

## FUND RAISING DRIVE

During the past several years your Fire Company has been replacing worn out and obsolete equipment. Also, they have purchased new equipment such as flood lights and generator for use at night fires, auxiliary portable pump, and a Scott Air-Pac for use in smoke or gas filled buildings. This Air-Pac has proved very useful at several recent fires. In addition, the building housing the auditorium and engine house has been renovated as reported in the previous News Letter. Of course, all of this costs money and many people in the community have responded splendidly the past few years in helping their Fire Company obtain the equipment needed to do a thorough, efficient job.

Much of the expense connected with the above has already been paid for or, as in the case of the new Mack Fire Engine, the money is available. However, new commitments have been made for two major expenditures. The money for these had to be borrowed. The new Engine House alone is costing between \$7,500 and \$8,000 to build and equip, plus \$2,000 for 1300 feet of hose and other items. Naturally, we hope that a substantial part of this sum may be realized from the Carnival. However, much of the proceeds from the Carnival must be allocated for year-round operating expense. To meet our obligations the Committee has set a goal of \$4,000. Consequently, it is necessary that everyone in the community co-operate to the fullest to make the Fund Raising Drive a success.

Like all other local fire companies, the Richboro Fire Company responds to fires in adjacent communities in the same way that eighteen companies responded to the fire at the Richboro School on the night of March 29th. **HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT WHILE THE FIRE COMPANY GOES BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP TO FIGHT FIRES, IT DOES NOT SOLICIT FUNDS IN THIS DRIVE EXCEPT IN NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP. THEREFORE, IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY RESIDENT OF THE TOWNSHIP IRRESPECTIVE OF WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED TO SUPPORT THEIR FIRE COMPANY IN THIS DRIVE.**

**Ground Prize Tickets  
for Carnival  
Available Through  
Your Merchants**

**LADIES!**

Call Mrs. Robert Turner to Assist at  
Carnival for Ladies' Auxiliary

**NEWS REPORT  
and  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
of  
RICHBORO FIRE CO. No. 1  
Serving Northampton Township  
RICHBORO, PA.**

**BOX HOLDER**

# Richboro Fire Company

## No. 1

Serving Northampton Township

## NEWS REPORT

**CO-OPERATE WITH THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN. YOUR CO-OPERATION AND APPRECIATION IS ALL THEY ASK FOR THE MANY HOURS THEY SPEND WORKING TO RAISE FUNDS TO PURCHASE, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE EQUIPMENT TO PREVENT AND FIGHT FIRES IN YOUR COMMUNITY.**

Last year we sent a report to members of the community to bring them information concerning their Fire Company. Some folks were kind enough to express their appreciation and interest in what we were trying to do. At that time we told you of some accomplishments, and of some plans for the future.

During the past year we have been carrying forward these plans for rehabilitation and expansion of equipment and facilities to meet the growing needs of our community. As explained in our previous report those plans centered about replacing old and obsolete equipment with modern fire-fighting facilities.

A Mack 75-Triple Combination Pumper with 600 gallon booster tank is almost ready for delivery as this is being written. The acquisition of this new engine revived an old problem, that of satisfactory housing for the engine. This subject will be dealt with further in another section of this report.

During the past year it was necessary to add to or replace certain facilities of the building and grounds. A new, improved outdoor lighting system mounted on steel poles was installed to replace the previous system which was badly damaged during a storm. The loss was covered by insurance, which partially paid for the new lighting. The well had to be re-drilled to increase the flow of water; new folding chairs were bought for the auditorium, dishes and equipment in the kitchen were replaced.

**CARNIVAL DATES**

**July 2-3-5-9-10**

Keep These Dates Reserved for Your  
Fire Company

## SUMMER CARNIVAL

(Bingo, inside)

The Annual Carnival will open with fireworks (yes, aerial fireworks) on the night of Friday, July 2nd, and continue on Saturday, July 3rd; Monday, July 5th; Friday, July 9th; and Saturday, July 10th. In case of rain July 10th, final night will be July 17th. The fireworks display on July 2nd will start about 9 P. M.

Carl Kunz, the Carnival Chairman, has some bang-up ideas for this year. IMAGINE, A FREE GROUND PRIZE WORTH \$375.00! A big new feature this year will be the awarding of ten ground prizes each night, a total of fifty ground prizes for the five nights of the Carnival. Drawings for ground prizes will be held at 10 P. M., 11 P. M., and 12 P. M., each of the five nights. These will include fine and valuable premiums such as a \$375.00 Victor 16 mm. sound motion picture projector, two table radios, and others too numerous to mention. Be sure to be on hand for the drawing of these valuable prizes. You don't have to stay 'till midnight to win.

The usual tasty and delicious refreshments will again be served. This year a new enlarged refreshment counter is available for this most important part of the Carnival, and service will be courteous and fast.

Again, we will have a big new 1948 Pontiac Streamliner Sedan with Radio, Heater and other extras to be given to some fortunate person on Saturday, July 10th, at midnight. Be sure to see Russ Cornell, Chairman, for your tickets.

