

# FIRE LOSS IS LOW IN CITY LAST YEAR

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\$4,482 to the owners. With a loss of \$6,435 to insured contents, the insurance paid covered that loss to the extent of \$4,811, leaving a net loss of only \$1,624 to the owners. The total net loss to the owners of insured buildings and contents damaged by fire here in 1932, therefore, was only \$6,106, or about 60 cents per capita actual loss instead of \$1.62 total loss per capita.

The loss on buildings not insured here last year was only \$705, whereas the loss on contents not insured was \$1,725. This was a total loss of \$2,430 on buildings and contents not insured, which, added to the loss on buildings and contents which were protected by insurance, makes the total loss for the year exactly \$19,820, not deducting insurance paid on losses. The average loss per fire during the year was \$71.

Six calls for assistance to other towns were answered by the department in 1932. Eight inhalator calls were answered, nine rescues were made, and nine false alarms were answered.

There were two fatalities from fires here last year, and four accidents and injuries to firemen resulted in the year's work.

### Heaviest Loss in June

The heaviest loss to insured buildings and contents during any one month of 1932 was \$4,375, in June. The insurance involved that month was \$11,600. Eleven runs were made that month.

The smallest loss to insured buildings and contents was in August, when a \$25 loss was all that was chalked up against 17 runs by the department to protect buildings and contents valued at \$109,500.

The report of fires and losses by the month in Highland Park in 1932 follows.

Month	Runs	Loss	Value Involved
Jan.	10	\$ 36.25	\$ 55,425
Feb.	45	2,960.00	31,000
March	15	1,910.00	308,000
April	39	925.00	479,000
May	9	70.00	1,100
June	11	4,375.00	11,600
July	12	800.00	33,665
Aug.	17	25.00	109,500
Sept.	22	725.00	10,600
Oct.	31	1,533.00	16,100
Nov.	34	1,900.00	106,700
Dec.	33	2,117.00	203,000

### 35 Automobile Fires

There were 62 fires in residences in Highland Park last year, 19 in brick residences and 43 in frame houses. There were 46 grass fires and 16 fires in leaves in the city in 1932. The fire department was called to extinguish 35 fires in automobiles, ten fires in stores, 14 blazes in private garages, five in barns, three in flats, four in apartments, two each in club houses, sheds, restaurants and fences, and one each of the following: public garage, dog kennel, stable, carpenter shop, gasoline filling station, bridge, laundry, hotel, passenger depot, office and warehouse.

Matches and smoking were the greatest causes of fires here last year, starting 109 blazes, and rubbish was responsible for the starting of 66 blazes. Garbage burners started 21 fires, chimneys started 15, bon fires started 17, petroleum and its products started 18, and oil burners and automobile back fires started 10 each.

Furnaces and stoves started 9 fires here last year, and short circuits in automobiles also started that number. Five fires were started by electric wiring, and four each were started by sparks on shingles and engine sparks. Spontaneous combustion, explosions and blow torches were responsible for three fires each; and lightning, defective chimneys, gas and arson were the causes of two fires each. One blaze each is attributed to oil rags, refrigeration, defective fire place, and electric motor short circuit.

### Fire Prevention Bureau

In addition to the year's work of extinguishing fires and protecting property, the Highland Park Fire department, through its fire prevention bureau, brought the subject of fire prevention into the schools, homes and business houses of the city.

Fire drills were held during the year at the Deerfield-Shields high school (where 1300 pupils and teachers vacated the building in one minute and three-fourths of a second), the Elm Place building, the Lincoln school, the Ravinia school, the Braeside school (where 105 left the building in 50 seconds) and the Green Bay school.

A total of 1600 fire inspections were made by the department during 1932, in which 312 hazards were found and corrected and 12 buildings were remodeled to remove hazards. A total of 309 extinguishers were inspected and 45 were recharged. Eight fire prevention demonstrations were given, four fire prevention talks were given to schools, 12 fire drills were held in schools, 15 fires were investigated as to cause, and the state fire marshal made four investigations here. Uniformed members of the fire department were detailed to public gatherings for protection for a total of 29 hours.

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