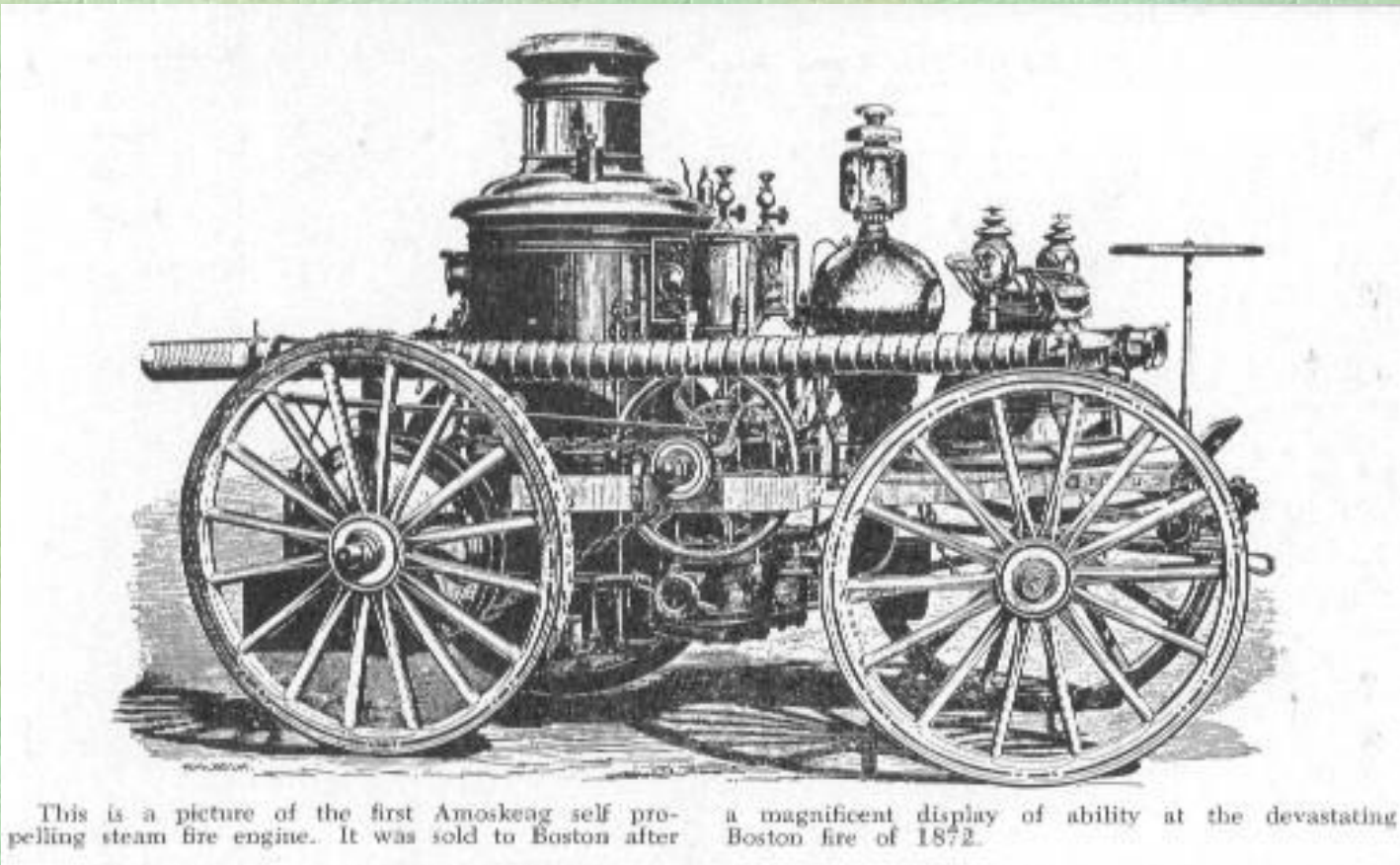


**The Gilmanton Fire Department**  
**An Historic Visit**

**July 24th 2007**



## Gilmanton has early impact on fire protection in the US



Gilmanton native Nehemiah Bean develops the first Steam engine for Amoskeag Locomotive Works in Manchester NH. This unit was sold to Boston Fire in 1872.



Fire Engine 1900s

20.5 USA

ZIP+4  
Presort



BEAN, Nehemiah S., American inventor:  
b. Gilmanton, N. H., 1818; d. 20 July 1896. He  
learned the machinist's trade, and in the winter  
of 1857-58 built his first steam fire engine,  
which he named the Lawrence, and sold it to  
the city of Boston. In 1859 he took the man-  
agement of the Amoskeag Locomotive Works  
in Manchester, where he had been employed in  
1847-50. During 1859 he built the "Amoskeag  
Steam Fire Engine No. 1," the first of a class  
of engines later used in many cities.

Nehemiah Sleeper Bean born 1818 in Gilmanton, NH  
died July 20, 1896 in Manchester, NH

Nehemiah went to work for the Amoskeag Co. in Manchester when the company was mainly cotton mills, building carpet looms for their mill in Lawrence, Ma. It were here, Nehemiah made his first attempt at a steam fire engine which he named "the Lawrence" and sold to the city of Boston. The Amoskeag Co., recognizing the potential of their Mr. Bean, abandoned the cotton mill industry to design and manufacture steam fire engines, becoming the Amoskeag Locomotive Works. Nehemiah was, of course, their genius. In 1859, he built the first of a new class of steam fire engines, Amoskeag No. 1, and sold it to the Manchester Fire Dept. for a whopping \$2000.00. The engine's capabilities were first demonstrated July 4, 1859. It raised steam and pumped two streams of water 203 ft. high in 7 minutes from the time of lighting the fire under the boiler. It revolutionized fire departments all over the East. However, with each succeeding engine, improvements were made. By 1867, Engine No. 263 was built. It was more remarkable in that it was self-propelled, a feature which saved the City of Boston in the great Fire of 1872. Boston then had horse drawn fire engines and in that year there was a bad epidemic of horse distemper. There were literally NO horses to draw the engines. Boston officials sent a desperate call to Manchester for their Engine No. 263. It alone was credited with holding the Great Fire of Boston from more than the main industrial area virtually saving the rest of the city from flames.



FORM OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT  
(For Non-Business Corporations)

The undersigned, being persons of lawful age, associate under the provisions of the laws of New Hampshire by the following

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Article 1. The name of this corporation shall be

*Gilmanton Hills Improvement Association*

Art. 2. The object for which this corporation is established is

*To advance the interests of the inhabitants of the town of Gilmanton New Hampshire by establishing and maintaining a fire department with its equipment, a place of social meeting and other public improvements within said town.*

Art. 3. The place in which the business of this corporation is

*to be carried on is in the village of Gilmanton New Hampshire in said Town of Gilmanton.*

*Will & Lough*  
*Sylvester W. Roberts.*  
*A. D. Gerry*  
*E. G. Rathrop*  
*M. S. Bennett*  
*Oscar S. Starett*  
*Walter J. Tuhey*

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS  
*Gilmanton N.H.*

" "

" "

**Gilmanton Hill Improvement Association**

Received and recorded this 14th day of September 1930

**Incorporates in 1930**

*L. A. Bennett*  
Town (or City) Clerk





1926 Chemical & Hose wagon

Chief A.L. Perry (white shirt)



Gilquante Iron Works Mfg.  
June 7, 1933

Mr. A. L. Perry,

Dear Chief:

It gives me  
pleasure to convey to you  
the expression of appreciation  
and confidence in your  
services, which was unanimously  
voted at the Monday evening  
meeting of the Association!

