

Egg Harbor City N.J.

January 16 1946,

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemens Association was held at the firehouse in Egg Harbor City on the Above date, with President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The President then called on pur chaplin Rev. Dr. Robert A. Elwood for the invocation.

Roll call of the departments and delegates was next in prder. At this time the President introduced Mayor Joseph Butterhof of Egg Harbor City whose interesting address was well received,

The President thanked the Mayor for his kind remarks and the interest that the Egg Harbor City Fire Department has always taken in the Atlantic County Firemens Association,

The Secretary then read the minuts of the previous meeting which were accepted as read, Motion carried.

The President then called on Chief Charles Heniss of the Egg Harbor fire department who spoke briely to the Association,

At this time the auditing committee to audit the books of the Atlantic county firemens ass. and the Death benifit ass reported that they audited the books of both ass. and found same correct in every detail. Atlantic County Firemens Association Balance on hand Dec. 31 1945, \$95.83 George t. Yetter and David Stuart committee, Atlantic County Death benifit Association Balance on hand Dec. 31 1945, 775.18 George t. Yetter and Henry F. Heitz Committee, upon motion report was wassepedd as read, Motion carried,

President Maurice Y. Royal then present the roster for the year 1946 to the association with all Monthstaken care of by different depts Chief Budd of Absecon then asked for the floor and said he would ask Ernie Day to have same printed when ready,

The president then called on Chief Steuat for a report of the chiefs unit with held a meeting in Absecon January 8, Chief Steuart reported that they had a very interesting meeting with 27 members present and that they had moving pictures with were very intersting, and that they had election of officers with were as fallows, President David G. Stuart, Vice president Edward J. R. Budd, Absecon, Secretary and Treasurer John Ingersoll, Linwood, Frank B. Hubin Atlantic City Publicity Committee,

The president then called on Chief Dehn of the Naval air station who spoke briefly on plastic and said he thought it would be good to have it annilized to get full data on same in case of fire and that it is very poisinouse and that it will be used a lot in the near future,

Upon motion this Association then went on record that the officers for the year 1946 be the same as 1945 and that the Secretary cast the ballot with officers as follows,

President	Maurice Y. Royal	Ventnor City
Vice President First	Henry M. Phillips	Hammononton
Second Vice President	Charles J. Henniss	Egg Harbor City
Honorary Vice President	Samual B. Conover	Ocen City
Chaplin	Dr. Robert A. Elwood	Absecon
Secretary & Treasurer	Henry F. Heitz	Egg Harbor City
Executive Committee		
Walter H. Ford Chairman		Longport
George T. Yetter		Mays Landing
John Turner		Pomona
Allan Eckert		Nesco
George H. Hanselman Jr.		Germania,

The officers were then declared elected, Motion carried,

The President then called on William Plaskett of Salem, Vice president of the State Association to say a few words. He stated that the New Jersey state firemens fire school training will be active again, as it was imposible to hold this school during the war, and that the State firemens School council will meet in Pittman on March 29, and that they will try to get the assistance of the trained men from the Navy and the Army, and that 11 counties had the fire school and all fully trained, and that the men who attend the school held in Atlantic County recieved a lot of benifits which helped them in fire fighting, and that he was very much interested in the C.O.2 and fog that is being used at the naval air stations. He also stated that they organized a County chiefs unit in Salem County and th t after there meetings they visit the Industrial and manufacture plants, recomend equipmint that they should use, and that we are on the road to modern fire prevention.

President Maurice Y. Royal then spoke on the accomplishment of the fire school held in this county, and that every Company in the county is in need of younger men to take the place of the old men in departments and to get these men interest in fire fighting,

Vice President William Plaskett then introduced Captain Bradway and Lt. Archer of the Salem fire dept. to the Association, and chief Fryor of the Salem Industrial fire dept. and that Salem have warehouses which hold 728 carloads, of ware,

Frank B. Hubin then introduced Mr. Clements to the Association who spoke on fire extinguishers he had on display,

Chief Budd then spoke of the death benifit members not all being members of the County and that he thought that they should be, and that this would help build up the membership of the Ass.

Upon motion the meeting then adjourned to meet in Absecon on Feb. 20. Refreshments served by the Egg Harbor Dept. were enjoyed by all present.

Attest

Henry F. Heitz Secretary.

Absecon N. J.
Feb. 26. 1946

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association was held on the above date at the Absecon Fire House in Absecon with President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The President then called on our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert A. Clwood for the invocation.

Roll Call of departments and delegates was next in order.

At this time the President introduced Mayor Reilly of Absecon whose interesting address was well received.

Chief Budd of Absecon was at this time introduced to the men assembled and said he was glad to see so many men out and hoped they will continue to come at these meetings and build up the Association.

The Secretary then read the Minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted as read. Motion Carried.

The Treas report was then read and upon motion accepted. Motion Carried.

The President then introduced all the Chiefs from the various City to the Association.

President Maurice Y. Royal then called on Chief Ricci from Hammononton for information on the ~~Gas~~ Truck fire which they were called on. Chief Ricci then stated that the truck had 2 flat tires and thought the fire started from that. and when they arrived there, the whole truck was ablaze. Capacity of tank was 4760 gals. and after fire was out there was still 1100 to 1200 gals. gas left in tank. and that foam did not do any good without water.

Chief Johnson from Pleasantville also spoke on Car fire caused by flat tires, and that they also had a gas truck full of gas with both wheels on fire, but the gas did not ignite.

Chief Dehn also spoke on gas fires and foam that is used at the Naval Air Station ^{He stated that this foam} is different. It is a 6 to 1 mixture water foam made of Soy Beans. which clings to the object involved.

Chief Stuart then asked for the floor and said he was glad that the President brought up this question and that all the Chiefs took an interest in this ~~matter~~ discussion and that it is these discussions that make the meetings interesting. He also stated that if there are any objects of fire fighting on the market to be sold to depts. to first bring it before this Association or the Chiefs Unit for discussion.

