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MICKIE SAYS—

LISSEN, MR. MERCHANT! JEST BECUZ SOME CITY FIRM SENDS YOU READING NOTICES ABOUT THEIR PRODUCT AN' SEZ "TAKE THIS TO YOUR EDITOR—HE'LL BE GLAD TO PRINT IT FREE AS NEWS," THAT DON'T MEAN HE WILL, BY SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES!



THE FIREMEN

Fire protection is a matter to which little thought is given until a fire occurs. The local fire department is seldom thought of until the fire whistle sounds an alarm and the boys are the subject of criticism from well meaning, we believe, but unthinking people.

Everything to the contrary we have here in the village fire fighting outfit of which few small communities can boast and a bunch of men who labor hard at mastering the details of efficient fire fighting. They should have the commendation of the community for being always on the job; for working tirelessly to perfect themselves and so save money for the people when they are needed and for their work at fires.

Back up the fire laddies. They need it and will appreciate it. Cheap criticism does no good. If you have something really valuable to tell them, they will listen and thank you for the information.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The life of Abraham Lincoln, martyred president of the United States, whose birthday we celebrate Sunday, should be a little lesson for every foreign born resident of the country.

Nowhere else in the civilized world could it be possible for a man of his humble beginning to rise to the rulership of a nation. That is the one argument necessary to combat the spreading of "red" propaganda and the like. A man in this country has his own destiny before him. His success or failure depends upon himself.

In no other country will you find the number of wealthy people, educated people and leaders of thought, who rose from poor surroundings to their present position by their own efforts. This is one of the greatest advantages of being a citizen of the United States and the life of "Honest Abe" is a cross section of the lives of many of our great men.

A COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Never in the history of this community has there been a time when so many of the thoughts of the people were more in the thoughts of the people.

Now, more than ever before in the history of this community, should the thoughts of the people turn to the schools. Conditions this year are passable, that is the Board of Education is "getting by" with their limited facilities and crowded schools.

What will happen next year and the next, with the increase in population of the school district, are hard matters to conjecture. The only solution is a Community High School. In this way the present high school rooms and equipment could be used for the graded schools (and goodness knows they'll need it) while the new school would be for the higher grades of the public school system.

We would advise people interested

to talk with Superintendent of Schools Reed, or with members of the school board. They will get some facts that will open their eyes and make them boosters for the Community High.

A SWIMMING POOL

With the possibility that Downers Grove may have a swimming pool all to itself next summer the boys are already making plans. We overheard a conversation the other day between two lads about fourteen years of age. They were planning how they were going to that pool early in the morning and stay all day.

The talk ended thus wise, "I'll be able to swim at the end of the summer."

Are we going to give that boy a chance to learn how to swim by the end of the summer?

Think it over and be ready for eventualities.

SPEEDING TO FIRES

Every time the fire department responds to an alarm of fire there is potential danger of an accident. Since automobiles have come into vogue, the chances have increased. The fire department is liable to be criticized for speeding at most any of such occasions. To the person standing on the sidewalk, in some cases there might appear imminent and numerous possibilities for collision and narrow escapes from them. The apparatus goes by with a roar, and with clanging bell and shrieking siren, to judge by the noise created, it is speeding at the rate of sixty or seventy miles per hour. As a matter of fact, it seldom exceeds twenty-five to thirty-five miles per hour, depending on conditions. It may go faster when the conditions are favorable.

The noise is put on for a purpose. It is to call attention, in the only way it can, to the fact that the fire department is on an errand of emergency and desires to have a clear road or right of way to get to its destination in the shortest possible time. Time is the all important factor when life and property are at stake. Time is dependent on speed. The first five or ten minutes after a fire starts, determines largely what the loss will be. At the start, a bucket of water may be sufficient. After ten or fifteen minutes, a deluge may be required.

There is another side to the situation. Has it ever occurred to you that there is a man or a woman at the other end of the journey who has called for the services of the department and who contemplates with anxiety its all too slow progress and arrival?

To this man or woman, the time consumed is an eternity and what a sigh of relief goes up when help is at last at hand!

The question is naturally raised as to what is proper speed and on this subject, few will agree. It depends on conditions and on the point of view of the persons involved in the argument. What speed constitutes too much speed? How fast is too fast? A facetious and unresponsive answer would be, "When there is an accident. Sometimes we might all agree on this."

One of the outcropping traits of mankind is curiosity. He is blasé if his curiosity cannot be aroused. A fire department responding to an alarm will generally "get" a red-blooded, normal man. "Where is it?" (Somewhat concerned)—"It may be at my house." (Less concerned)—"At any rate, it will furnish some excitement." (Flated)—"Let's go."

The fire department welcomes this, but asks that a little discretion be used in getting too close to the scene of operations. Recently, an ordinance was passed prohibiting the following of apparatus or parking an automobile within a zone of five hundred feet of the scene of a fire. Of recent years it has become the custom to follow the fire apparatus. If one would stop and think a moment, one can readily imagine what a jammed street presents to a piece of apparatus trying to get in to work and maneuvering to stretch hose.

The fire department believes that more can be accomplished by cooperation than by coercion, and works on this principle. You have probably guessed the point of this article. All the department would desire is cooperation. So the next time you want to see a fire, come ahead and maybe you can help. BUT, take to the curb when you hear the apparatus and wait until it has passed. Then park your car at the curb away from a fire hydrant and 500 feet or more away from the fire. Then walk or run the remainder of the distance, see what there may be of interest and enjoy yourself without coming into range of the streams of water.

Some iconoclast or crape-hanger wants to buy a book and pencil and amuse himself taking down the li-

cence numbers of automobiles within 500 feet of the fire. But then someone is always trying to take the joy out of life. Thank you for your cooperation.

Of course this does not excuse you from State or Village speed laws so look out as we are informed these laws are to be enforced.

HENRY C. DICKE.

Twelve enjoyed stag dinner at C. Staiger home.

Congenial Party Linger Long Over Splendidly Cooked and Well Served Meal.

Carl J. Staiger was host at a stag dinner last Saturday evening to twelve of his friends at his home in Middaugh avenue. The party lingered over the meal for almost two

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BEG YOUR PARDON

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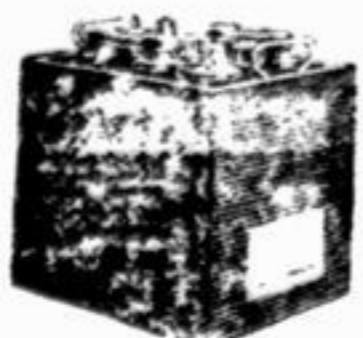
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