

1999

75th ANNIVERSARY

The real history is already written in the book. These notes are only incidents that happened in between those 75 years that Doyle #2 was in existence.

First and foremost I want to thank Harold for giving me the privilege to live during this time and this long. Thank You Harold. Who's Harold you ask? Why that's God's 1st name. It says so in the Prayer. Our Father etc.

Since it's inception in 1924 there have been 353 people sworn in as members of Doyle #2. ~~That includes the minority sep.~~

We've grown from a hand me down horse cart, to a converted coal truck as our 1st motorized

Fire truck to a \$250,000 Engine.
The taxpayers of the Wayle Fire District have confidence in us and are very generous to provide us w/ the most modern equipment available.

Back in ^{the} 1920's & 30's when you ~~needed help~~ had to get the Fire Dept ... you ran to a fire house and pushed a Button to Blow the siren ... you waited till someone came and you told him about the problem. If Wayle 1 siren blew 1st Wayle 2 would then blow their siren ... If they heard it, and as soon as the Truck was manned, we would take off for Wayle #1 to find out where the problem was.

and that worked in reverse. Usually we'd check the horizon for smoke or at night we'd look for an orange glow in the sky.

By the way when I'm using the word we I mean Wayne #2. not necessarily myself or anyone in particular.

① First aid was taught us in the '30's. ~~by~~ by the Red Cross. By today's standards it was crude. Emergency medical treatment and Fire Fighting are steadily improving.

Years ago fire fighting was as crude as 1st aid. Today Fire Fighting is a science. You can get a College degree in the

science of fire fighting.

When we'd answered a fire call and had to enter a building to get at a fire.. we'd put a wet rag over our mouth to prevent smoke and ashes from being inhaled. We had 24 coats Boots and Helmets. and 36 men. The coats were made of rubber if you got too close to a fire... Look out. It cost about a hundred dollars to outfit a man.

Today it's about fifteen hundred! and that does not include the schooling you get such as 1st aid and firematic training.

In the 50's we were hard pressed for room, and after a 5 year battle we got an extension of our building. We were proud, it gave us a building with twice as much room.

This took away our grounds where we ran our Field days. So we moved the field day to where McDonald's now stands. After 3 years we were offered the land for 50 thousand Dollars. That land included everything from Rossler to the Railroad and from Clinton to Dingens. It was nothing but cow and goat pastures. We refused... Two years later the Turnway came along and paid twice as much.

where Minwood ends, there is a Hydrant there. That's just about the spot where Home plate was on our Baseball Diamond. It was laid out by Dayle 2 ^{& maintained}. Ball games were played there ~~the~~ from the early 30's to the mid 50's when the thruway took over. They dug a drainage ditch right through the middle of the field.

Panic gripped Dayle 2. We had to share Theodore Roosevelt Diamond with Dayle #1 for 2 years. We finally convinced the School board and the town Recreation Director, Ray Dispensa to put up a diamond next to Grover Cleveland School on

Rowler - TOOMANY BALLS HIT THE
1st HOUSE

Today we're playing at the Dingers Park. a First Class facility. which by the way all the land from the Railroad to Harlem Rd was used as a Dump site. at one time 30's-40's

We didn't win too many championships but we made many acquaintances. We played ball in Merrill, Elma, Lake Shore, North Bailey and other places it was an Erie County & Niemens league

We progressed pretty good in First aid. Proof of that is in the many plaques we won at various conventions in competitions

We didn't do too bad in fire prevention either. as a matter

of fact... we retired the Sullivan trophy. You had to win fire prevention displays and teaching for 3 years in a row. At one time we were #3 in the county and #1 in New York state. This I believe was of the extensive work Tom Strawczyk ~~put~~ put together in the Fire Prevention Booklet.

Back in the 30's there was a machine shop on Meadow Brook ^{55 59 63} where there are now 3 houses.

Two Brothers named Murawski worked there. and whenever the Siren Blew. Mr. ~~Possing~~ Possinger gave them permission to answer the call. They made metal toys there such as cars, trucks etc. Then in the late 30's & early 40's he switched to making parts for the war effort

During W.W 2 on weekends especially. Two men usually spent the nights in case of an air raid. Two cats were in the room where the Chief's office is now.

It must have worked because there never was an air raid ⁱⁿ check.

However there was an anti aircraft unit stationed at South Ogden and Dingles.

In those early years there were numerous Barn Fires on Cayuga Road. At one fire which was very smoky, couldn't see flame so one of our men jumped up on the roof to ventilate. He did seek a good job that so much smoke came out, he got excited stepped backwards and fell off the roof onto a pile of Manure.

He didn't get hurt. The mouse
~~completely~~ ~~it~~ was fresh and
not frozen.

During one of our field days;
(we always ran them around the
fourth of July) a wind storm
knocked all our ~~at~~ tents down
except the beer tent. The rain came
and lightening knocked out the
power. So we pulled our pump
out and used the head lites and
spot lites. ^{TO ILLUMINATE} It was close to closing
time anyway, we supplied the lites
for about an hour and half. We
should have kept going a little
longer because the next day we
were going somewhere with the
pump and ran out of gas. It's
a good thing it wasn't a fire call

While I'm on the field days,, The first few we ran we had to borrow money to get started.

One of the best men we had in our company got married around the time of our field day. We had 3 excuses, working, sick or death in the family. if you didn't do your share. He paid the fine. Poor guy, ... He was on his Honey moon.

In the late 40's and up till now, Young blood was coming ~~is~~ into Doyle 2. We used to have elections to send men to the different conventions we'd send 2 ~~men~~ men every year as delegates. ~~We didn't know it at~~ We had the most Deciding Votes at one time that Doyle #2 was counted by all office seekers.

We ran a water ball competition at the Dingers park. ~~all~~ Posters were printed slingers handed out but the Hydrants were on the other side of Dingers.

Fortunately The Town sewer ~~Dept~~ Department came to our rescue. They zig zagged the hose thru the sewer lines under the street. In fact the hoses may still be there.

Central Council memorial services were always held around Memorial Day. All fire companies in town would attend church services in the morning and memorial services in the evening which included reading of all the names of all the men ~~who~~ ^{have} ~~died~~ imagine how long it would take today.

Which takes me back to the 20's. Those 17 men who started Bayle #2 had no money in their treasury. They didn't even have a treasury. What ever came to their minds to have done. They'd go ahead and do it. They needed badges so they got nickle plated ~~the~~ radiata trim from a Stutz Bear cat it into the shape of a Maltese Cross soldered a safety pin on the back and came up with this.

PRESENT THE BADGE

HENRY SIEJAK ENCASED IT

It's been lost for about 35 years... when Alex Maitensovic gave ~~mentioned~~ it to me and I had it for 5 years and decided

to retire it at this party
and just so it doesn't get
lost again we should present
it to a Frimatic Museum.
Maybe @ the Home on the
Hudson. But what ever the
membership decides on "..."
Let it Be..

I want to Congradulate
the membership and all
those who had a part of
keeping Doyle #2 alive..
and as a final word
carry on.!!
Thank You

INSERT ABOUT EXPLORER POST

FUND DRIVE - COIN OPERATED
HELMETS FROM SISTER FIRE COS.
IN POLAND AND FRANCE -
JOE WALENKIEWICZ - AMBASSADOR