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Flower Hills Visit Hicksville

The Flower Hill Hose Company last Monday night had the honored privilege of enjoying a quality of hospitality and good fellowship which can come only from an organization such as the Hicksville Fire Dept., whom the Flower Hills had the opportunity to visit. Enough can not be said of the manner in which they were entertained.

Flower Hills started from their headquarters about 8 o'clock with two machines besides the auto truck which carried eight men. Getting just outside the limit of the town, one of the machines had the misfortune to have a bad "blow out", the tire being damaged beyond repair. The four members in this car had to give up the idea of getting to Hicksville and return to town.

Victor Kleisrath coming along right after picked some of these members up and brought them along for he was going along also. The run to Hicksville was made a good time. Capt. Bauer was not present, he was off on a yacht lug cruise. His thoughts, no doubt, were with the "bunch." Ident. Taylor was in charge of the Company. The Hickvillites had prepared a fine program. It started with an address of welcome by the Dept's chief, A. B. Heberer. Chief Heberer is a very enthusiastic talker on fire matters. Another official of the Hickvilles followed and was very pleasing to listen to. Then they called for Chief Snow, "Chief" always makes a hit, you know, and this was no exception. It was readily seen how well his remarks were appreciated. A solo was rendered by a Hickvillite and was very good. Then they called for more speakers from the Flower Hill contingent but to no avail. They had not caught their breath yet from the fast ride they just had (although it was nothing compared to that wild ride to Manhasset only recently). Finally Walter Snow who filled so ably the capacity of "Mechanician" on the truck was induced to give a solo. It required two members, however, to "escort" him to the front. The rounds of applause which he received gave evidence as to how this solo was rendered.

Then refreshments were served after which Chief Snow was presented with a fine bouquet of flowers and a vote of thanks extended to the Flower Hills for the trip they had taken. A fire bucket was presented them for a remembrance of the occasion which after being suitably lettered will adorn the Fire House.

It was around midnight when the Flower Hill's bid their kind hosts good night and endeavored as best they know how to attempt to express their thanks for the memorable event and started on their way home. The trip home was made in good time. It was expected that the company would be honored with the presence of ex-chief Edward T. Croker on this trip, but Chief Snow said that an important engagement kept him away but he hoped that the Company will at sometime have the pleasure of his attendance at one of their assemblies.

Jacob Anchultz, of the New York Fire Dept's. was present on the trip but he was one of the ill-fated ones on the machine that had the blow-out.

The absence of the "Captain of the Second Division" was felt but considering the "responsibility" resting upon the "Second Division" on such an occasion, the "action" on the part of "the Captain" was therefore considered a sacrifice of pleasure to duty and worthy