Yours sincerely

M. S. Barnett Sec.  
copy.

Chief A.L. Perry receives vote of confidence



Plates **N: 17096**

**THIS CERTIFIES THAT**

Gilmanton I.W. Precinct  
%A.L. Perry Fire Chief  
Gilmanton Iron Works **N.H.**

has registered in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Hampshire  
the Motor Vehicle described below.

**DESCRIPTION**

Make and Type ..... Federal Knight & Pump Fire Truck  
Maker's No. .... 47793 ..... Color Red  
Tires: pneumatic  solid rubber  hard  
Gross weight of vehicle and load ..... 5200  
Date ..... Jan. 1, 1931.

*John F. Griffin*

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

GVR

By

This Registration Expires Dec. 31, 1931.

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Please put the Names on the Roll this way: "Smith, John A."

Names of the officers and members of <sup>Ladder</sup> Engine #1, Chemical Co. No. 1, of Gilmer Iron Works, N. H., who are eligible for benefits in the New Hampshire State Firemen's Association

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<i>A. L. Perry</i>	Chief Captain or Foreman
<i>Marvin S. Bennett</i>	1st Lieutenant or Assistant 2nd Lieutenant or Assistant
<i>Marvin S. Bennett</i>	Treasurer
	Clerk

MEMBERS

<i>A. F. Chase</i> ✓	<i>Walter Jones</i> ✓
<i>R. Sturtevant</i> ✓	<i>E. F. Nelson</i> ✓
<i>James Lawrey</i> ✓	<i>W. L. Davis</i> ✓
<i>Will Blough</i> ✓	<del><i>Phil Johnson</i></del> ✓
<i>Seder Rollins</i> ✓	<del><i>Sam Brown</i></del> ✓
<i>Frank Parsons</i> ✓	<i>Henry Thompson</i> ✓
<i>Joe Stockbridge</i> ✓	<i>Ralph Gardner</i> ✓

SUBSTITUTES OR STANDING MEMBERS

<i>Fred Wells</i> ✓	<i>Revised Sept 10, 1933.</i>
<i>Sylvester Roberts</i> ✓	
<i>Ernest Roberts</i> ✓	
<i>Ernest Beak</i> ✓	
<i>Marv Thompson</i> ✓	Delegate
<i>Glen Edwards</i> ✓	Alternate

Clerks will please fill out this blank and return it to the Secretary with the Annual Dues

Roster of 1933 Fire Company



## Know All Men by These Presents,

That, We, the Gilmanton Hills Improvement Association, Inc. of Gilmanton in the County of Belknap and State of New Hampshire, through our President, Arthur F. Chase, duly and legally authorized,

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) Dollars

to us in hand before the delivery hereof, well and truly paid by A.L.Perry, A.F.Chase, M.S.Bennett, Roy C.Edgerly, Cora F.Young, Alma S.Lathrop, Florence C.Bordeau, Edwin F.Nelson, and James Lowery, collectively,

the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, convey and confirm unto the said grantee s, their heirs and assigns forever, a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the village of Gilmanton Iron Works, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the highway at Gilmanton Iron Works Square, so called, at the southwest corner of land of John Connell; Thence northerly by land of said Connell, on a line midway between the store of ~~of~~ said Connell and the foundation of a building formerly known as a gas station and restaurant, to northwest corner of said Connell's land; Thence northerly by land of Willie E. Clough to an iron pin in the ground at the corner of land now or formerly of C. P. Ballard; Thence southwesterly by land of said Ballard, on a line running near the foundation of a building, formerly a storehouse, now used as a firestation, to said highway; Thence by said highway to the point of beginning.

Meaning and intending to convey the same premises conveyed to us from Adolphus L. Perry, by warranty deed dated Nov. 16, 1929, and recorded in Belknap County Registry, Book 193, Page 238.

## Note for new station in the IW 1935

Mortgage given April 2, 1935, by the Gilmanton Hills Improvement Association for the security of note in the amount of \$800.00 payable to the indicated persons.





Gilmanton Hills Station off of Rt 140



Gilanton Iron Works  
New Hampshire

\$800.00

April 3 1935

For value received, We the undersigned,  
individually and collectively, promise to pay  
Ernest H. Goodwin, or order, Eight Hundred Dollars  
with interest at 5 % annually, agreeably to the  
following conditions:

That the money is to be used by the Gilanton  
Hills Improvement Association, Inc., locally known  
as the Fire Department, for the purchase of a new  
chassis and engine for the pumper truck, and equip  
it with a booster tank, and any other needed  
equipment. Also that two hundred (\$200) dollars  
a year can be paid on the face of this note until  
all is paid.

A. L. Long

A. F. Chase

M. S. Bennett

Roy C. Edgerly

Cora H. Young

Alma S. Lathrop

Florence C. Bordeaux

Edwin F. Nelson

James Farway

Rec'd payment in full to  
cover note and interest

Ernest H. Goodwin

**\$800.00 loan for new pumper**





Boys on the 1935





Boys on the 1935



Gilmanston F.W. - N. H.

Rec'd of M.S. Bennett on note given  
by the Gilmanston Hills Imp. Assn.  
the amounts on the following

dates	am. p/c	Int	
May. 7, 1935	Rec'd		\$ 17.50
June. 3, "	"	"	150.43
Oct. 8, "	"	"	101.25
Jan 15, 1936	"	"	102.50
Oct 6, 1936	"	"	103.91
May 11, 1937	E. H. Goodwin	"	102.50
Oct. 8, 1937.	"	"	100.42
			153.75

Payment in full  
Ernest H. Goodwin

1935 pumper paid in full



( Certified Copy Change Of Name)

July 24, 1939.

Secretary of State.

Concord N.H.

Dear Sir----

By a majority vote on July 3, 1939. of the members of Gilmanton Hills Improvement Association duly chartered by the State, It was voted to change the name as above, the following name, and would like charter to be so called.

