

Ill-Advised Smoky Chases Islip Vamps As Fire Engine-nappers

Conscientious Dalmation Angrily Protects Truck; Only Local Fireman Can Dissuade Him To Abandon

Smoky, the Protection Engine Company's Dalmation mascot who perches precariously on top of the lead truck answering every fire call, is a very conscientious dog and feels it is his duty to protect not only the vamps but also the equipment.

Last week, the Protection Company completed the sale of an old pumper to the Causeway Acre Fire Company at West Islip, replacing it with a new pumper. Everthing was in order, or so it seemed when two firemen from the Causeway Acre Company came to Port Washington to drive their pumper away.

But alas, Smoky, had not been ~~advised~~ and ~~no sooner~~ had the West Islip firemen driven off with the pumper than Smoky was after them barking furiously. They were, he felt, taking equipment that belonged to his boys and this outrage must be stopped.

Ears laid back, righteous wrath in his eye, Smoky raced after the pumper until he caught up with it, then leaped onto the truck body and barked for all he was worth. The drivers stopped the truck and went back

to see what was going on. No sooner had they left the cab of the apparatus than Smoky jumped in, barking and snarling, refusing them permission to enter.

Cajolery, "nice doggies" and proof of fire company identification were of no avail. This pumper, so far as Smoky knew, was part of his outfit and he continued fiercely to challenge any other ideas.

—It was not until Arthur Poole, a Protection fireman, well and favorably known to Smoky, drove by and saw the predicament of the West Islip smoke-eaters that the mascot could be induced to abandon his cab-seat beachhead. Once one of his own boys showed up, Smoky was persuaded, with much growled misgiving, to permit the West Islip firement to proceed.