**Bring the Children Early**

**Let Them Enjoy**

**PONY RIDES**

**LADIES' AUXILIARY**

Since last year the Ladies' Auxiliary has been increasing its activities in line with the increased responsibilities of your Fire Company. In order to acquire funds with which to pay for equipment they donated to the Fire Company, several Pork and Sour Krout Suppers were held. With the proceeds, a new sixteen burner gas stove with three large ovens was purchased by the Ladies' Auxiliary for installation in the kitchen of the Fire Hall. This new stove will greatly aid the serving of suppers held at the Fire Hall. These suppers are occasionally sponsored by community groups other than the Fire Company.

Again this year, as last year, the Ladies' Auxiliary will have a cake stand at the Carnival where those delicious homemade cakes, pies, rolls, etc., will be on sale. In order that they may further carry out their plans for the coming year the Auxiliary needs more active workers. Ladies, help your Fire Company by active participation in the Auxiliary. The Ladies' Auxiliary meets the last Tuesday of each month at the Fire Hall. Write or phone Mrs. Robert Turner, President, for information.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1947

In order that you may be aware of how your Fire Company receives its moneys and where they are spent, we are submitting a statement for the past year.

### RECEIPTS

Balance per books, January 1, 1947....	\$1,773.83
Rentals from Hall (Gross).....	995.05
Membership Subscriptions (Net).....	1,095.93
From Township Supervisors.....	326.75
Summer Carnival.....	7,198.63
Miscellaneous Receipts and Donations..	651.25

Total ..... \$12,041.44

\*Turkey Supper (See note below)

### DISBURSEMENTS

Building Operation (Coal, Light, Janitor etc.) .....	\$1,217.70
Building Repairs and Improvements...	2,304.21
Firefighting Equipment--Acquisitions and Repairs .....	770.45
Insurance .....	217.30
Miscellaneous .....	207.20
**Deposited in Reserve Fund for New Fire Truck .....	6,000.00
Balance per Books, January 1 1948....	1,324.58

Total ..... \$12,041.44

\*Net Receipts from Turkey Supper (In amount of \$668.74) were deposited with Treasurer on January 2, 1948, and therefore do not appear in the above statement.

\*\*Total Reserve Fund for New Fire Truck, \$12,000.00.

## FIRE POLICE

An important assignment at all fires is keeping roads and traffic lanes open for fire engines and other essential vehicles. This is the function of the Fire Police, which consists of fifteen men appointed to do this work. Please remember, when you are in the vicinity of a fire, to co-operate with the Fire Police and help them maintain order and a clear path for the fire engines.

In closing, we hope that we have accomplished in some measure our purpose, that of bringing information concerning the Fire Company to you. We have tried to be brief and still give each item sufficient coverage to be informative. However, a report of this type has its limitation, so again we say, "Come to the Meeting--First Monday of the month."

**"FLASH"**

**The New Fire Truck Has  
Been Delivered**

## ENGINE HOUSE

For many years the space used to house the present fire equipment has been inadequate. It is also difficult to back the engines up the incline into the building. It had been necessary to reinforce the floor to support the old Hahn Pumper. When your Fire Company decided the time had come to order a new fire engine they also realized that due to the greater size and weight of the new equipment, the present engine house would have to be replaced.

Accordingly, a new wing has been added to the present building to provide space for an Engine House. This new addition has been made large enough to allow plenty of room for the present equipment, plus the addition of counters along the walls. The floor of the new engine house is slightly above road level which simplifies backing the engines into the house, particularly in wet or icy weather. The concrete floor is adequate to carry the weight of the engines and also will permit washing the fire engines during cold weather. The new engine house will connect by stairs with both the main floor and the basement of the main building. At Carnival time the many windows can be opened outward and together with permanently installed counters and other equipment will make an efficient arrangement for serving refreshments.

The space which is presently being used for housing the engines will now be available for the use of the kitchen when indoor dinners are being served, or as a small meeting room for local community activities.

## PARADE, DEDICATION AND HOUSING

On Monday, July 5th, more than a year's planning will reach a climax. The dedication of the newly added engine house, and the housing of the new Mack Type 75 Triple Combination Pumper will take place about 3:30 P. M. These ceremonies will be preceded by a parade of fire engines from neighboring communities.

The parade will start at 2 P. M. from Richboro proceeding South on Second Street Pike to Springville, then East on Bristol Road to Churchville and North on Bustleton Pike to Richboro. Upon their return to Richboro the visiting fire engines will proceed to the school grounds where they will be on exhibition. Richboro's new fire engine will stop at the Fire House, at which time the engine house will be dedicated and the new engine housed with appropriate ceremonies.

After the engine has been housed the next center of interest will be the grounds of the Richboro School where field games and novelty races, etc., will be held. All are invited and urged to participate. Prizes will be given to winning contestants. At 6:30 P. M. there will be a soft ball game between picked local teams. Light refreshments will be available on the school grounds. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon having fun. THIS IS A "ONCE IN A GENERATION" AFFAIR, SO DON'T MISS IT.