(GILMANTON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT)

Pres-----

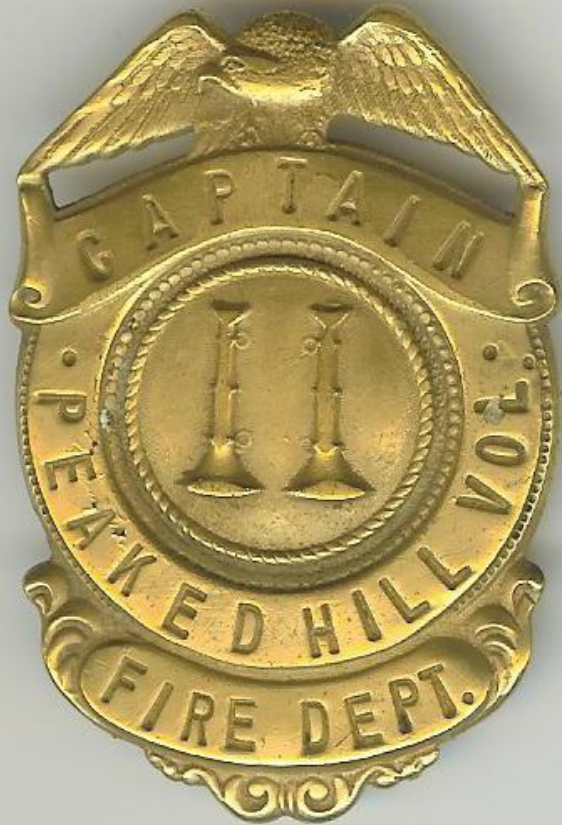
Sec-Treas---

Chief of the Dpt----

*Arthur F. Chase*  
*E. S. Cook*  
*A. L. Terry*

1939 name change to Gilmanton Hills Fire Department





Early Badges of the Gilman Hill fire department



1939

MEMORIAL DAY

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1938	\$ 4.01	
Appropriation	15.00	
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		\$19.01

EXPENDITURES

Rev. A. V. Dimock, Memorial sermon	\$ 5.00	
John B. Varick & Co., flags	17.00	
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1939	2.01	
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		\$19.01

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

RECEIPTS

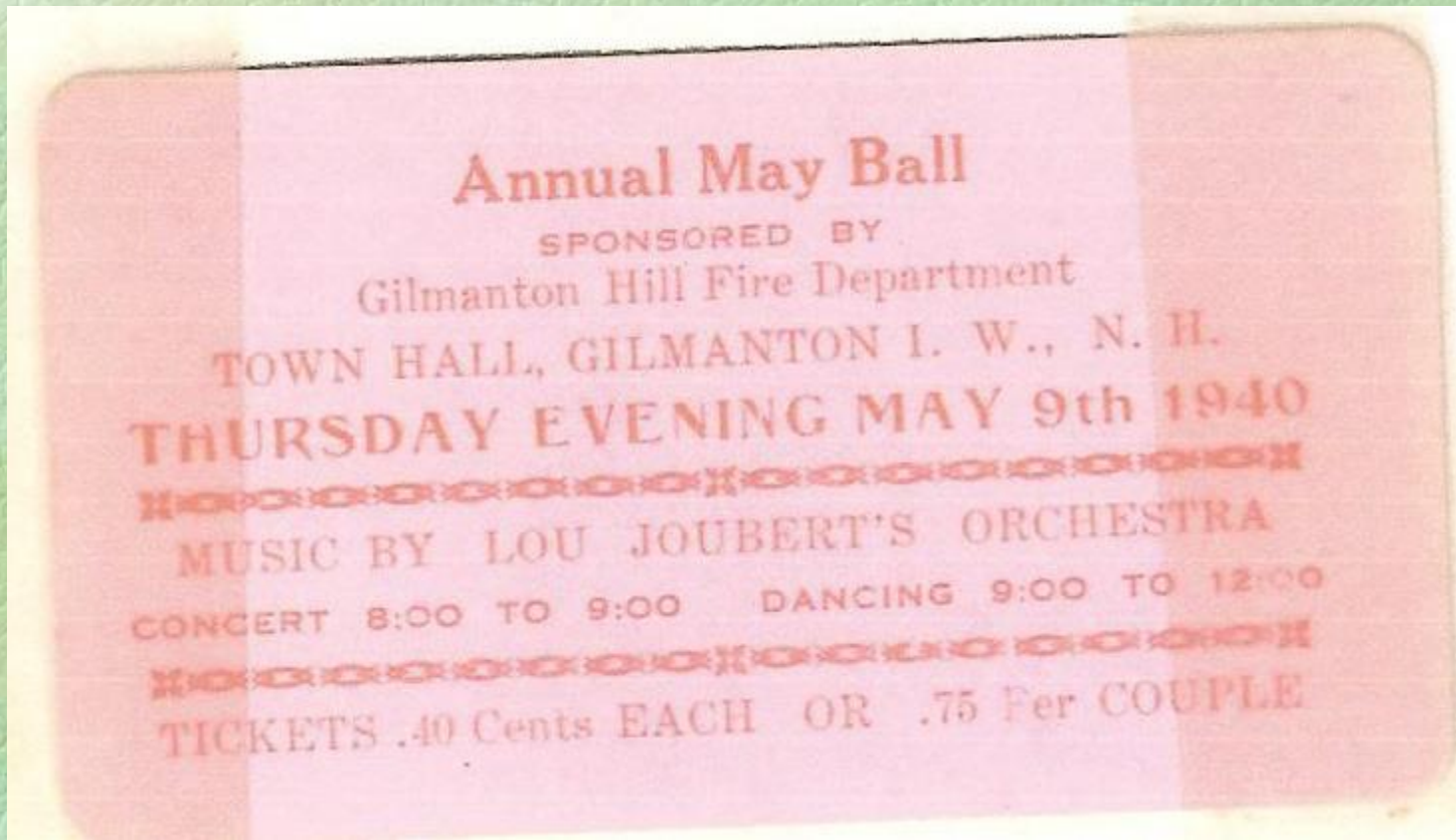
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1938	\$ 35.81	
Maintenance appropriation 1938	300.00	
Portable pump appropriation	250.00	
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		\$585.81

EXPENDITURES

Electric lights, 11 month	\$ 22.20	
Telephone	5.18	
Insurance on trucks	6.50	
Insurance on building	15.00	
Coal	66.00	
Suction hose, etc.	33.75	
300 feet 1½ inch hose	102.90	
Gas and miscellaneous items	79.07	
Portable pump	250.00	
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1939	5.21	
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		\$585.81

M. S. BENNETT, *Treasurer*  
A. L. PERRY, *Chief.*





A ticket to the May Ball in 1940





Peaked hill station in the Corners.

Now known as the Gilmanton Corners Station



IN CASE OF  
**FIRE**

DIAL  
COLONY } **7-2503**  
**NIGHT OR DAY**

**GIVE NAME OF PLACE ON FIRE**  
**IF POSSIBLE, TYPE OF FIRE, CHIMNEY, HOUSE, BARN**  
**GRASS OR FOREST**

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**CHIEF AUSTIN BARLOW, 267-3771**  
**PEAKED HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT      GILMANTON CORNER**

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COMPLIMENTS OF  
GILMANTON REALTY CO.  
FRED A. BUCCIARELLI

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*KEEP THIS CARD BY YOUR PHONE*

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Early form of 911



## TOWN OF GILMANTON

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Misc.	1.84	
Fire hose, couplings, nozzles, other equipment	57.50	
		<u>\$384.34</u>
Bank bal. Dec. 31, 1947	215.66	
		<u>\$600.00</u>

## LIABILITIES

Lights	\$5.60	
Service charge	.19	
Oil burner and chimney	182.44	
Gas	9.10	
Fuel Oil	11.00	
		<u>\$208.33</u>
Total liabilities	\$208.33	
Balance Dec. 31, 1947	215.66	
		<u>\$7.33</u>
True balance		\$7.33

RICHARD L. SMALL,  
*Treasurer.*

During the year 1947 Peaked Hill Fire Department was called to the following fires: Residence of Harry Chamberlain, residence of E. W. Kimball, Cram place owned by Ralph Jones, chicken house at residence of Albert Clark. Creamery building owned by Edwin Eveleth. Chimney fires at the homes of Herbert Beede, Howard Langley and Robert Zanes, also four other chimney fires. In only two cases were buildings totally destroyed and due to the splendid work of the fire department nearly \$50,000.00 of assessed valuation was saved.