President Maurice Y. Royal, then Commanding Chief Dehn of the Naval Air Station for the interest he has taken in this Association and for all that he has brought before this ~~best~~ Association and also the Chiefs Unit meetings.

The President then called on Mr. Armons of the Forest Fire Service, Mr. Armons stated that he was glad to hear that we hold monthly meetings again, and that they expect the cooperation of the County Ass and the individual Companies as in the past. and that they are ready to assist any Company or Municipality who needs help.

We also stated that the forest fire service has assigned a 500 gal. tank wagon to Hammonton, and that 18 trucks are available in 6 Southern Counties, and that last year they had 522 fires which burned 6000 Acres or 11 Acres per fire. ^{not} 10 years ago they had 35,000 ~~fires~~ Acres burned with 99 acres per fire. 40% of these fires ~~are~~ ^{were} in Atlantic County. These fires have been brought down to lower standard by more equipment and means of Radio which is of great help to report fires as soon as seen and report right from scene of fire. 65% of fires are started by people burning Debris and people Carelessly throwing matches. 35% started by railroads. The Railroad Company is trying to help by burning a 150 ft. Safety strip on each side of tracks. He also urged that the people help the forest fire service by burning debris, ^{and} grass, before the hot weather and that they ask the Cooperation of every man or woman in the County and State during the next 12 week period.

3) Secretary then present 13 applications for membership in the Ass. Upon motion they were admitted. Motion Carried.

A motion was then brought on the floor to give Frank B. Hubin \$10.00 for publicity for the coming year, Motion Carried. Rev. Elwood then asked for the floor and urged every member to join the Death Benefit Ass. and thank the Ass. for the wonderful attendance.

Chief Budd of Alsecon then demonstrated the Scott. Inhalaer. or Air Pak. The whole outfit only weighs 25 lbs, can be used under water, and is good against army gas. Also good in any building where there is no air. Tank can be charged for \$1.50

Movies furnished by Cine Day. of the New Jersey Fire Equipment Co was enjoyed by all present.

Represent were served by Alsecon fire Dept. and enjoyed by all.

A motion to Adjourn was in order to meet March. 20. 1946 at Somers Point Fire House. New York Ave. Somers Point. Motion Carried.

Attest Henry F. Heitz Sec.

Somers Point N.J.
march 20 - 1946

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association was held at the Somers Point Firehouse Somers Point on the above date with President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The president then called on our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert A. Elwood for the invocation.

Roll Call of Departments and delegates was next in order.

At this time the President introduced Mayor Chapman of Somers Point who welcomed the firemen and said he was glad to have the Association meet again in Somers Point and that we are back on monthly schedule again in different communities. The Mayor then introduced the officers of his department, Victor Lifford Chief and Assistants, John Shuman Jr. and George Hyde. At this time Mayor Chapman held a little ceremony and administered the Oath of a Special Officer upon the President Maurice Y. Royal and swore him in as a Special Officer of the City of Somers Point. The President then thanked the Mayor for the Honor ~~to~~ bestowed upon him.

The Secretary then read the Minutes of the previous Meeting which were accepted as read.
Motion Carried.

The Treas. Reported was then read. and upon motion accepted Motion Carried.

Secretary at this time present 35 Applications for membership into this Association, Upon Motion they were accepted. Motion Carried.

Rev. Dr Robert A. Elwood. then asked for the floor and suggested that ~~each~~ every member of this Association attend church and that the different Companies of this Association some time during the year. Attend Church in there Municipality in a body.

President Mamie J. Royal then called on Chief Dehn from the Naval Air Station at Pomona. to give more detail ~~and~~ off the Beam truck which was sent by the Naval Air Station through the Courtesy of Lt. Com. E. W. Roberts with some of Chief Dehn's men. to give a demonstration of this truck to all men present. Chief Dehn stated that these trucks hold 425 gal. water, 2 Lines Lead from truck and break up the water by 750 lbs pressure

and that it multiplies the water 15 times and uses 30 gals per. Minut from both Lines. The Demonstration and talk by Chief Dehn was very instructive to all present.

The President then called on Chief Stuart to talk on fire which they had in Ventnor. The Chief stated that they were out on a grass fire and just arrived back to the fire house when a Box Came in they responded and found the fire on the 3rd floor of an Apartment Bld. they got in action raised the Aerial Ladder went in the window with 2-1 1/2 in Lines with Elpart. fog nozzle and in 4 minutes had the fire knocked down so any one could walk around and that there was no water on the 2nd floor and no damage done except what was involved. He also stated that the fog nozzle with pressure can do a great piece of work and will be a great help in future fire fighting.

Bob Collins of Somers Point spoke on exempt. Certificates to Claim for Burial fund. to Beneficiary Chief Yetter of May's Landing also spoke on the question.

The President then Called on Mr. Aaron of the Forest Fire Service who introduced 2 of his members of this staff. Mr. Kovar and Mr. Phoenix and also Mr. Kargor of the Federal Department. Mr. Aaron then introduced Mr. Siddell, State Fire Warden who spoke on Line firing a new method in Forest fire fighting in this part of the Country and that they have a movie showing this method, which lasted 40 minutes. Mr. Siddell talk was ~~engaged~~ ^{instructive} and ~~engaged~~ ^{instructive} by all men present.

After the movies which were enjoyed by all refreshments were served by the Sand Point fire dept. A motion to adjourn to meet April, 17-1946 in Hermantou was next in order motion Carried.

Attest
Harry F. Hitz Sec.

Hammonton N.J.
April 17-1946

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association was held at the Hammonton Fire House. Hammonton on the above date with President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The President then called on our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert G. Elwood for the invocation.

