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VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR FIRE COMMITTEE

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other lines of business I have found that it always pays to buy from the man who specializes, for it is reasonable to believe that he who makes a study of any problem or proposition will come nearer to reaching the desired result than he whose knowledge is incomplete or indefinite.

The principal feature of motorized fire apparatus should be the high power car, not so much for speed on the race track street, but for ample power to apply when it is needed. A maximum speed of, say 30 miles an hour is all that is needed. A faster rate of travel endangers the lives of the firemen as well as of the citizens on the street, and leads to the damaging of the apparatus. Some towns have bought the chassis of a good, heavy car and mounted the equipment at home very successfully, and it is not for me to say that this is not good judgement. Also in some cases the funds for the purchase of standard equipment have not been available and a cheaper device had to be used. I have had the privilege of discussing this subject with people interested, and in a number of cases the principal objection to motorization was the expense of maintaining a paid man or two for the handling of the apparatus. In this connection a number of ideas have suggested themselves. When a town is slightly skeptical about the way some departments are handling the proposition, and does not feel confident that it can follow out the plan in use at Neodesha or Fredonia, there is a way of getting around the problem of a paid man with little expense. In the average town of from 1,500 to 4,000 people, the duties of the city clerk take up but a small portion of his time, and consequently these positions are often given to an elderly man or to some one incapacitated for other work. His salary ranging from \$150 to \$300 a year, is paid out of the general fund of the city. In such towns when motor equipment is installed in the fire department, a man should be appointed who is qualified to do the work of the city clerk and who can also look after the motor truck. Of course a man of this kind will have to be paid more money, but if about \$40 a month is added to the \$25 per month previously given to the city clerk, there will be plenty of men who will apply for the position. Then the same old complaint will bob up again, "We can't afford to pay that much, our general funds won't stand it." But that is what the maintenance fund is for.

You are probably thinking about how that city clerk will take care of these duties at night. I should not expect him to do it. Nearly all towns have a night marshal, and he should be given charge of it. Better still in a town of the size I

have mentioned, where there is a volunteer department, you will find from four to ten members any one of whom would be only too glad to sleep at headquarters if a room were furnished free, and that is of course practicable, since most headquarters are ample for this.

In regard to the expense of the car it might be mentioned that most of us are carrying too many men on our fire organization roll, and that consequently we are losing an amount of money by the exemption of these men from poll taxes. I venture to say that if a department is allowed 35 to 40 men it is probably carrying the full number on its list, though all are exempt from poll taxes. The chances are that out of these 35 or 40 men there are only 15 or 20 that can always be counted on when an alarm is sounded. By cutting down the department to 10 or 15 men the amount of extra poll tax going into the city treasury will more than pay the expense of the upkeep of the car.

Another thing to take into consideration is the care of the truck in winter. Some will say that a steam heated building is necessary to house it. It would be better to have such a building I admit, and it does not cost a fortune to have it. As most cities have adequate buildings, the principal cost would be the installing of the heating system. After that the amount of coal used would be little more than that used in stoves, especially where two and even three stoves are used. But where there is no steam heated building, it is quite often possible to keep the truck at a convenient garage, where heat is already installed and where drivers are handy day and night, in case they are needed. But if this is impossible, a small electric heater can be used under the hood of the car, or "anti-freeze" can be used in the radiator. Three quarts of wood alcohol and one quart of commercial glycerine is a very good one.

In conclusion, there is no reasonable excuse for the fire departments in the smaller towns not to have motor equipment. It makes for economy and efficiency and lower insurance rates, and its advantages far outweigh any other considerations.

Farewell Party

At the suggestion of Mrs. Mary Martin and Mrs. Margie Smith quite a number of the members of Cypress Grove lodge No. 93, met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Humes and presented her with a beautiful Circle pin.

We were royally entertained, but there was sadness mingled with the pleasure as we had to bid her farewell as she was leaving here next day for her future home near Brookhaven, Miss. She will be sadly missed by her many friends and Circle members.—A Guest.

Mrs. E. R. Vincent and children spent the week end with relatives in Monticello.

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Mrs. Sorenson and Mr. Dittmar have returned to their home in Clinton, Ia., after a visit with Mrs. R. L. Bonney.