Peaked Hill budget 1947





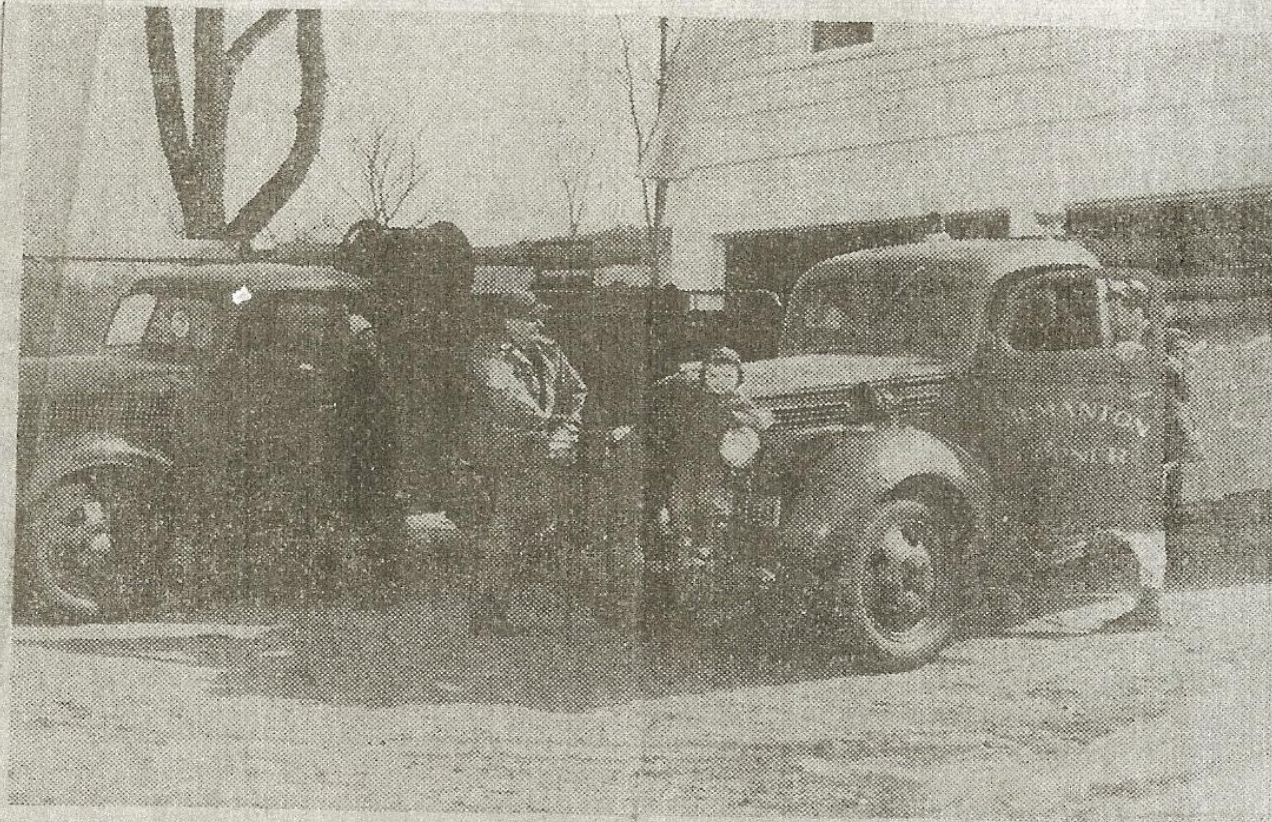
Peaked Hill Engine early 50's



Time to think about new equipment in the Corners

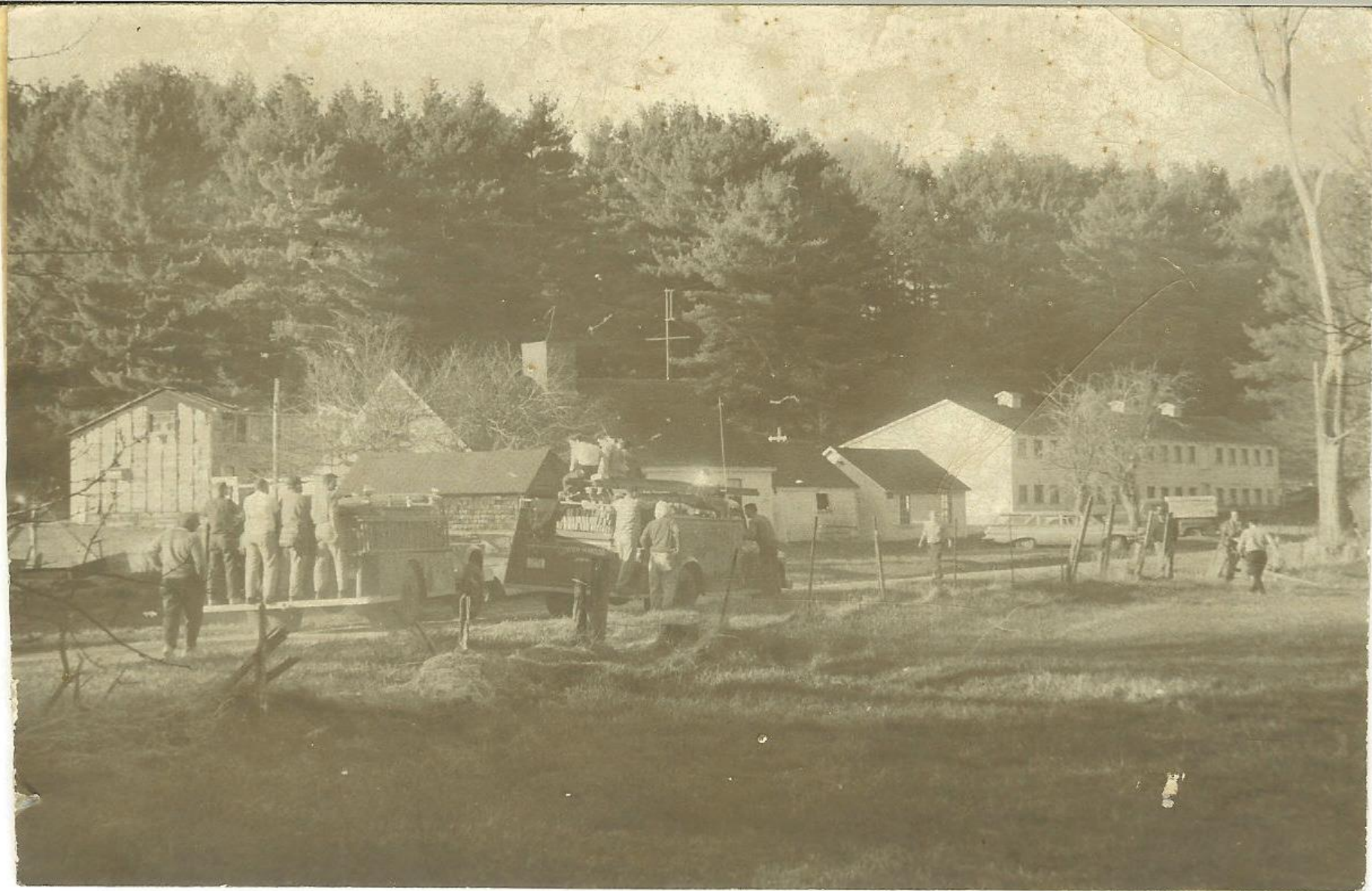
PSHIRE SUNDAY NEWS, MANCHESTER, N. H., MARCH 3, 1957