Chief Ricci of the Hammonton Fire Dept. was then introduced to the Association by the President.

President Maurice Y. Royal then introduced Fire Commissioner of Hammonton Mr. Cornisco who welcomed the men of this Association to the City and thanked the Association for their cooperation and ~~that~~ ^{agreed} they stand ready to give assistance to the County at any time. He ~~also~~ said he was sorry to say that the Mayor was sick and unable to attend this meeting. Roll call of Dept and delegates was next in order.

The Secretary then read the Minutes of the previous meeting upon motion they were accepted as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurers report was then read and motion carried.

Secretary at this time presented 7 applications for membership into this Association Upon Motion they were accepted Motion Carried.

The Secretary then read a ^{letter} from the New Jersey State Fire School Council that they have reorganized and that meetings of this group have started to function again, Appointment of delegates to school Council was laid over to Chief Unit Meeting and that their yearly dues of \$2.50 was due. upon Motion letter was received and bill paid. Motion Carried.

Secretary also read a letter stating the the Convention of the New Jersey State Firemen's Ass. will not be held in Atlantic City Sept. 14. place to be selected later.

The President then called on Chief Stuart for a report of the Chief Unit Meeting, which was held in Pleasantville as the guest of Chief Johnson. Chief Stuart stated that they had quite a discussion of on the forest fire in the vicinity of Pleasantville and that Chief Cook had a complaint to make. that civilians going to

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fires crowd and block the streets and roads to hinder the fire men from getting to the scene ~~lack~~ ^{of} fire lack of Police protection, Chief Stuart ^{then} sent a letter to the Head of the State Police in Hammononton if they could send a representative to the West County Meeting in Hammononton on April 17-1946 to bring a message to this Association.

He also stated that he wrote to the fire Underwriter about Gasoline truck fires and that he got a letter in reply to bring up at the West Chiefs Unit Meeting. He also stated that Jack Ingusoll handed in his resignation as Secretary of the Chiefs Unit.

President Maurice J. Royal at this time introduced Lt. Crawford of the Hammononton State Police who spoke to this Association. The Lt. reported that they can't make plans in advance for forest fires, but that the fire on April 7 near Pleasantville people from as far as Thomas River came to the scene. He also stated that every community has a congestion when the fire siren goes off. The Lt. suggested that an Educational Campaign be held in every community against

people blocking up traffic. He also stated that the New Jersey fire Police have jurisdiction at the scene of fire, and that they need the Cooperation of every firemen and Police in the County. And suggested that the Chief in Charge, Call the Nearest State Police Station and ask for protection at fire and direct traffic, and that they have radio which is available at any time and that they are only to glad to put in operation; and that the first firemen at scene started moving traffic as soon as possible. He also stated that they have more men now than 4 year ago and want to give all the Cooperation they can.

President Maurice Y. Royal. then thanked St. Cranford for his Message to the Association and urged every Company in the County to Have fire Wardens and that they should take a point and direct traffic rather than fight fire till other men come.

Mrs. Dougherty was then introduced to the Ass. and ~~showed~~ ^{showed} names

Sec. then reported that he is in need of a new Brief Case and was instructed by the President to ~~purchase~~ ^{purchase} and reported that he can buy one for 10.00, upon ~~which~~ ^{which} was ~~ordered~~ ^{ordered} at the same

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Chief Yetter then spoke of a fire they had in the rural district where they had no water and they fine job they done with chemical until that they saved 2 children who were in danger of being burned to death.

Chief Ricci then asked for the floor and stated that each Department should make a drive to Educate parents not to leave children unguarded at home also spoke of 2 children burned to death that were left alone in home.

Chief Johnson also spoke of House fire they had in Pleasantville.

Chief Dehn also spoke on fires and praised the Hammonston Dept for there fine work they are doing.

Chief Ford said he divided his dept in 2 Sections Guard duty and Hose duty Guard duty to do police work and Hose duty to take care of House fires.

Adjutant was next in order to meet May 15th 1946 at Bayview Fire House.

Refreshment served by Hammonston Dept were enjoyed by all. Attest Henry F. Heitz Sec.

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MAYS LANDING, NEW JERSEY

Bayview Absecon
May 15-1946

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association was held at The Bayview Fire House Absecon on the above date with President Maurice J. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The President then called on our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert A. Elwood for the Invocation.

Chief Lewis Filling Chief of Gallaway Township was then introduced to the Association by our President. His address was very interesting and well received. He then introduced the Chief of the Bayview Fire Dept.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting upon motion they were accepted as read. Motion Carried.

The Treasurers report was then read. upon motion accepted. Motion Carried.

Secretary at this time present. 3 applications for membership into this Association upon motion they were accepted. Motion Carried.

The President then reported that he has not appointed any Delegates to the New Jersey Fire School. Council. as yet.

The Secretary then read a letter received from the Nesco Fire Co. stating that they are holding their first Annual Outing in conjunction with the Elwood fire Dept. at the Crows Nest Sweetwater on the Mullica River on May 30 - 1946 ^{they intended a hearty welcome to all members of the fire} Upon motion letter was received and filed. Motion Carried.

At this time a comrade of the Oceanville Fire Dept. brought up ^{the question} that the 4 Companies of Gallaway Township receive \$2000 to run their dept under a State Law which is \$500 for Dept. which he thinks is not enough and asked if this Association could do anything in this matter. President Maurice J. Royal then suggested to lay it over to the next meeting at which time he would try to have a representative present to give us details.

Chief Ford. Chairman of the Executive Committee reported progress.

Chief Budd of Absecon reported that they lost a home on the Out skirts of the City. And that there was a dump 2500 ft from fire, the building was frame with Asphalt shingles, Farrington and Cardiff also came to the scene. He also stated that they emptied a tank wagon with a 1 1/2 in. line in 5 minutes which had no effect on the fire. Chief Budd at this time expressed his appreciation to all members.

