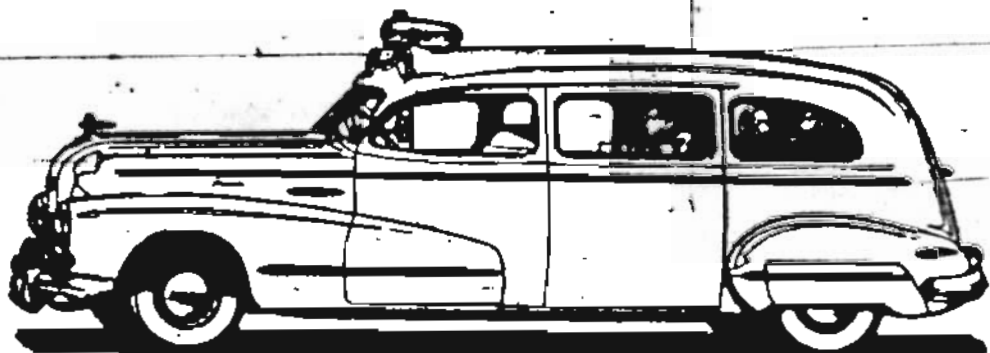


Firemen To Seek Funds To Purchase a New Ambulance



~~In 1929 the Port Washington Fire Department established a free ambulance service for the people of Port Washington.~~

With a second-hand Dodge ambulance the Firemen soon discovered that this equipment was far too inadequate to meet the heavy demands on the services of the ambulance.

A campaign was started to raise funds with which to purchase a new ambulance. This fund was raised through Polo games benefits at the Sands Point Field and through motion picture benefits at the Beacon Theater.

The Fire Department decided in 1930 to purchase a Studebaker Ambulance for the sum of \$3000 continuing free service to the people. In the meantime the Department received donations from any who were so inclined.

In 1933 the Fire Department ~~took over the maintenance of the~~ Ambulance service at their own expense from funds which the three companies were able to save on their contracts for fire service to the community. The Department has continued ~~the~~ maintenance to this day.

The old Studebaker ambulance rendered excellent service to the community but in 1938 it was found to be in need of much repair work, so the Department took steps to purchase a new ambulance. The three fire companies, Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company, Protection Engine Company

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and the Flower Hill Hose Company, comprising the Fire Department, each gave \$1000 to the Ambulance Committee for the new ambulance. A Buick Ambulance was purchased from the Flexible Company of Ohio, for the sum of \$3700.

This Buick machine has given very fine service, ever since that time. It has covered 70,000 miles in ten years, and has answered over 3000 calls and is now badly in need of repair. This past extraordinary winter was tough on this ambulance. It answered 46 calls since the first of the year. The committee is unable to procure the necessary material with which to do a good repair job, so the committee thinks it will be more advantageous at this time to purchase a new ambulance.

The Fire Department has given the Ambulance Committee permission to raise money through public donations with which to procure a new ambulance for Port Washington.

A new ambulance will cost \$6500 at this time and the committee plans to canvass all Port Washington, beginning April 5. The firemen will call at every home in the community between the hours of 7 P.M. and 9 P.M.—two hours work but the firemen hope everyone will be prepared to give something toward this worthwhile cause.

"This is the first time in 18 years that the Fire Department has asked for any donations for any cause" William F. Hewett, chairman of the Ambulance Committee declared this week. "We believe this ambulance service is one of the best our people receive and we are going to ask your help in behalf of the volunteer firemen to maintain this important service to the people."

The firemen operate this Ambulance Service without one cent of compensation, day and night, rain or shine. They freely give their time so that any member of your family, when stricken, may be taken to a hospital in comfort.

"During the recent war, when most of our men were in service, we were short of manpower, but the service of the ambulance was carried on without any hindrances. We were able to secure the services of Mrs. Meta Warrander, who volunteered her service as an ambulance driver. In recognition of her valiant services the Fire Department has made Mrs. Warrander an Honorary member. She served for three years, answering calls 24 hours of the day and night. The Fire Department is proud of her services and feel that she rendered outstanding work on behalf of the people of Port Washington.

"So when the firemen knock at your door on April 5, please give what you can for this good cause. They will give you an official receipt. If you prefer, you may mail your check payable to the ambulance fund, and care of the Port Washington Fire Department. The gift will be gratefully acknowledged with an official receipt. Remember the date April 5 between the hours of 7 and 9 P. M.