling organization. Competent observers claimed that had the Colman Lumber fire gone unchecked the entire north section of the village would have been wiped out. Householders stationed themselves on the roofs of their homes to protect their property.

The Jacoby Department store was doomed by the time Pawling firemen arrived at the scene. The fire had started on the first floor of the building, and within a few minutes had burned through the roof, and, fanned by the high wind, communicated to the Carey store. Calls were made to all fire companies in the vicinity and response was rapid. From Dutchess and Putnam counties and Connecticut a steady stream of fire apparatus sped to the scene. The Pawling pumper was the only one hooked up, with the other companies connecting to hydrants with hose lines stretched along Railroad avenue and Broad street.

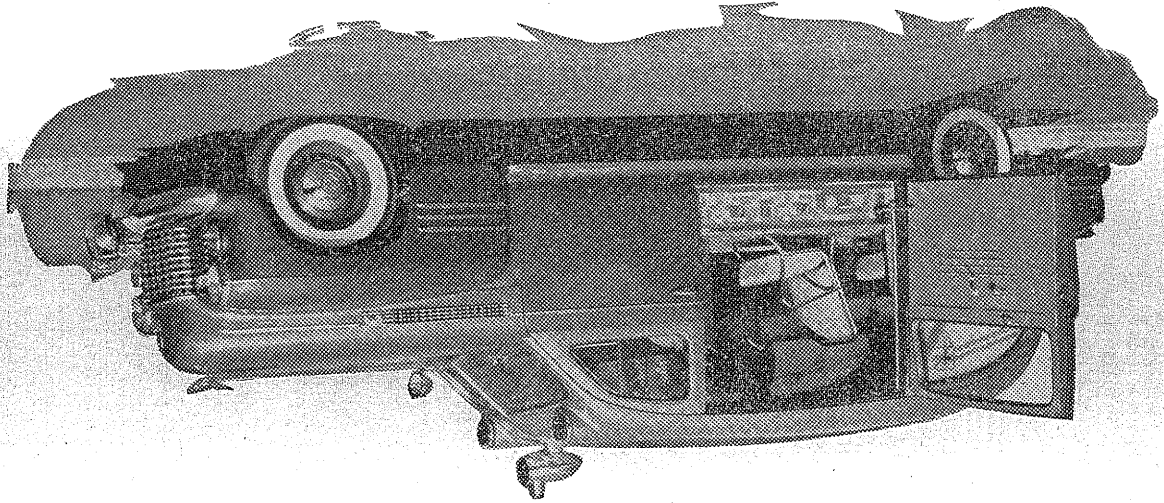
It was soon obvious that the U. S. Post office was also doomed, and volunteers under direction of Postmaster Harrie M. Wright removed all mail and valuables from the building without loss of even a postal card. The proprietors of Clark's and Feinson's, managed to remove part of their merchandise but the entire contents of the Langelath drug store and the Grand Union grocery store and meat department were a total loss from fire, smoke and water.

By 8 o'clock the entire block was destroyed with only the walls of the building standing. George B. Nickerson, one of the first firemen on the scene, had worked with firemen since the alarm first sounded. A man who had devoted his life to public safety, he had been a safety engineer for the New York Central railroad but in January, 1932 had resigned to take a position as safety engineer at the Harlem Valley State Hospital construction project at Wingdale. At about 7:30 the Jacoby building had collapsed in a roar of smoke

At the service of any person in this community who has need for it is the Pawling Fire Department ambulance. Purchased in 1941 from Carnival funds and subscription by the public, this \$2600 vehicle has justified its high cost many times over in service rendered to local public.

In 1941 fifty-two trips were made to hospitals. In 1942, ninety-two trips; in 1943, eighty-three trips; in 1944, ninety trips. In all, a total of 317 trips in its first four years' use.

