

## Daleville Firemen Honored

The Daleville Christian church honored the Daleville Volunteer Firemen and Junior Firemen at a dinner in the Church, Sunday, November 22, Rev. Emshwiller welcomed the firemen and their families and led the group in song.

Bob Stewart, chairman of the board said, "It is with pleasure that I welcome you firemen on behalf of our Church and express to you a small portion of thanks for the service you render the community. All too often, those who contribute the most to a community or group are recognized and appreciated the least. We have a tendency to take too many volunteer services for granted, and with the attitude that it is your privilege to serve rather than it being our privilege of receiving the benefits of the generous giving of your time and energy to the good of the community. We hope you have enjoyed your dinner, and our fellowship, and will accept it as a very small payment for your many good performances of the past, and what we know will be your continued good services of the future."

The program was presented extremely well by Mrs. Barbara Martz in the form of a very clever and entertaining poem incorporating the names of each of the Senior and Junior Firemen.

In Barbara's words: "When I was handed the list of forty-two names, I thought it would be impossible to get them all in one poem. So after thinking for days and staying awake nights, I finally had the idea of writing it as a bad dream. So . . .

### FIREMEN HONORED

I had a terrible dream just the other night.  
I jumped up in bed, shaking with fright.  
The Siren was blowing, so without delay  
I hurriedly dressed and was soon on my way.  
Yelling "FIRE" at Folks whom I chanced to meet  
As I shuffled along on my house-slippered feet.  
I arrived at the Fire-house, the roof was a blaze;  
But the firemen, were just sitting around in a daze.  
Finally Arthur Getts up and Gene Barkdull too,  
As Jack Sater says, "Now, here's what we'll do.  
Since we are the Chiefs, we will hold a POW WOW,  
And make the time of action, just about NOW.  
We'll let Schlegel, English and Gaddis form a brigade,  
And Rutledge, Pugsley and Hartzell lead a Jim Parade.  
Now we won't use plain water, let's try pink lemonade.  
The ones we want first to arrive on the scene

Are Junior Shirey and Slim Edelman, for they make a good team

And they can be joined by Earl Fitch and Bob Green."

"Hey, where's the water pail?" Max Barkdull pipes in.

Bob Dean says, "We put Fish in it to watch him swim."

"Now here's your instructions," Arthur says with a shout,

"Always carefully carry all Feather-beds out.

When you come to the China, just give it a Chuck.

Let it fall where it may and then pray for luck.

If you find any coins now, Bob and John See,

If they are rare ones, bring them to me."

Don put his Hatton as Peckinpough said,

"You look well Harkrader in the fire-cracker red."

Said Sneed, "Nero played at the burning of Rome

So I'll strum my guitar 'There's No Place Like Home'."

"Be Sharp," said Mel Pugsley, "if you would win a prize,

Change the name to this: 'Smoke Gets In Your Eyes'."

Bill Graham yells, "There's Phil Davis in the corner

Waving his thumbs like little Jack Horner.

Herb Cox on a box says, "We can't eat yet,

Till Cannell and Davy Getts sings their fire-fly duet."

At last Ashton said, "Ready". They looked like men from

Mars

As they gingerly tramped out under the stars

Saying, "Hey where's the fire, we don't see anyone."

Out jumped the Junior Firemen, each with a squirt gun

John Shirey, Chet Babb, Terry Wean and Randy Rowe

Who yelled, "Couldn't find the axe, so I got me a hoe."

Doug Getts, Hodson and Blevins and Joined in with a shout,

"We just formed a Sock-hop and BEATLED it out."

Well, that was the time I chose to awake

To find with relief it was all a mistake.

What caused it, I wonder, I guess like as not

Last night's Chili supper was much too hot.

And so thankful was I it had just been a dream,

I decided right then to change the whole theme.

So, I turn back time to that 1945 year

When the first Volunteer firemen began to appear.

Doc. O. A. Tucker and Kirby were ones who heeded

The Fire-sirens call and did what was needed.

There were two service men Dan and Mike on my list,

Now, I hope to goodness no one I have missed,

For each is important and each does his part

Of protecting our town and what's nearest its heart.