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the Farmington and Cardiff Fire Companies.

Chief Ricci of Hammononton stated that they had the making of a good fire and that his men done a good job in blocking it.

Chief Ford of Langport reported that they ~~had~~ ^{are} trouble with airplanes and spoke of House Fire Caught by Crashing plane. and that the airplane crashing question is something for this Association to bring up and study.

Chief Yetter of Mays Landing reported that he served notice to everybody. No fire till we get our new fire apparatus.

Leo Nace of the Elwood fire Dept. spoke for Chief Pinto of Mullica Township. on the Brush Fire they had and thanked every dept. that was there and also the State Police for their cooperation.

Chief Littlefield of Northfield reported that they had no fires, and that they got there new Truck. and that it holds 1000 ft. of hose.

Chief Johnson of Pleasantville spoke of House shortage and that a lot of Attics are fixed up into apartments and that this makes bad fires ^{fires} with the material that they use.

Chief Gifford of Somers Point spoke of Fire they had in Somers Point with ~~Northfield~~ ^{Northfield} and Linwood fire dept. there and they knew nothing of fire. He said fire tower gave alarm but not to ~~Northfield~~ ^{Northfield} where fire was in. He said something should be done to clear.

up this matter.

Chief Stuart Ventura City spoke of fire he saw while on his vacation. He said there was a 6 story Building on fire with fire coming out all over. they used 12 to 14 Lines and done remanable work. He also spoke of a Barn fire. a Barn that had Hay in it also a car. the farmer went to start Car. which back. field. He said they used 2 Booster Lines. Elbert nozzle. and backed up with 3 or 4 1 1/2 in Lines but did not use the 1 1/2 in Lines. the Chief said they done wonderful work with the booster Lines.

Chief Hermtley of Port Pacific had nothing to report.

Chief Dehrs of Naval Air Station Pomona reported that his dept. belongs to the Citizens of the U.S. A. and is ready to assist and move in any time any company requests it. and if they ask for help to state nature of fire so that they know what apparatus to send. He also stated that if he needs help. he will not hesitate to call all Dept in County. and also invited all Chiefs and Departments to come and familarize themselves with the Base and Equipment. and that the Naval Air Station telephone No is Pleasantville 1900.

Jack McShay of Mayo Landing spoke of Car of cotton that was on fire in the South before it came here. and that the fire company thought they had it after it reached Petula it broke out.

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in fire again.

Chief Felling Gallaway Township spoke of Bush Fire in Mullia Township said he called Egg Harbor but found that fire was in Mullia. He then called Gumina and found out that they were there so he did not send any apparatus to that fire so he could ~~bring~~^{bring} up if needed.

Stanton Vass. of Linwood fire Dept spoke in behalf of Chief Potter and spoke of fire they had in Farmers Point and that it was a mis understanding and that in the future if a call comes from tower to first call. Municipality where fire is and if help is needed. ~~and tower~~ ~~Call's back. They will go respond.~~

President Maurice Y. Royal at this time introduced Chief Maurice Mower of Ventnor City Police Dept. who spoke to the Association on Traffic Safety Program. Chief Mower said he feels at home where men come together to protect and save lives. and calls upon the firemen to cooperate in this matter, and attract the minds of people that drive motor driven vehicles that are old. to be careful. He stated that since gas ration ended. more automobiles went to the Highway.

And in 1945 when war time restrictions were lifted traffic accidents cost this country 1,450,000,000 included 1,000,000 injured, 28,500 American lives lost by these vehicles. Men are killed children run into the streets and tragedy is the end. he pleaded for men to drive carefully, and if you plan a vacation plan it safely be it long or short. He also stated that in 1945-3,900,000 American school children ^{were} killed in this country. 20% more than what took place in 1944 and that it takes 30 ft. to stop a car going 20 miles an hr. The 1st month in 1946-3,000 Americans lost there lives by accidents. 20% fatal. accidents caused by unsafe vehicles. and that teen age. drivers have more accidents then other drivers. and that 20% of adults deaths are caused by drinking. The Chief closed by saying Country and. Caution could stop most of these accidents

President then thanked the Chief for his message.

The President then called on Chief Ford. Chairman of the Eccentric Comm. who in turn introduced Mr. Best. And Mr. Kayham of Langport who showed very interesting movies which were enjoyed by all present.

A dance was held in order to meet at Nescor School house June 19-1946. Refreshments served by the Bayview fire Dept was enjoyed by all. Attest Henry F. Hutz Sec.

Nesco
June 19-1946

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association was held at the Nesco School House Nesco on the above date. The Secretary then reported that he had ~~gotten~~ received word from the President that he would be unable to be present due to work. Upon motion Chief Budd of Absecon ~~proposed~~ ^{nominated} Chief Ford of Langport to preside at this meeting seconded by Chief Littlefield of Northfield. Motion Carried. The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The chair then called on our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert G. Elwood for the invocation.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting. Upon motion they were accepted as read. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was then read and upon motion accepted. Motion Carried.

Secretary at this time present, application for membership into this Association. Upon motion he was accepted. Motion Carried.

Chief Budd of Absecon spoke of trip to Irvington N. J. with the President Maurice J. Royal and Chief Stewart.

Chief Hemis of Egg Harbor spoke and asked who we elect for 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents.

why they don't function Chief Budd said he was under the impression Chief Ford was Vice President. The Chair then asked Chief Phillip to preside. Chief Phillip said he was in full accord to how the meeting is progressing. Chief Amos also was satisfied.

The Chair called on various chiefs but none of the chiefs had anything to report.