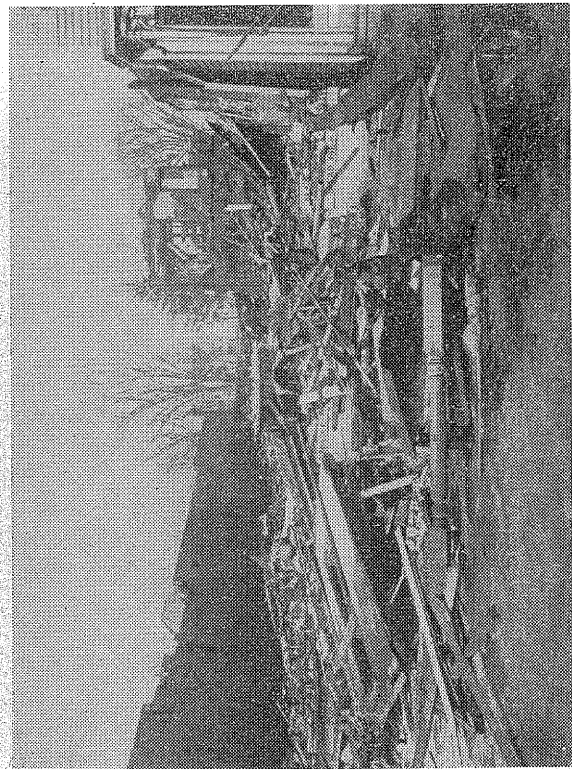
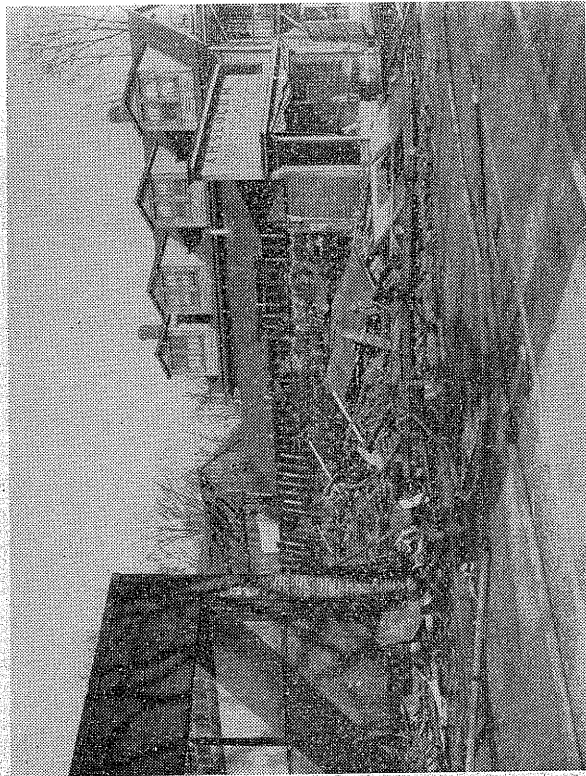
upkeep of the ambulance is from contributions made by those who have had occasion to use it and are able to make remuneration. Pawling firemen and their families are entitled to free use whenever necessary.



and flame with only the chimney remaining standing in the fiery ruins. Albert Starr, Patterson, and Nickerson sought to work in closer to help bring the flames under control in the rear of the store, and stepped into the path of the chimney, cloaked in dense smoke, as it trembled and collapsed.

Nickerson received the full force of the falling tons of brick and mortar. He went down in the debris, his head and face crushed, dying instantly. Starr was hit only glancing blows, and staggered in to rescue the man who had stood by his side just a few seconds before.

The cause of this murderous fire was never determined. Early arrivals claimed that water lent impetus to the flames, leading to the opinion that oil from the burner in the rear of the store might have ignited and started the conflagration. Insurance companies fought in the courts for a number of years before settlements were finally reached.



JACOBY-HOWARD BLOCK FIRE, 1932

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Pawling Fire Department

1895 — 1945

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Ernest Yabba of the Pawling Photo Studio who earnestly gave of his talent to portray the pictures in this booklet as his contribution toward our goal of a memento which might tell the story of our part in Village history, to date;

Miss Beatrice Dalzell for assistance so unselfishly rendered in accompanying ambulance patients to hospitals at a time when the presence of a woman is often a requisite;

The business and professional people of Pawling who purchased space to wish our members continued good fortune.

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Our present officers of the company and community officials are a vital link in the chain which goes to make up the history of the Village and Town of Pawling. May these photographs play a part in making just a little easier the task of compiling a 75th and 100th Anniversary Memento of Pawling Fire Department—and Pawling.

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