## Fire Truck Hot Topic at Gilmanton



ANCIENT GILMANTON FIRE APPARATUS, focal point of hot debate in that town, faced with ultimatum that unless a new truck is purchased insurance rates will rise 50 per cent. Town budget committee turned down request of the Peaked Hill department for \$10,000 for such new apparatus. Fire Chief Albert O. Clark, right, discusses situation with Thomas Smithers, left, department engineer; and Howard Osler, center, president of Peaked Hill Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. Department mascot is 3½-year-old Tommy Smithers, seated on vehicle. (Anderson Photo)





Drill at the Lawrence Scovill chicken farm





Surveying a large brush fire in the 50's





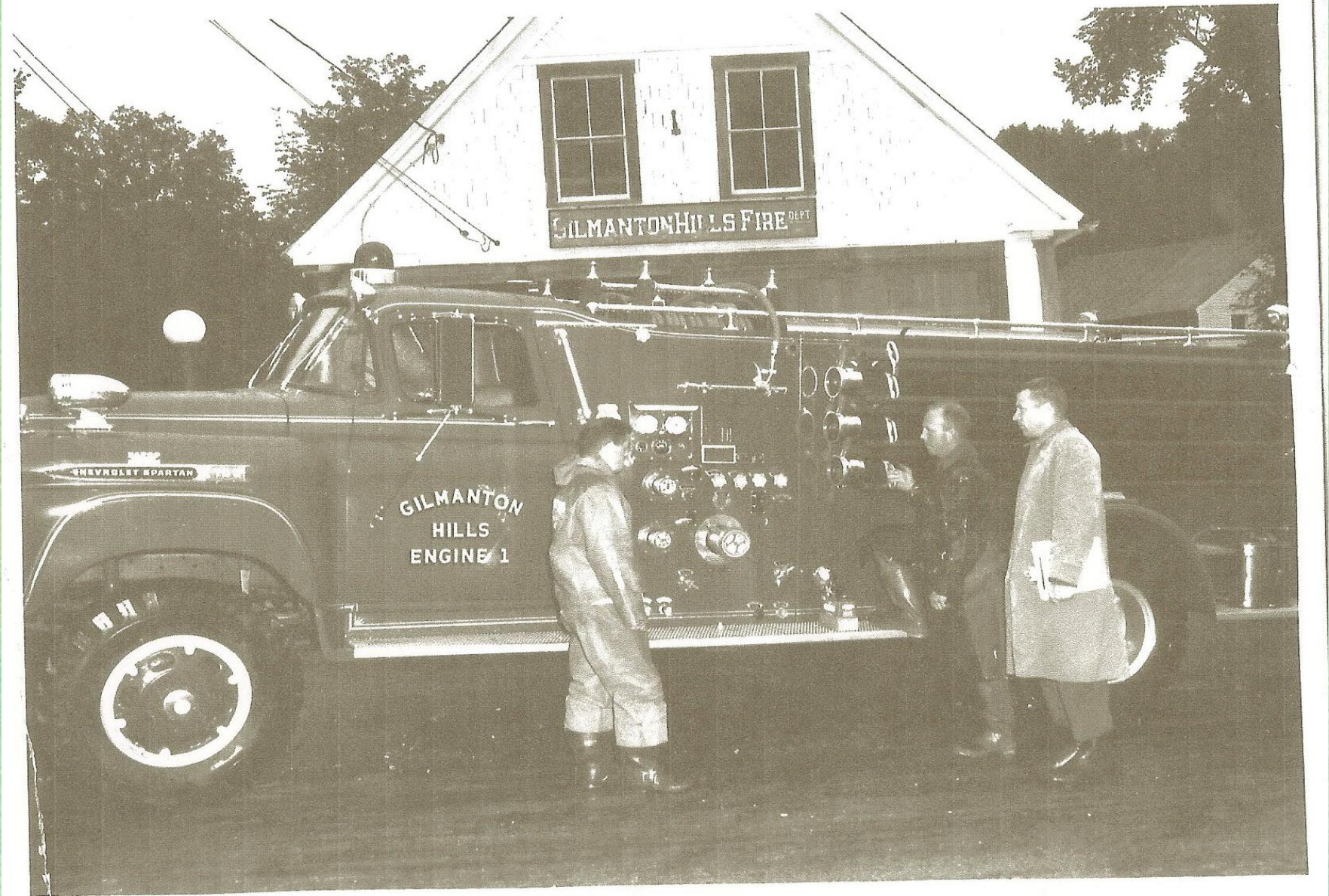
Gilmanton Hills engine 4 at a muster





Gilmanton Firefighters on the job





Chief A. Richard Price inspects new Engine 1  
purchased in 1959 for \$14,000.00



# New Gilmannton Fire Truck Given Tryout

GILMANTON — Only 14 hours after delivery of a new fire truck to the Gilmannton Hills Fire Department here, the apparatus had its first tryout, yesterday, even before it could undergo normal underwriters' tests.

An early morning blaze at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Folhe Strid resulted in damage of approximately \$1,500, according to Chief Richard Price.

The Gilmannton Hills Department, located at the Iron Works, was called about 6. The new truck was first on the scene of the four pieces of department equipment.

Mrs. Strid battled the blaze single handedly, with pail and dishpan, for well over an hour, Chief Price said, until the Strid well was pumped dry, and then called firemen.

To reach a phone, she had to run about a quarter-mile to the home of Ernest Young.

The fire was restricted to the kitchen and living room.

It was believed to have started from the fireplace, firemen said.

The apparatus later on Tuesday was given tests at Crystal Lake. These were conducted by Carl Smith of Concord, inspector for the State Board of Fire Underwriters.