So, as we count our blessings this Thanksgiving Day,

We remember you Firemen and we want to say,

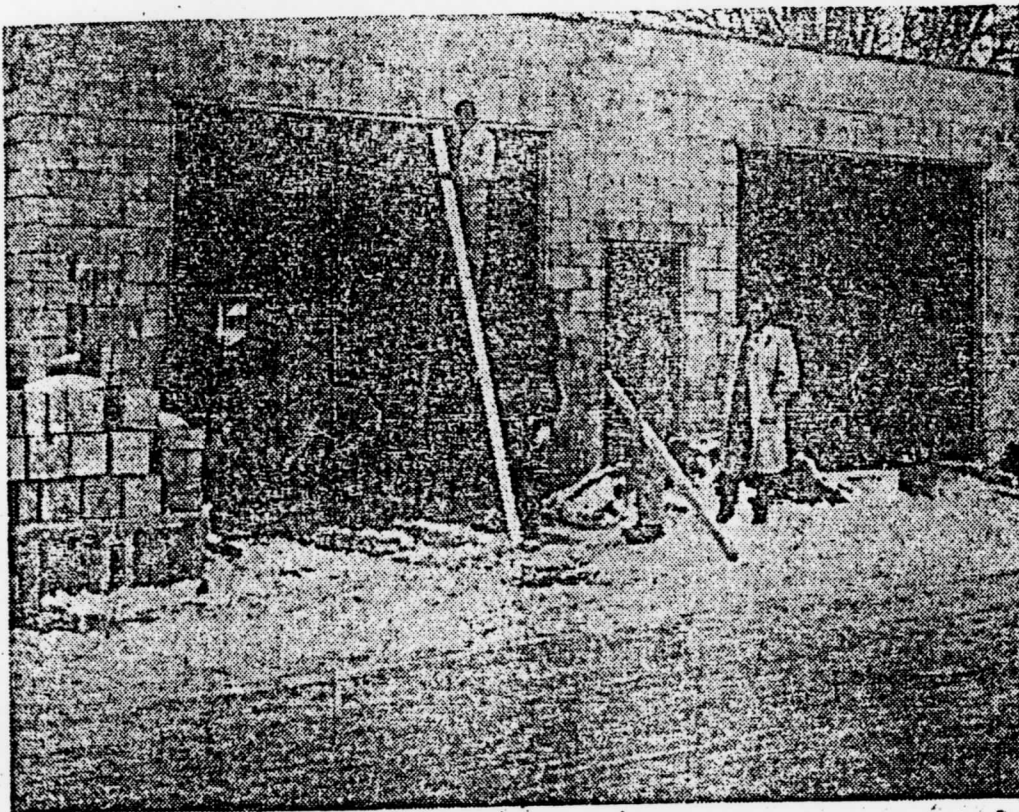
"We hope we won't ever need you at all

But we are so grateful you are there within call

And we now want to thank you for all that you do,

The church joins me in saying, "God bless each of you".

## New Fire Station for Daleville



Star Photo

Members of the Salem Township (Daleville) Volunteer Fire Department are working to remedy the present cramped conditions of the old fire station at Daleville by building themselves a cement block building shown above. Construction began last summer with an allotment for

building supplies issued by Salem Township Trustee Charles Selby and the advisory board. The new building, which is located in back of the post office, is scheduled for occupancy Jan. 1. All construction work has been done by volunteer firemen.

Salem Township's fire department has grown from a bucket

brigade in 1944 to the present strength of two pump trucks and a tank truck. A force of 24 volunteers is under Fire Chief Dr. O. A. Tucker; assistant chief, Marvin Getts; captain, Gene Barkdull, and training officer, Robert Harkrader. The department is a member of the Delaware County Civil Defense Association.

### Township Fire Department NOV. 1945

The Salem Township fire department is for use anywhere in the township. They will accept calls at anytime night or day.

Report a fire at the Daleville telephone exchange and the firemen and truck will be there immediately.

Kirby Shoemaker is the fire chief.

They hold their meetings the last Sunday afternoon of each month at 2:00 o'clock at the high school gymnasium. Everyone is invited to come.

**THE SALEM TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ORGANIZED IN YEAR OF 1945. IT HAS HOUSED IT TRUCKS IN DIFFERENT BUILDINGS IN DALEVILLE OVER THE PAST YEARS. EARLY DAYS, IN DAVE GETTS GARAGES. NAME A FEW PLACES. BEHIND MOORE'S PLACE WHERE SATER'S BUILDING IS. WHERE MRS. JOHNSON'S GIFT SHOP IS. ART. GETTS GARAGE IS ON HIGHWAY 32, BEHIND THE LEGION UP TOWN BEFORE IT BURNED. THEN THEY BUILT THE STATION BEHIND THE POST OFFICE, WAYNE STREET. THEN ON TO THEIR NEW HOME ON DALEVILLE ROAD. SO OVER THE YEARS THEY HAVE CAME A LONG WAY.**