Chief Stuart and Chief Ford reported that they and the President Mamie V. Royal attended a meeting of the Fire School in Pitman. And that the course is long. They said they talked of shortening the course but don't see how they can do it. And would like to know ^{by the next meeting} how many men would like to take this course ~~and~~ Chief Stuart reported that Chief Ricci of Hammonton said they could hold the school in Hammonton. Chief Stuart then asked for opinions of those who took the last course. Stanton Vass Shivers, Amos Richardson E. H. Jack Lumer. Pomona Chief Haiselmen of Germania all spoke of the good that was accomplished from the last Fire School.

Chief Stuart stated that one of his men. Leon Hubbar of the Ventnor Fire Dept. took a course in Fair. M. C. Denny. 6 weeks. Course in 7 days. Comrade. Dufford said that they had lecture each morning, then practiced what you learned, he stated that he thought these courses could be shortened.

Comrade Amos Richardson of Egg Harbor. at this time asked if anyone in this association could enlighten him if any exempt firemen is exempt from jury duty. Chief Phillip said to his knowledge it had never been settled. Chief Phillip asked for a meeting of the Death Benefit Fund. Adjutant was next in order to meet in Longport. July 13. 1946. Referring to the rescue fire Dept was enjoyed by all present - Henry Watts.

Longport.

July 17-1946

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association was held at the Longport Borough Hall on the above dated. with the President Maurice J. Royal Presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The President then called on our Chaplain Rev. Dr. Robert A. Clwood for the invocation.

Chief Ford of Longport was introduced at this time to the Association by the President.

President Maurice J. Royal then called on Mayor Phillips of Longport. The Mayor then welcomed the men of the County Ass. to the City in behalf of the Commissioners and Fire Dept and wished the Association a good year of success in again meeting each month and hopes that we meet again next year in Longport.

The Secretary then read the Minutes of the previous Meeting Upon motion

they were accepted as read. Motion Carried.

The Treasurers report was then read and upon motion Accepted Motion Carried.

President Maurice G. Royal said at this time that Amy Firemen in the County that is exempt and his papers are filed with the County Clerk. Exempts him from any Jury Duty.

Secretary then read a letter received from the Standard Oil Company stating that they are sending a representative to the County Meeting in Longport to put on a demonstration and programs on fire and fire prevention in connection with the handling of petroleum products. Upon motion letter was received and filed Motion Carried.

The President then reported that there will be a meeting of the State Council Fire School at Pittman Friday night July 26 at 8 P.M. And that he appointed the Committee of the County to represent this Ass. Committee as follows. Chief ^{Walter} Ford. Longport, Chief ^{James} Felling Pomona, Chief.

2) Lewis Ricci, Harborton. President Maurice
of Royal, and ^{Ventayor} Secretary Henry F. Heitz Egg
Harbor.

At this time the President turned over the
meeting to the representatives of the Standard
oil Company and introduced J. E. Jeffries
of the N. Y. Office, Logan Kennedy of the
New Jersey Division and Paul Gibson
of the Atlantic City office, who gave
a very interesting demonstration and
~~lecture~~ on the 5 Points of fire. Namely.
Fire, Explosion, Characteristics of Fire,
Source of heat, Fire Prevention, and Control.
Each one of these subjects was thoroughly
demonstrated and lectured and was
helpful and interesting by all present.
President Maurice J. Royal then thanked them
for their efforts.

Rev. Dr. Robert A. Elwood at this time asked
for the floor and upon motion asked that
we give a rising vote of thanks to the
Representatives of the Standard Oil Co.
Motion Carried.

Adjournment was next in order to meet Aug.
21-1946 at Linwood Fire House Linwood.

Refreshments served by the Longport
fire Company was enjoyed by all present.

Attest

Henry F. Kutz
Sec.

Linwood N.J.
August 21 1946

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association was held at the Linwood fire house Linwood N.J. on the above date with the President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The President then called on our chaplin Dr. Robert A. Elwood for the invocation,

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The President then called on Chief Potter of Liwood Fire Department due to sickness Chief Potter could not be there so the President called on Stanton Voss to pinch hit for the chief, Stanton Voss said he was sorry to say that ~~the~~ Chief Potter is home sick with Pneumonia and unable to be here but ~~that~~ he is coming along fine and will soon be able to be out again, He also gave an interesting talk to the men and ~~that he was~~ glad to again have the County meeting and see all the men back in Linwood,

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, upon motion they were accepted as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer report was then read and upon motion accepted, Motion carried.

The president then called on chief Steuart for a report of the school council that was held in Pittman on Friday July 26, and that Chief Filling, Chief Lewis Ricci, Secretary Henry F. Heitz, of the school Council committee, Leon Hubbard and Chief Steuart of Ventnor attended this meeting, Due to the Secretary of the school Council not being able to attend there was no meeting, a discussion was held amongst those present and it seems that the school is falling to the way side and to commercializing as it seems that the instructors will be paid, ~~no meeting was scheduled for~~ August but that the next meeting will be held in September, Chief Steuart said that he and the President had discussed the matter and that they thought that a school from this Association with the help of the Chiefs Unit, and a certain time at each meeting used for this course, would be beneficial to everyone and that we would accomplish as much as school training, Chief Filling also spoke on the subject.

Chief Budd reported a few small fires otherwise no activity,

Chief Hennis reported that they haven't turned a wheel in 6 weeks.

Chief Eccles reported everything quiet,

Chief Filling reported and ~~spoke the story of~~ that they had and still have no foundation of how it started,

Chief Ford reported no activity, and that as chairman of the executive committee he has nothing to offer,

Chief Yetter had nothing to report,

Chief Dehn said that he was glad to hear that the various chiefs had reported no fires and that this is a credit to the fire companies he also stated that he is drilling his men one hour a day, on gasoline fire training, and the use of foam, and that he thinks most of the companies do not drill enough,

Chief Pinto of Mullica township was absent so Allen Eckardt spoke for him and stated that they have received notice from the state that they are having to many drills, chief Johnson of Pleasantville stated that he turns in 20 drills a year and had no complaints.

