

LACK OF WATER PRESSURE HALTS FIREMEN'S WORK

Henry Vix Home, on Rogers Street Almost Burned to Ground Saturday Morning

Water pressure that was very poor to say the least, hampered the local fire department in fighting a blaze at the Henry Vix home, on Rogers Street last Saturday morning.

A defective chimney is thought to have been the cause of the fire and it had gained great headway before it was discovered by Mrs. Vix at work in the house. She immediately telephoned in an alarm but the entire roof was ablaze before the arrival of the department.

Our hopelessly inadequate apparatus had trouble in getting to the scene and after a lead of hose had been coupled to the fire hydrant in front of the house it was found the nozzle was out of order. The one that was quickly substituted was not much better and everyone who handled the hose was wet to the skin from the leaks.

Even after the delays the fire could have been successfully extinguished from the ground had the water pressure been sufficient, but the stream barely reached the roof. Ladders were used and the fire fought from an upstairs window. Had the pressure been what it should be another lead of hose could have been brought into play and effectively used.

The house is almost a total loss and will have to be practically rebuilt from the foundation as the fire got down between the walls. There was, however, enough insurance on the place so that it can be rebuilt with but a small loss to the owner.

Practically all of the furniture was saved by neighbors and volunteer workers.

Two Alarms Saturday
The Vix fire was the second turned in last Saturday morning making a total of eight for the last three weeks.

The first alarm came from the home of Val Wander on Prince Avenue and was another caused by the chimney. Neighbors noticed the smoke and flame and informed Mr. Wander's daughter, Miss Emma, who turned in the alarm. It was extinguished without any trouble and very little damage was done.

False Alarm Tuesday
A false alarm was turned in Tuesday afternoon that the old shack west of the Congregational church was afire. The whistle was not blown but the call of the fire bell drew hundreds to the scene.

If this eyesore ever does catch fire let's let 'er go.

CEMETERY LAND SITE FOR MEMORIAL BUILDING?

I have been interested in the articles which have appeared so far regarding a township high school to be a memorial to our boys who have served their country in her time of need. I do not approve of the township idea for two reasons:

1st—To be of use to Downers Grove, to be a community center, the building would have to be in Downers Grove and to this, Hinsdale would never consent—that was clearly demonstrated when this movement was started once before.

2nd—Such a building should be centrally located, and there is no vacant property in the heart of our village large enough for such a building with the proper grounds adjoining.

Therefore, as a substitute, I submit the following plan: That the village erect a community center to contain the following—the large basement floor enough for basket ball and large enough to allow seats for an audience; this to contain plenty of equipment for both boys and men and women and girls so built as to be moveable for basket ball games and of course it must contain a swimming tank. This gymnasium to be for the use of the men of the village, the boy scouts and the high school and ladies' gymnasium classes. This would enable the school to cut their present gymnasium space into class rooms and relieve their congested condition—at least for the time being.

The main floor of this building should contain the Village Office; quarters for the fire department; a meeting room for boy scouts, Y.M.C.A. (Camp Fire Girls if they desire)—a comfortable place, not too large nor too small; and if there is any remaining space, a store whose rental would bring the village some income.

Above all this should be a large hall with a gallery, a good stage, dressing rooms and large enough to seat six or seven hundred people at least. This is the crying need of our village at the present time. If there were extra room, offices could be put in, which would, again, produce income.

Such a building must be centrally located of course, and to do this I would move the unsightly grave yard which makes our lovely little village the joke of all its neighbors. Make the building occupy the space from Hawkins Garage to the creek—part of this being already the property of the village, expense for ground would be greatly lessened. Then we would have a block there of which everyone could be proud and which would fill a long felt need in this community.

A loyal resident of Downers Grove.

\$200,000 IN BACK TAX SOUGHT IN COWAN ESTATE

Steps to collect more than \$200,000 in back taxes on the estate of the late William P. Cowan, president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, are being taken by DuPage county officials. Cowan died on his farm at Wheaton last August. He was known to be wealthy, but his holdings did not become public until after his death. Then it was learned his estate was valued at more than \$1,500,000.

State's Attorney Charles Hadley of Wheaton and Attorney George W. Thoma of Elmhurst are trying to settle the estate, being retained as Attorneys for Alfred B. Hoy, a public administrator. Cowan's nearest relatives are cousins of only moderate means who reside in other states. His wife died in March 1917.

According to DuPage county officials, the extent of Cowan's estate was not known until after an investigation had been started by the public administrator. Going to the Cowan farm near Wheaton, he opened a desk to find deposit slips of the day previous amounting to \$175,000. It was then learned that he was also the president of the oil company.

ROY MOORE WITH OUTFIT ORGANIZED BACK IN 1811

Dear Mr. White:
Enclosed please find letter which I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will hand to Uncle Lester personally.

I am located at a little town called Lucenay Le Duc, near Dijon. We just arrived here last week after a hike of about 150 or 200 miles from south of Metz where we were stationed at the time the armistice was signed. It was quite a strenuous hike as we were short of horses and many that we had, had been gassed so we had to walk and spare them all we could. The weather was also bad. I came through in fine shape though, and am at present and always have been in fine health.

This war game might be worse but just the same I believe I would rather be braking on the old 5:50.

I am in the best light field artillery regiment in the U. S. Army also the oldest. It was founded in 1811. D Battery fired the first shell in the Battle of Gettysburg. It is the best outfit to be with in time of war but the poorest at present, I guess. But it is all a game of chance with me now. Can't tell when I will get out and where I go next.

Have had some great old experiences but will not be able to write about them as my time is limited, will have to save them and relate them to you if I am lucky enough to get back before they are ancient history.

Thanking you for handing the letter to him and wishing you both the best o. luck I am,

Sincerely,
R. Moore.

MACCABEES ATTENTION!

The date and plans of our "Home Coming Reception and Dance" to our returning boys have been changed. The Committee in charge requests all members to turn out and attend the next review, February 14, to discuss the plans in detail.

As there is a great deal of work entailed in making this home coming reception the success it deserves to be, let each one of us "do our bit", by helping in whatever way we can. Tickets will be ready for distribution.

Chairman.

MONEY NEEDED FOR WORLD WAR VETERANS FLAG

The mothers, wives and sisters of the boys in the service may well be pleased with the way that the money is coming in for the flag.

However it has not all come in yet, and will you who have boys on the Service Flag bring your fifty cents, if you have not already done so, to the treasurer of the fund, Mrs. G. F. Hawkins, at the store at 43 So.

Main Street
You will see that this voluntary action on your part will greatly hasten and simplify the work of the committee.
The flag has been purchased "on credit" let's pay for it quick.

Had His "Doots."
Sailor (as he gazes at his portion of corned beef)—I wonder if this meat used to moo or whinny.—Boston Transcript.

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