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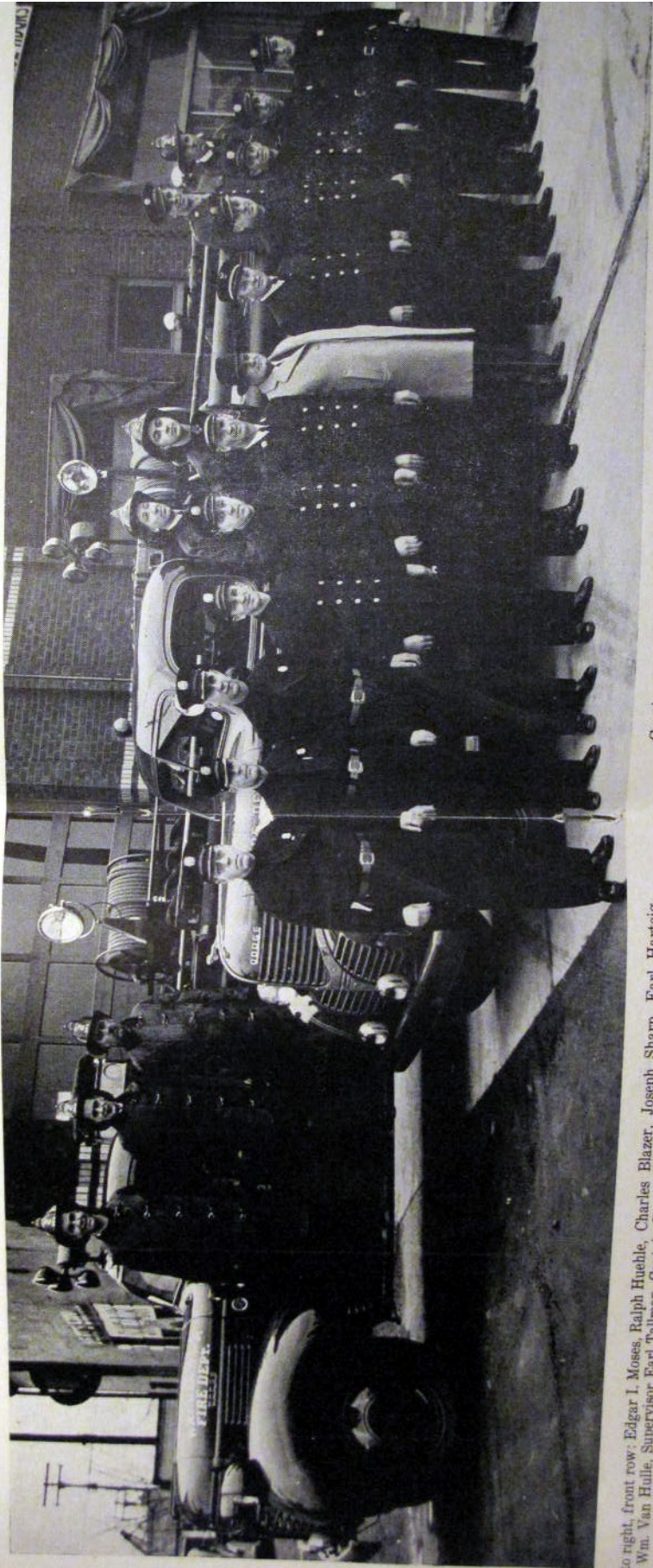
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A few years ago Warren Township was a typical farming community, an unknown and sparsely settled plot of land on the outskirts of Detroit, but has grown to a point where today it has become the most populated unincorporated area in the United States, known the world over for its war industries, such as the Chrysler Tank Arsenal, Westinghouse Naval Ordnance, Dodge Truck, Bundy Tubing, Carboly, Divco Twin Truck, Rotary Electric Steel, plus machinery and tool shops too numerous to mention.

The protection of these vital industries and homes of their workers against fire is the responsibility of the Warren Township Fire Department which is one of this thriving community's most important organizations. The Warren Township Fire Department was organized and put into service on June 15, 1939, covering an area of thirty-four (34) square miles.

This organization was made possible through the untiring efforts of the township Board, which was able to persuade Mr. K. T. Keller, General Manager of the Chrysler Corporation to donate a 2½ Ton Dodge Chassis. It was then delivered to

the General Fire Truck Corporation, where it was equipped with all up-to-date equipment; a Northern Centrifugal 500 gallon capacity pump, 800 ft. of 2½ inch hose, 300 ft. of 1½ inch hose. The truck was also equipped with 350 gallons reserve water tank, which was known as the largest Booster tank in Macomb County at that time. This Booster tank is equipped with 250 ft. of ¾-in. hose which is on a reel, and it has proven very effective throughout the Township where there is no water available.

William Van Hulle and Vernon Lumex were then appointed as the regular salaried firemen and they attended school for a period of time before they started their task of recruiting and training of volunteers.

There were ten (10) volunteer firemen appointed. Meetings and drills were held twice a week for volunteers. They also attended schools, where the latest methods of fire fighting and life saving were taught.

Starting out in 1939 with one Fire Truck, today the Warren Township Fire Department now consists of three fire trucks and a fire chief's car

SHIP FIRE DEPT.



Consigney, Joseph DeVoy and Louis Radunko. L. To R. Front truck: Donald Shields, Henry Moran, Pfc. Jack Knapp and Leslie Fickle. L. To R. Back truck: Cecil Griffith, Lawrence Marshall and Walter Tack.

which was turned over to the Fire Department in March of this year, due to the increase of fires and emergency First Aid calls, these trucks carry the most modern equipment to fight any fire no matter how small or how large.

Trucks are equipped as follows:

Number one—2500 feet of 2½ inch hose, 400 feet of 1½ inch hose.

Number two—1500 ft. of 2½ inch hose, 400 feet of 1½ inch hose.

Number three—1000 ft. of 2½ inch hose, plus such equipment as fog nozzles, C.O.2 tanks, gas masks, tarpaulins and foamite tanks and many other fire fighting items.

The rescue squad is equipped with such fine life saving equipment as an H & H inhalator and an E & H Resuscitator which is some of the best life saving equipment yet designed by modern engineers.

In 1939 from June 15 to December 31, the Fire Department answered 58 general alarms. In 1940 the Fire Department answered 104 general alarms; plus grass and car fires. In 1941 the

Fire Department answered 174 general alarms plus grass and car fires. The year 1942 saw the department answering 213 general alarms plus numerous grass and car fires, also the rescue squad answered 21 rescue calls of which the department revived 25 persons and with the loss of only 3 victims. In the year of 1943 the department answered 263 general alarms plus grass and car fires, also the department answered 24 rescue calls and lost 4 victims.

On September 23, 1941 Captain Chester Skarupski was appointed to the force as a regular fireman plus five volunteer firemen.

March 4, 1942, Vernon Lumex left the fire department to accept the position of Commissioner of Police of Warren Township. Earl Hartsig was loaned to the fire department from the Sheriff's Department to fulfill Lumex's place on August 18, 1942 he was appointed as a regular fireman.

December 1, 1942 Joseph Sharp and Lawrence Dolsen were appointed to the force as regular firemen. June 15, 1943 Charles Consigney was appointed to the force as regular fireman.