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Community Fire Truck Arrives

Big Mass Meeting and Demonstration Held Friday Evening In Honor of Event

Last December the proposition of West Concord and the farming districts of its immediate vicinity, to own and purchase a community Fire Truck was much in discussion, and after due consideration a popular description campaign was put on among the farmers in the community of West Concord, from which some \$1400 was pledged, which, together with a fund that our local Fire Department had been "putting aside" yearly amounted to enough where it was thought plans could be made to at once go ahead and purchase such fire fighting equipment which would benefit the community as a whole.

At a mass meeting held later a committee of four from the country districts and two of the local firemen were named to at once proceed and purchase such equipment, that they thought would best suit our community.

The committee, which was composed of John Madsen, Nat Osborn, Isaac Emerson, Charley Bringgold, Frank Pirk, Jr., and L. C. Fairbank, went to St. Paul, December 18th, where they purchased a Waterous 300 gallon Booster and Chemical tank and pump with triple combination equipment, said apparatus to be mounted upon an International 6-cylinder 1½ ton chassis with a 4-speed transmission and a 2-ton motor.

Last week Thursday Frank Pirk, Jr., and George Mosher went up to St. Paul and drove the fire truck back, and the following evening—Friday—a big gathering of the farmers and business men and all those who were interested in the proposition was held at the city hall in honor of the event, a representative of the Waterous company and one from the International company were also present, to explain in detail the workings of the truck.

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of the fire department reviewed the past events leading up to the arrival of the truck after which Mr. Devlin, the Waterous representative, spoke briefly upon the truck's mechanism and answered questions in regard to the same. This session was immediately followed by an hour's entertainment of movies and lunch sponsored by our local business men.

After lunch the truck was driven up to the hydrant on the corner of the city park where a demonstration was given as to just what the truck was capable of doing. A stream of water was thrown at least 15 or 20 feet over the 125-ft. water tower in the park.

The equipment consists of an 80 gallon water tank, 1 booster and 1 soda and acid chemical tanks, 1 - 300 gallon pump, 150 ft. ¾ in. hose, with other necessary equipment, namely—1 fire axe, 1 crowbar, one electric search light, 2 rear electric search lights, 2 fire lanterns, 2 - 3 gal. extinguishers, 1 - 12 ft. roof ladder, 1 24 ft. extension ladder, one 8-ft. pike pole, 2 nozzle holders, one hand siren, 2 chemical shut-off nozzles, 10 - 12-qt. buckets, with other necessary smaller articles.

The truck contains a seat of sufficient size for two men, with rear step and running boards of hardwood covered with heavy aluminum matting, the body being of heavy sheet steel, with nickel plated polished brass rails along sides and rear.

The water is drawn from the tank into the fire pump, and discharged through the chemical hose, and can be refilled without shutting down. The piping is so arranged that the pump can take suction and discharge into chemical hose at the same time it is discharging the regular fire streams.

The pump is of the rotary impeller type, and is located under the driver's seat and arranged with shift lever conveniently located for control. Is also arranged so as to take advantage of the speed changes of the chassis transmission.

Mr. Devlin said during his speech that West Concord and vicinity should be rightly proud of the selection which was made by the committee appointed in their selection of this fire fighting equipment, which ranks far ahead of equipment of like nature that other larger towns have throughout our state.