

# FOUNDING OF THE FANWOOD RESCUE SQUAD IN 1948

March 11, 1948

## More Than \$3000 Received For Ambulance Fund In Borough

At the meeting held last Thursday night in the Fire Hall the final collection report was heard on the drive for ambulance funds by the Fanwood Rescue Squad. At that time over \$3000 had been collected and several checks have since been received for the fund.

William A. Matthews has been serving as temporary chairman. Tonight the nominating committee, headed by William Hart, with Harry Mayer and C. Stuart Burns, will present the slate of officers and election will be conducted.

The committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of purchasing an ambulance from a neighboring town are John Krause, Ernest Haer and Mr. Matthews, who will make a report tonight. The newly drawn constitution and by-laws will be adopted also.

March 18, 1948

## Yarnall To Head Rescue Squad

The recently organized Fanwood Rescue Squad conducted their first election Thursday night in the Fire Hall, at which time John Yarnall was elected president; Luke A. Pandick Sr., vice president; Ivan L. Hill, secretary and historian; Charles Sheelen Jr., treasurer; each of whom will serve one year in their respective offices.

Trustees elected were James Devine, a one-year term; Walter Stocker, a two-year term and Luke Pandick a three-year term. Delegates to the New Jersey state convention were chosen as follows: Ernest Haer, Charles Ross, Harold Millwater and alternates are Warren Sims, John Krause, John McCarthy.

William A. Matthews was chosen captain; first lieutenant, C. Stuart Burns; second lieutenant, Harry Mayer. The constitution and by-laws were adopted. According to the latter no member may serve more than three successive years in any office. Applications for membership should be filed with the secretary and will then be referred to an investigating committee. Applicants must hold American Red Cross First Aid certificates or acquire same within six months for active membership. There is also an honorary membership.

The equipment committee has been functioning for the past two weeks in procuring the necessary articles for the operation of the squad and will be in readiness approximately May 1, when it is expected that the ambulance will have been delivered. The Scotch Plains Rescue Squad will continue to answer any Fanwood emergency calls

April 15, 1948, 1948

## Rescue Squad Buys Service Equipment

The Fanwood Rescue Squad has purchased \$500 worth of equipment in anticipating the service date, which is about May 1, of the new ambulance. Included in the equipment now is an oxygen tank, a stretcher, (Reeve) hand lights coveralls, caps, first aid kits, sheets, pillow cases and blankets. The squad recently witnessed a demonstration of a Stevens resuscitator.

The squad members taking the Red Cross first aid course will soon have completed their qualifications and will be ready for the new ambulance service. The recent survey made of the Fire Hall building indicated that an addition 12 ft. x 10 ft. would be needed to house the ambulance and equipment and will be built on the side of the building. The committee responsible for outfitting the ambulance includes William Matthews, Stuart Burns, Harry Mayer, John Krause and Ernest Haer.

May 4, 1948

## Rescue Squad On 24-Hour Call

### Ambulance Housed In Borough Garage

The Fanwood Rescue Squad, Inc., started on May 1 to officially answer calls and are now prepared with the newly delivered ambulance and complete equipment for 24 hour service. Calls will be received at the police headquarters. For emergency calls at night the signal is two blasts on the fire siren. For transportation cases one officer and three men will staff the ambulance. The ambulance is being housed in the borough garage on North avenue. It was purchased from Scotch Plains Rescue Squad. It is completely equipped with large and small oxygen tanks to be used for asphyxiation cases, heart attacks and pneumonia. It also has a complete first aid kit, a

spine board, portable lights, wrecking equipment such as hatchets, crow bars, metal saws and fire extinguisher; Reeves stretcher, traction splints and fixation splints. A maternity kit is being assembled and will be ready this week and added to the ambulance.

The Fanwood Rescue Squad is an entirely volunteer organization. During the recent drive for funds residents were so enthusiastic that the drive closed sooner than scheduled with considerably more than the \$2,500 goal set.

in the meantime. The Fire Company has come to build an extension to the present headquarters at the back of a building. The present plans are for an addition 15 ft. x 20 ft., as a survey is now being made of a building and grounds to facilitate the housing of the ambulance and equipment.

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Members and officers are as follows:

C. Stuart Burns, Roy Coleman, John Cook Jr., Pennington Day, James F. Devine Jr., George F. Goudy, Russell F. Elsener, Ernest Haer, Otto Hansen, William Hart, Ivan L. Hill, Harry Holcomb, John Kraus, Charles LaPlante, William Linde, William A. Mathews, Harry Mayer, James McCarthy, Walter McCormack, Harold W. Millwater, George P. Pandick, Charles Perrison, Earl Phillips, Robert Rau, Charles Ross, Charles J. Sheelen Jr., Warren Sims, Walter Stocker, Roy Tuthill, John Yarnall.

President, John Yarnall; vice president, Luke A. Pandick; secretary and historian, Ivan L. Hill; treasurer, Charles J. Sheelen Jr.; trustees, James F. Devine Jr., Walter Stocker, Luke A. Pandick; captain, William A. Mathews, first lieutenant, C. Stuart Burns; second lieutenant, Harry Mayer.

**20 OF THE 30 CHARTER MEMBERS**



**FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



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