Chief Littlefield reported no excitement and that they havent had a fire in the last 8 weeks,

Chief Johnson reported 6 fire and that one was a chimney fire, which he thought was odd for in the summer time, and that they hadnt held any drills lately, but stated that drills is a good thing for the men to keep them in practice,

Chief Huntly reported 1 fire a garage and car with was a total loss but that they saved the property that was close by,

Chief Gifford reported a few grass fires,

Chief Steuart said that these reports by the various chiefs are very interesting, and that his city is very crowded in the summer time and that every house is packed to the roof and every space that is available is occupied, he said that he is in need of a truck co. but has the men, and that no one realizes the need of drills with he thinks
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is the efficient thing, chief Steuat then stated that our President Maurice Y Royal has been chairman of the Fire Committee of Ventnor for 18 years and will be a great loss to the fire Co. as he is now City Clerk of Ventnor, which the chief said he was glad to see Mr Royal get as he has been a loyal Councilman, fire director and was deserving of his new position,

The President then thanked the Chief for his kind words,

Newell Jones of Oceanville said that the telephone operation in oceanville is very bad which makes it bad when a fire call comes through and that he thought this condition should be remedied.

Bob Collins of Somers Point spoke on Death Benefit Ass. Of the State and said that they have a claim in Somer Point that the State in not giving and consideration

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The President then called on Joe Hackney drill master of the Atlantic city fire department who said that he had promised the moving picture Chemistrey of fire to the County Association and that he has it with him to show tonight, he also stated that the men cant get enough training and drilling and that there are no 2 fire alight, and that they have had 10 time more drill the last year than ever before drilling is the back bone of any fire dept, paid or volunteer, the picture was enjoyed by all and upon motion a rising vote of thanks was given to Joe Hackney, And Jean wison and Leon Hubbard who assist him.

The meeting then ajourned to meet in Port Republic on Sept. 18 1946 Refreshments served by the Linwood fire dept was enjoyed by all present.

Attest Henry F. Heitz
Secretary

Port Republic
September 18 1946

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemens Association was held at the Port Republic fire house Port Republic N.J, on the above date with the President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was call to order by the singing of America.

The President then Called on Commaade John Braun of the Port Republic fire deptment to deliver the invocation .

The President then called on Chief Huntley of the Port Republic fire department who said that he was glad to welcome the men of this ass. back to Port for this meeting.

The President Then called On Mayor Loveland whos assured the men of this Association that he was glad to welcome the Association back to Port and hopes that we will soon meet again.

The Secretary then read the minuites of the previous meetig, upon motion they were accepted as read . motion carried.

The treasurers report was then read and upon motion accepted . Motion carried.

The Secretary then read the minuets of the special meeting held for t the purpose of electing a represnitive to the State Association upon motion they were accepted. Motion Carried.

The president then called on Eugene Wahle the newly elected representative to the State Association, Resp. Wale stated that he attended the convention held in Trantion on Saturday September 14 1946 . and that the Convention was over by 1 o'clock. he said that the Excutive Committiee will meet next Month at which time he has different things to bring up.

Allen Eckert then asked for the floor and moved that this Association stands 100% behind our newly elected Representative seconded by Chief Lewis Filling . Motion Carried.

President Maurice Y. Royal at this time attained a motion that this Association draw up a resolution for Henry M. Phillips for the wonderful work he has done and that he was a great credit to this Association in the past years. Moved by Allen Eckerst, seconded by Jack McGery. Motion carried.

The fire school question was then brought up , upon motion by Chief Filling it was laid over to be brought up at the next Chiefs Unit Meeting which will be held at Northfield Oct. 1 . 1946 Seconded by Chief Ford . Motion carried,

The Chiefs of the Municipalities present were then called on by the President but most of them had nothing to offer everything quiet,

Chief Gifford spoke of brige fire that they had,
Chief Huntly reported that they have bought a piece of apparastus from pleasantville and that it does wonderful work and will demonstrate it after the meeting,

Chief Filling reported that they have bought an apparastus from the Government at the cost of \$1800.

Chief Dehn brought up the question of Fire Prevention which will be observed during the week of Oct. 6 to 13. and that this should be the thought in the minds of all chief at this time, he spoke of how, this observance was originated by a preacher after the occurrence of a big school fire where 100 children were killed, he also spoke of the forrest fire meance and that the preaching of fire prevention eliminates many big fires.

Comrade Benidito of "ammonton said that they have a fire Committee that go out a few days a week and investigate buildings and factorys through an ordinance by council and that they have the cooperation of all the people, and that this would be a good idea for all Municipalities in the County.

A motions to adjoun was next in order to meet in Ventnor Oct. 16 1946 . Refreshments served by the Port Republic Fire Department were enjoyed by all present. Also movies shown by Jack Riedler of Absecon.

Attest

Henry F. Heitz
Secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association was held at the Ventnor City fire house on the above date, with the President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by the singing of America.

The President then called on our Chaplain Dr. Robert A. Elwood for the invocation.

At this time the President introduced to the Association Vincent Hayes, Commissioner of Fire of the City of Ventnor. Mr. Hayes stated that he is 100% for the fire department and the County Association and that he will try to follow the footsteps of Mr. Royal, whose place he has filled in council since the appointment of Mr. Royal as City Clerk. He also stated that it is a pride to save lives and property and that the County has done a wonderful job in this line and that it was a honor to have us back in Ventnor again.

The President at this time called on Chief Stuard of the Ventnor Fire Department. The Chief said that it was 4 years since we have been in Ventnor last and welcomed the men back and hopes we come soon again.

At this time the President introduced to the Association Charles Abbot, President of City Council, whose interesting message was well received by all present and wished the Association luck for the coming year.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, upon motion they were accepted as read, Motion carried.