The apparatus is a 750-gallon pumper, with four-wheel drive. It was bought by the town, and cost about \$14,000.

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“The apparatus is a 750 gallon pumper with four-wheel drive”





9M-1 in action at Gilmanton town Dump



# State of New Hampshire

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE



*I, EDWARD C. KELLEY, Deputy Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that the following and hereto attached* is a true copy of the Articles of Agreement of the GILMANTON HILLS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, and the amendment thereto changing the name to GILMANTON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT as recorded in this office and held in the custody of the Secretary of State



In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the State, at Concord, this 26th day of February, A. D. 19<sup>62</sup>

*Edward C. Kelley*  
Deputy Secretary of State



# State of New Hampshire

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE



I, **ROBERT L. STARK**, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that the following and hereto attached amendment to the Articles of Agreement of GILMANTON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT changing the name to GILMANTON IRON WORKS FIRE DEPARTMENT has been recorded in Records of Voluntary Corporations, Volume 362, Page 269.



In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the State, at Concord, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 19<sup>62</sup>

*Robert L. Stark*  
Secretary of State



# Gilmanon Iron Works Fire Department

GILMANTON IRON WORKS, N. H.

Mr. Moderator; I move the adoption of the following motion:

"We, the Towns-People of Gilmanon, N. H., assembled in Town Meeting, this 8th day of March, 1966, do wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciations to Mr. Richard Price for his outstanding services to his community as Chief, Gilmanon Iron Works, Fire Department for the sixteen year period from 1950 through 1965. The demonstrated energy, loyalty and devotion to duty as exemplified by Mr. Price were major contributions toward the steady progress and improvement of the Department and to the reputation and prestige which it now enjoys; and it is further moved that this motion be spread upon the permanent records of this meeting."



W. A. Emond,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Dick Price retires after 15 years as Chief



REPORT OF PEAKED HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1967

Receipts

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1967	\$ 378.65
Town Appropriation for 1967	1,900.00
Emergency Fund	365.45
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	\$2,644.10

Expenditures

Heat	\$182.11
Electricity	65.28
Telephone	183.86
Gasoline and Oil	68.20
Maintenance Equipment	246.88
Equipment	334.20
Insurance	470.10
Principal & Int. on Loan	214.00
Mutual Aid Dues	50.00
Training	39.00
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Total Expenditures	\$1,853.63

Balance December 31, 1967 (a) \$ 790.47

(a) Purchase Obligations

Uniforms	\$158.74
Truck Maintenance	43.29
Telephone & Electricity	52.08
Maps	15.75
Hose	520.61
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	\$790.47

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN  
& DISTRICT CHIEF

After several successive years of drought, the rains of 1967 came as a welcome change. Our record of the past fire season is good. Our thanks to all who contributed to achieve this good record. Continued improvement in the matter of accurate, prompt detection and rapid effective suppression action can help to maintain this good, worthwhile record even though we do not have an abundance of rain as in the fire season of 1967.

It will help if we follow these simple suggestions:

1. No burning of debris and waste between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. and then only with a written permit from the Forest Fire Warden.
2. Take debris and waste to the town dump.
3. Maintain a clean, safe dump.
4. Keep matches away from young children.
5. Be sure matches and smoking material are dead out when we discard them.
6. Set a good example for others in fire prevention.

Number of Fires & Acres Burned in 1967

	Fires	Acres
State	408	520
District	28	60
Town	1	-1/4

District Chief, IVAN E. SCRANTON  
Warden, RICHARD PRICE

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Our forest fire record for 1967 was very good. One fire of less than one-quarter acre which was caused by lightning.

Number of permits issued—198.

Permits are required for all burning and incinerators.

Permits are issued by Warden Richard Price, Gilmanton Iron Works and Deputy Joseph Clairmont, Gilmanton Corner.

Warden, RICHARD PRICE





Peaked Hill and Gilmanton Hills officers meeting





Peaked Hill Engine 3





**First rescue squad in Gilmanton**



*Gilmanton School c/1937?*



*Can you find Bob Tibbets?*

Gilmanton School late 30's, on site of current IW Station





Gilmanton School current site of IW Station





Former Gilman Iron Works School, turned over to the Fire Department, as the site for the new Fire Station to be built this year. This shows the beginning of the demolition.



This is the end of the chapter for the old Iron Works Elementary School built over 50 years ago. Soon the New Iron Works Fire Station will be on this site.



This is the same school about halfway through the demolition.

## GILMANTON

by Betty Roberts

Approximately 18 people attended the Gilman Gals Extension group on Wednesday, April 12th in the Town Hall.

The members described the different dishes they furnished. Slides were shown of the country of Italy, and the

different Italian dishes were served at noon by Mrs. Jessie Streeter and Mrs. George Roberts, Sr. The next meeting will be held on May 10th in the Church Hall at the United Church of Gilman Iron Works. The topic will be "Cheese in the Family Meals." The meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Why not plan to attend this meeting.

An unoccupied structure was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. The building was owned by John Deljocover of Newfields, Massachusetts. The road was unpassable and the firemen were unable to save the building. The eleven room house was located on the road off Crystal Lake past Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Butman's home and at one time was owned by Doris's parents.

The Gilman P.T.A. meeting that should have been held on April 13th was cancelled due to inclement weather but there will be a meeting on April

20th at the Elementary School at 8:00 p.m. The P.T.A. will again sponsor the third annual scholarship horse show this year on May 13th starting at 9:15 a.m. in Crystal Lake Park. Twenty four classes will be judged, with high point trophies given both English and Western classes. This year, in conjunction with the horse show, plans are underway for a flea market and craftsmans fair. Space will be available for rental to commercial enterprises who may wish to exhibit their products. Anyone interested in participating in any of these events and would like any additional information may contact Mrs. Conrad Young of Gilman, phone number is 267-8108 or Mrs. Robert Crosby of Gilman, phone number is 267-8534. Refreshments will be available on the grounds. All proceeds will go to the Gilman P.T.A. scholarship fund in the name of the four

