

FIRES HIT PEAK SINCE APRIL 1

Department Receives Many Compliments

There have been 19 fires since the first day of April, which establishes a record for Winnetka, according to Chief G. M. Houren of the fire department. Seventeen of these fires were rubbish or grass fires and the other two were in residences.

The garage of the Leonard Peterson premises at 687 Lincoln avenue, was damaged to the extent of \$250 Saturday when the roof of the building caught fire from an unknown cause.

Sparks from a rubbish burner set fire to the roof of William C. Boyden's home at 725 Pine street, Sunday, causing a damage of \$100. Prompt action by the fire department prevented serious damage to the dwelling. The following letter from Mr. Boyden was received by Chief Houren:

Make Quick Response

"I want to thank you and your men for the very prompt response to our call for help on Sunday morning. If you had not been so prompt and so effective I am sure that we were in for a serious loss.

"Will you please accept the enclosed check for your pension fund, and believe me, gratefully yours, W. C. Boyden."

Another letter which was received by Chief Houren recently was from Forest R. Lowrey, whose home at 550 Oak street was damaged to the extent of \$1750 on March 28 in a fire caused by hot ashes in the ash pit. This letter follows:

"Once before during my residence in Winnetka I had occasion to express my appreciation of the prompt and efficient manner in which you and your men handle fire emergencies.

"The service which you render residents of the community was again called to my attention last Saturday, March 28, when you answered a call at my residence about noon. The speed with which you reached the scene of action, the efficiency with which you located the fire and got it under control, together with your

thoughtfulness and courtesy in causing a minimum of damage to the household contents, seems to me to be unusual and especially warranting commendation, as well as appreciation.

"There is only one way I know of to express appreciation to the members of the Winnetka fire department and so I am enclosing my check for \$25 to be used and distributed by yourself, as head of the department, in any way you see fit.

"With kindest personal regards, I am, yours very truly, Forest R. Lowrey."

Camp Fire Embers

CHINESE TEA

Some one peeked into the Camp Fire room in Community House the other day and was surprised to see a hilarious group of girls awkwardly trying to manipulate chop sticks, and loudly sipping tea in Chinese fashion. Had that person remained to learn more about this affair, he would have found that this was a group of Camp Fire Girls enjoying the labors of each individual girl who has helped with that Chinese dinner, and that they were poignantly appreciating some of the table customs of Chinese people, by following the example of their guardian, Mrs. Paul Hutchinson, who had spent some time in China. It was great fun eating with the chop sticks from Chinese dishes. And there was much conversation as to Chinese customs.

This group, working together for an

object, especially one object, is typical of Camp Fire. Every Camp Fire Girl goes through many such experiences with her "sisters," each being richer for them, with the added knowledge that she has been one unit of a whole that was working toward a goal. In other words—teamwork. This is only one

group of Camp Fire, and each group has its own method of bringing out this spirit of working together.

Mothers and fathers of Camp Fire Girls we want you, with your girls, to have the opportunity of seeing something of what Camp Fire does mean, and how beautiful it all is. This opportunity will

be given soon at the Grand Council Fire to be given in Orchestra hall, Chicago, on Monday evening, April 20, at which representatives of Camp Fire all over the country, will preside. Mrs. Wortley, at Community House, and Mrs. George Parker (Phone Winnetka 992) will be glad to give you information concerning it.

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