

Greenville's Fire Dept't. Grows To Full Force Of 25

By MACK GLADDING

GREENVILLE — It was nearing 5 a.m. and all was quiet in the little town of Greenville, when suddenly the night's silence was shattered by the wail of a fire siren.

In minutes, the volunteer firemen were heading for the fire house, and minutes later heading toward the fire located in a small house on the edge of town.

Fire and smoke were pouring out of the kitchen and living room by the time firemen arrived, but the efficient group of fire fighters soon had it under control with little loss to personal property.

In fact, they had done such an efficient job, that when the fire was out, the lady of the house went to check on her four small children and found them all to be still sound asleep.

Started In 1946

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The members of the Fire Board are responsible for the equipment in the fire house, and any new equipment which is purchased is paid for by the township. The five member board is also a member of the Firemen's Association, but they cannot be elected to any offices in the Association.

In 1954 the Association purchased a lot and built the present fire house. The cement block building is 40 feet by 60 feet, and all the labor which went into the building of it was donated. This building belongs to the Association, and is maintained by them.

Each member of the Association has a key to the building, and there are three phones located inside the building. When the fire siren goes off the first man to the fire house opens both doors, hops into the pumper and takes off for the fire.

Has Tank Truck

Besides the pump truck, other equipment which is owned by the township includes a tank truck, and a pick-up truck which is used for fighting brush fires. They al-

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FRONT MOUNT PUMP—Pictured above is the front mount pump which can be used for drawing water from cisterns and ponds. The truck is the first one to be owned by the Greenville Fire Department, and was paid for with donations from townspeople. Left to right are Sebert Dodge, Ervin Willian and Wallace Miller.

so have two Scott Air Packs, one purchased by the Association, and the other by the Fire Board.

The 1240 gallon tank on the truck was built by a member of the Association, and includes compartments for storing individual equipment, fire hoses, ladders, extra gasoline, and a two man portable pump.

The Floyd County Civil Defense Unit furnished the pick-up truck and the equipment used in fighting brush fires. The Civil Defense Unit also furnished the department with the two resuscitators which they now own.

The Firemen's Association meets the first Monday of each month, at which time two men are assigned the task of going to the fire house each day of that particular month to check out all the equipment which is owned by both the Association and the Township.

Dues Are Small

There is a two-dollar membership fee upon joining the Association, and each member pays 25 cents a month in dues. This money is used for the maintenance of the fire house, and any other

civic projects which the Association underwrites.

One of the largest civic projects which the Firemen's Association undertakes each year, is their annual Fish Fry, held two weeks before the fourth of July. This project has grown to such huge proportions, that it is now considered as the annual Greenville Homecoming.

This year's Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, June 18, on the

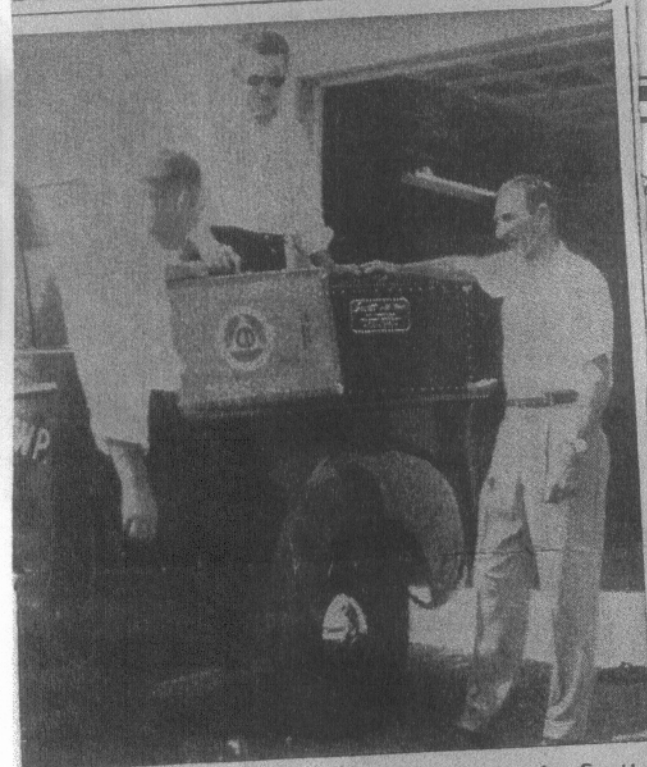
school grounds of the Greenville Grade School. It will begin at 4 p.m. and last until midnight.

As usual, there will be rides for the kids, games of chance and bingo. There will also be live entertainment, and a drawing for some \$250 in prizes.

And quite naturally, the Firemen's Association will display all their fire equipment which everyone in Greenville Township are all so proud of.

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DONATED EQUIPMENT—The pick-up truck, Scott Ir Pac, and the resuscitator shown above were donated to the Greenville Fire Department by the Floyd County Civil Defense Unit. All three have proved invaluable to the Department. Pictured left to right with the equipment are G. Boaz, Oscar Hartfield, and Andy Van Winkle.



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EAST END—Lovely frame home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room with fireplace, hardwood floors, large kitchen, basement, stoker furnace, storm sash, extra lot 35 x 135. Price \$13,500.

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