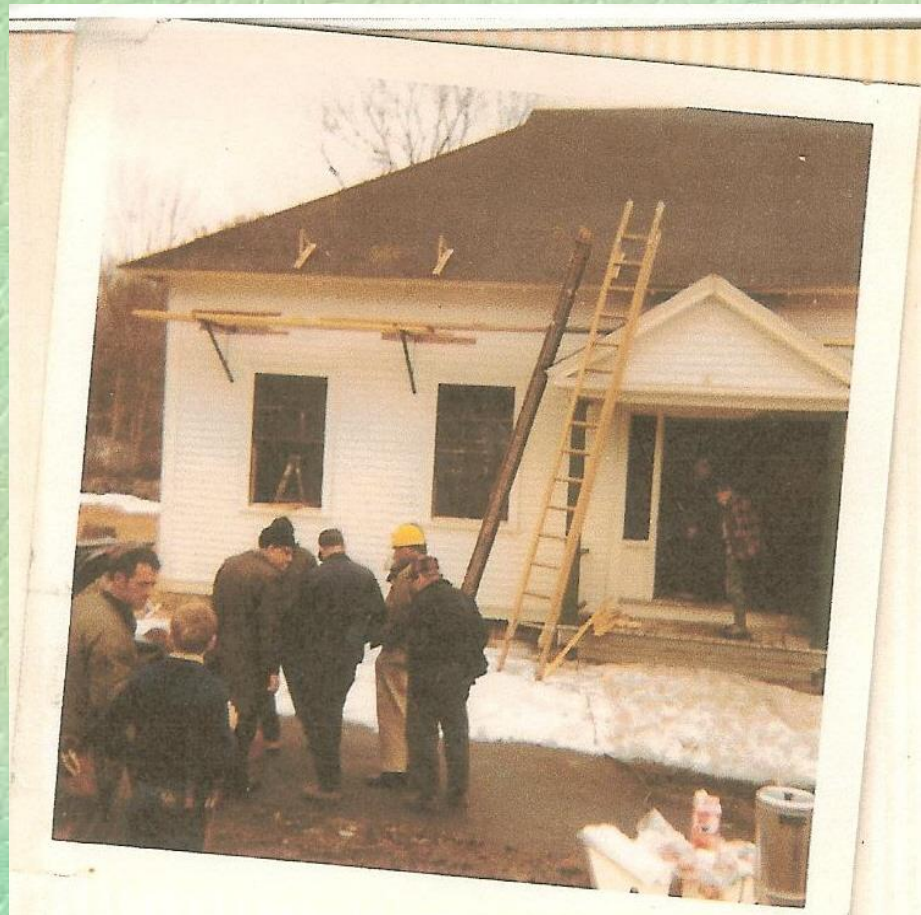
please bring them along. They would like the members to bring themselves a sandwich for their lunch, dessert and beverages will be served. The ladies will have their regular April pictures, camping in Europe and Pike Peak via motorcycle. Mrs. Jar is the daughter of Mrs. Jessie Streeter. Everyone is welcome attend that evening including men. It should be very interesting.

There was a party of 15 ladies and 2 men that attended a delicious luncheon at the Arlington Baptist Church Ladies Spring Luncheon on April 10th. They enjoyed a program of music by a tenor soloist and illustrated talk "Tripping Southeast Asia," and Thaila by Mrs. Warren Adams Cranston, Rhode Island. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

The entire Supervisory Union No. 30 which includes, Lacon, Gilford, and Gilman as well as the parochial schools, host Parent Teachers Conferences in all elementary schools in the three communities. There was an all day conference on Friday at the elementary school - Gilman Iron Works. The 8th grade students sold many handmade articles and candy to the teachers that attended the conference. The 8th grade students have made sufficient money to obtain the scoreboard. Good for them.

On April 25th, the Gilman Historical Society will have their first meeting of the season. The first meeting is a Show and Tell program, which was a success when the members put one several years ago. Anyone attending this meeting are asked to bring something of unusual interest and they will be asked to describe the article and show how it is used. Things of interest could be: old paintings, photos, old tools, etc. a





Demolition of School house begins.



Making way for new IW Station.





Schoolhouse demolition complete





Ground breaking for new IW station June 5th 1972 Chief Ralph Forsythe and H.J. Lank.

**Howard Lank, president of H. J. Lank looks on as Chief Ralph G. Forsyth turns the first shovelful at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Gilman Iron Works fire station held last week. The shovel presented to Chief Forsyth was inscribed "Presented to Gilman Iron Works Fire Department June 5, 1972 from H. J. Lank Inc. to Chief Ralph G. Forsyth - Start of the New Fire Station."**



# Investment in Confidence.



*Believing in the dedication of the members of the:*

## GILMANTON IRON WORKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

*who hold devotion to duty above personal risk, who count sincerity of service above personal comfort and convenience, who strive unceasingly to find better ways of protecting the lives, homes and property of their fellow citizens from the ravages of fire and other disaster*

Roy Y. and Elizabeth C. Lang  
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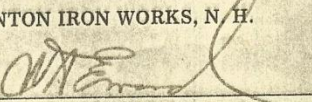
has invested FIFTEEN Dollars

for the purchase of One and One-Half Shares of Confidence at \$10.00 per share, each share representing one square foot of the new Fire Station to be built by the said Gilmanton Iron Works Fire Department.

Certified this

17th day of August, 197 1

at GILMANTON IRON WORKS, N. H.

  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

  
PRESIDENT

  
CHIEF

CERTIFICATE NO. 52

Fund raising tool  
for new IW station  
Shares of Confidence



**GILMANTON IRON WORKS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



**DEDICATION**

**of**

**NEW FIRE STATION**

**4:00 P.M. Sunday, July 8, 1973**

**Gilmanton Iron Works  
New Hampshire**





Completed IW Station



MAY 31, 1973



**Refreshments Committee at the Open House in front of new fire station in Gilmanton Iron Works. Left to Right - Rose Watts, Doris Butman, Margaret Ross, Helen Hawkins, Betty Roberts, and Judy McIntire, Nancy Holloway not shown in picture.**





**PRIEST TO SERVE AS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN --**  
Rev. Hector LavMontagne, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and director of Camp Fatima, has been named chaplain of the Gilmanton Iron Works Fire Department.

Fire Chief Ralph Forsyth presented Father Hector with a miniature fireman's badge designating his role as chaplain during an auction held at Camp Fatima, Saturday, to benefit the Rev. Sherman Stevens family. (WON'S staff photo)





**"FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE"**  
is the inscription on the plaque presented to Col. Willfred A. Emond, center, who has performed outstandingly for the Canton Iron Works Fire Department and its members. By this award, we honor his accomplishments as a member since 1954 and his dedicated work as

secretary-treasurer since 1960." The award was given at the dedication of the new fire station Sunday afternoon. Shaking hands with Emond is Ralph G. Forsyth, chief. At left is Walter H. Skantze, president.

(Photo by Mary Ellen Bartlett)



Nov. 29, 1973  
Gilmanton, N.H. 03237

Secretary of State  
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Sir:

At a regularly stated meeting on October 2, 1973 of the Peaked Hill Fire Department, it was voted unanimously and in the affirmative by the fifteen members present to change the name of our organization to that of the "Gilmanton Corners Fire Department" (formerly known as the "Peaked Hill Fire Department").

We wish that this change be so noted in your records.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred LaRoche, Chief

*Alfred LaRoche*

Wayne Sharp, Deputy

*Wayne Sharp*

Jack Adel, Captain

*Jack Adel*

John Willard, Secretary

*John Willard*

John Fanning, Treasurer

*John Fanning*

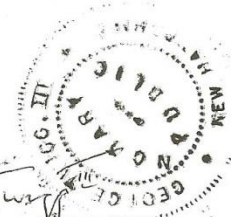
Glen Lines, Engineer

*Glen Lines*

SCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 1973  
GILMANTON, COUNTY OF BELKNAP, N.H.