The treasurers report was then read and upon motion accepted. Motion Carried.

The President at this time called on the Secretary to read the Resolution he has prepared for Henry M. Phillipps.

Whereas, Henry M. Phillipps, a charter member of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association, active, progressive, and indispensable;

and whereas, Comrade Phillipps has continuously represented this Association on the Executive Committee at the regular monthly meetings of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association with distinction and honor, and serving with great credit to our Association;

and whereas, now in the Providence of God, our revered Comrade has reached the age of considerably more than the Biblical span of three score years and ten, and is exceedingly deserving of the affectionate consideration of this Association, and has been deemed worthy of being relieved of the burden of travel and the exacting requirements of this position;

therefore, be it resolved, that Comrade Henry M. Phillipps be highly commended for this most illustrious record and service and for his devotion and self-sacrifice beyond the line of ordinary duty and responsibility;

and, be it further resolved that we inscribe this testimony in the minutes of this Association, that Comrade Phillipps may long be honored amongst us and never be forgotten and that his outstanding example of faithful service in our interest and welfare may always be an inspiration to us and our posterity;

and, be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be fittingly presented to our Comrade and Brother as an expression of our esteem and affection.

Chief Dehn moved the adoption of this resolution, Seconded by Chief Ford, Motion Carried.

Representative Jean Wahl asked for the floor at this time and moved that Henry M. Phillips be elected as a member of the Atlantic County Executive Committee Eniritus, of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, for the faithful work he has done in the State Association. Passed at a regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Association October 16 1946 at Ventnor City, Seconded by Chief Johnson, Motion Carried,

The President then called on Chief Steuard for a report on the chiefs meeting, the chief said that the last meeting of the chiefs was held in Northfield and that the main topic of the evening was Fire school to create our own school and instructors, and try to get pictures for instruction available at this time, and that a committee consisting of Chief Budd Absecon, Chief Gifford Somers Point, Chief Ford Longport, has been appointed from the chiefs Unit, and that the next chiefs meeting will be held in Linwood,

Chief Ford Longport stated that they thought of having the school the night of County meeting and that he was in favor of this,

Chief Eccles Farmington reported 1 Automobile fire and that the car was pretty well burned up.

Chief Ricci Hammonton reported everything quite and that the Annual Ball given by Co. No. 1 for the Ambulance fund was a great success,

Chief Johnson Pleasantville reported a cellar fire where coal was piled up around the heater and that the whole pile of coal was on fire, also that a bucket a day stove at a gas station was all plugged up and exploded and blew out all the windows, he also stated that they have started a little fire school amongst his own company it is held every night after their meeting and that he thinks it is a good thing.

Chief Dehn Naval Air Station reported that October 27 is Navy day and that the Base is open for inspection to the public on Sat. Oct. 26 and Sunday Oct 27 and that all are welcomed to come, he also spoke on coal fires,

Adjournment to adjourn was next in order to meet in Germania November 20 1946, Refreshments served by the Ventnor Department was enjoyed by all present, also the picture 5th Alarm shown by Jean Wilson of the Ventnor Department,

Attest Henry F. Heitz .
Secretary,

Germania
November 20 1946

The regular monthly meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Ass. was held at the Germania Fire House Germania on the above date, with the President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America;

The President then called on our Chaplain Dr. Robert A. Elwood for the invocation.

Roll call of Chiefs and Delegates was next in order.

The President then introduced Chief George Hanselman Jr. of the Germania Fire Department, The Chief said that he was glad to again welcome the men of the Association back to Germania,

The President then called on the Township Chief Lewis Filling, Chief Filling stated that it makes him feel good to see such a good turn out, and hopes that they will continue.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, upon motion they were accepted as read, Motion carried.

The treasurers report was then read and upon motion accepted, Motion carried.

The Secretary then read a letter received from the New Jersey State fire School Council stating that the training course has been approved and adopted by this body and may be had for the asking, A meeting of the School Council ~~will~~ be held on Friday November 29 and that the fire school Committee was to try to attend this meeting and get full details and reported back, Upon motion this communication was received and filed, Motion carried

The President then called on Chief Steuard who spoke briefly on the fire school and mentioned that the Camden County Association are holding a drill school through Vocational school, and that they are having ~~35~~ 35 classes in 70 hours.

The President then called on the Chiefs of the various departments Chief Filling spoke about the school and that he was in favor of the 70 hours,

Chief Budd also spoke about the school and suggested that school be held 4 hours instead of 2 to cut the time in half,

Chief Johnson stated that they held school Monday Night with the 2 Companies, a drill master was appointed and that 35 men of the 45 in the 2 companies turned out. He also stated that they went to the water Co. pulled hose in ~~peper~~ proper manner, got pump in action and had water in 40 seconds with his best 2 men, and that he had a man ~~who lectured on Electrical from the Electric Co.~~ from the Electric Co. to lecture to them on electrical appliances, and also that he has 15 new men in the 2 companies, and that the school is held every 3 Monday, The chief also stated that they had an Ice Box fire ~~were~~ the whole motor was burned up and the wires were not touched, also that they had a car fire where the gas tank was all filled up with gas and the cap lost so a towel was used to plug up and in a few minutes the whole car was on fire,

Chief Ricci also spoke of the fire school and that the Committee of the Chiefs United should attend the meeting in Pitman for full details and report back next County meeting, and that he would like to see a school started as soon as possible and that the Hall and equipment in Hammonton is still available at any time.

Chief Dehn said that they had a few stove fires, one barrack fire and a fatal crash on Navy Day, and that they have a new crash truck the latest type, which holds 800 gallons of water and 80 gallons of foam solution with equals 4000 gallons of foam and that they use 225 gallons per minute. It also has 4 nozzles in the front that can be moved up and down by the operator and turned on 100 feet from the fire on approaching the crash, and that they drill the men all the time on this new apparatus.

Jean Wahl stated at this time that he attend a meeting of the Executive Committee on November 16 th and that the State Association made Henry M. Phillips an Honorary member of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association,

President Maurice Y. Royal then spoke on the resolution of Henry M. Phillips and that the Executive Committee of the Association and a Committee of the Hammonton Fire Department held a meeting at Hammonton for the purpose of having a Testimonial Dinner for Henry M. Phillips and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to have this dinner on the night of December 4th 1946 at the Lillian-on-the-Lake at Hammonton 8.00 P.M. Roast Beef \$1.50 per plate, and that this Association will do all they can with the Hammonton Department in this issue. The President then read the first Minutes of this Association which dated back to January 27th 1923 at which time this association was organized in Egg Harbor City. Mr. Phillips was appointed the first Chairman of the Executive Committee,

Chief Ford moved at this time that the Secretary write to William Plasket Vice President of the State Association and invite him to be a guest at this dinner and that 3 Complimentary tickets be sent to him from this association, also that the Secretary write to Chris Hasselhun President of the State Association and invite him to be a guest at this dinner and that 2 Tickets be sent to him from this association. Motion seconded by Chief Yetter, Motion carried,

Chief Ford at this time asked for the floor and thanked The Germania Department for their effort to have this dinner here and was sorry that Mr. Phillips could not attend, and ask for a rising vote of thanks for the Germania Department.

The President then Showed the booklets that he has received from the Standard Oil Company of the Pictures and the meeting held in Longport, and that he has a Book for each Chief That was present at this Meeting and ~~one extra copy~~ that he has one Book left and left it up to the Association what to do with it, upon motion it was given to Chief Dehn of the Naval Air Station, who in turn ~~then~~ the Association, Motion carried. thanked

Rev. Elwood moved at this time that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of thanks to the Standard Oil Company for the books and their efforts, Motion seconded by Chief Ricci. Motion carried,

Rev. Elwood asked for the floor at this time and said that he will be 73 years old on Thanksgiving Day and asked for all to go to church and pray and thank God

od for all that we have,

The President at this time introduced Mr. Felye head Scoutmaster of Atlantic County and part of Cape May County, Mr Felye stated that this picture is not firematic but is shown mostly for Juviniile Delinquincy, and that they have 2000 scouts in this County the pictures was enjoyed by all ,

A motion to adjourn was nexts in order to meet in Margate December 18 1946 , refreshments severd by the Germania Departments was enjoyed by all present .

Attest Henry F. Heitz Secretary,

Margate City N.J.
December 18 1946

The regular monthly meeting of the Atlantic County Firemen's Ass. was held at City Hall in Margate on the above date with the President Maurice Y. Royal presiding.

The meeting was called to order by singing of America.

The President then called on our Chaplain Dr. Robert A. Elwood for the invocation.

Roll call of Chiefs and Delegates was next in order.

President Maurice Y. Royal at this time introduced Mayor Tye of the City of Margate to the men assembled. The Mayor said that he was glad to again welcome the men of the Atlantic County Ass. back to the City of Margate. He also stated that with the growth of all Municipalities and with the large fires raging throughout the Country meetings like this of the County Firemen are a great help to save life and property and discuss fires of different origin amongst the different Companies of the Association.

The President at this time introduced Chief Miller of the Margate Fire Department to the Association. The Chief said that he was glad to have the County meeting back in Margate and wished everybody a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, upon motion they were accepted as read Motion Carried.

The Treasurers reported was then read and upon motion accepted, Motion carried.

The Secretary then read ^{Communications} letters received from the President Chris Hasselhun and the Vice President William Plasket stating that they wish to thank the Association for the invitation extended to them to attend the Testimonial dinner for Henry M. Phillips and that they will attend upon motion ^{Communications} the letters were revived and filed, Motion carried.

The Secretary presented the following bills, Henderson Printing Co. printing of resolution \$7.00 Heinsohn Stationers framing resolution \$2.10 Secretary Salary and postage \$55.50, Frank B. Hubin Publicity \$10.00, upon motion bills were order paid, Motion carried.

Representative Jean Wahl at this time read a letter that he had received from the manager of the home that the Egg Harbor Fire Co. had sent a Donation to the home for Xmas, Comrade Wahl then stated that all the money received at the home will be divided equally on Xmas Morning and moved that this Association sent \$15.00 to the home for Xmas, motion seconded by Stanton Voss, Motion carried.

President Maurice Y. Royal then reported that 79 members of the County association attended the Testimonial dinner for Henry M. Phillips, and that every body that attended had a wonderful time. But that he is sorry to report that Mr. Phillips was unable to attend on account of sickness.

The President also spoke of the Big Fires that have occurred during the last 2 weeks, throughout the County and urged that the companies in the county be sure to keep their apparatus in good shape, as they are urgently needed, and that the fire loss was great, and that we should devote more time in trying to educate the public in this matter.

Chief Budd Absecon reported that he would furnish the roasters for the year 1947.

The President at this time appointed the Auditing Committee to Audit the Books of the Secretary and Treasurer of the County Association and The Death Benefit Association for the year 1946, Committee Chief George Yetter, Secretary Henry F. Heitz and Chief David Stuart,

Nomination of officers for the year 1947 was next in order,

President Maurice Y. Royal
1st Vice President Chief Lewis Ricci
2nd Vice President Chief Charles Hennis
Honory Vice Pres. Samuel Conover
Chaplain Rev. Robert A. Elwood
Sec'y and Treas. Henry F. Heitz

Nominations are still open for the Egg Harbor meeting

The President then wished each and every one a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year,

A Motion to adjourn was next in order to meet in Egg Harbor City January 15 1948 Refreshments served by the Margate Department were enjoyed by all present.

Attest Henry F. Heitz Secretary