*George Twigg, III*

NOTARY PUBLIC GEORGE TWIGG, III  
NOTARY PUBLIC, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
My Commission expires Dec. 1, 1974



Peaked Hill changes name to Gilmanton Corner Fire Department



# State of New Hampshire

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE



I, EDWARD C. KELLEY, Deputy Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that the following and hereto attached Amendment to the Articles of Agreement of PEAKED HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT changing its name to GILMANTON CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT has been recorded in the Records of Voluntary Corporations, Volume 709, Page 467.



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In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the State, at Concord, this 30th day of November A. D. 1973.....

*Edward C. Kelley*  
Deputy Secretary of State





**The Gilmanston Corners Station**





### Performing at Benefit

1979

“Jud Strunk is coming to town,” is the theme song this week in Gilmanton. The famed entertainer from northern Maine will put on a show at Crystal Lake Park, Saturday at 8 p.m., for benefit of the Gilmanton Iron Works Fire Department. David Russell, seated center, fund-raising chairman, has

restored 1949 Chevy convertible in return for the show. Practicing a little music of their own, which they may lend to the show, are (at left) Gilmanton Fire Chief Ralph Forsyth, with his wife Leslie, on the hood; and their 2½-year old daughter Amanda, using improvised kitchen utensils; and Wendell Beck, at right.

Jud Strunk Fund raiser in 1979



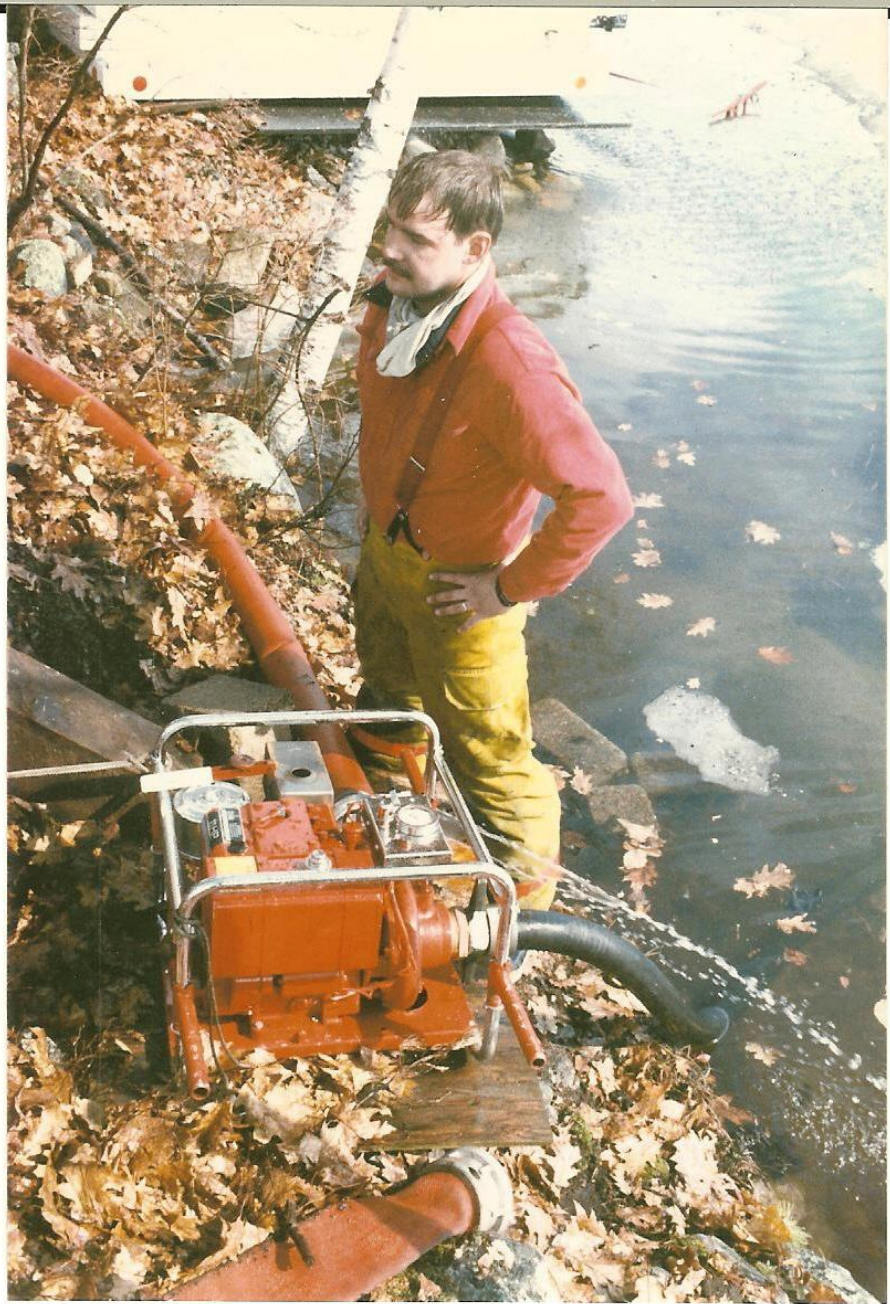


### *Surprise Party*

1980

The Gilmanton Iron Works Volunteer Fire Department held a surprise party on Frank Roberts' 80th birthday. Over 50 firefighters and friends attended the gathering at the fire house, which included the presentation of a plaque and a declaration from the N.H. legislature recognizing Roberts' many contributions. Pictured are George B. Roberts, Sr., who delivered the declaration, Fire Chief Ralph Forsyth, Mr. Roberts, and Walter Skantze, department president.





**Gilmanton Corners Chief Jim Clough**





**IW Chief Dave Russell**









Gilmanton's 1st town operated ambulance late 80's





Gilmanton IW 9M2 at work



12-5-88

The Monthly Meeting of the Gilmanton Fire Dept. was held at the Iron Works Station.

Pres. Tom Reed opened the meeting at 1904.

Motion was made to combine theeCorners Dept and the Iron Works Dept into the Gilmanton Fire Dept. The members present were unanimous in their vote to join the two Dept's into one organization.

The officer's will be as follows;

Chief. Norman Skantze 9R1

Deputy Chief. Carl Morehead 9R2

" " Joe Hempel III 9R3

Members at Large.

Secy/Treas.

Jim Clough

Paul Follansbee

Dave Russell

This slate of officers was presented to the members attending and was on in the affirmative.

There was then a Secy/Treas. report which was accepted by the membership.

Gilmanton IW & Gilmanton Corner Department merge

December 5th 1988





Gilmanton Fire Department 1st patch





Chief Norm Skantze, Deputy Carl Moorehead  
first fulltime Chief and Deputy Gilmanton Fire Department





Members in 1990









9M2 becomes 9M3















**2006 Run  
Statistics**

	<i>Fire</i>	<i>Medical</i>	<i>M.V.A.</i>	<i>Service Call</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>January</i>	8	11	13	3	35
<i>February</i>	22	18	5	4	49
<i>March</i>	18	18	8	2	46
<i>April</i>	37	14	1	4	56
<i>May</i>	20	12	2	18	52
<i>June</i>	26	23	3	7	59
<i>July</i>	10	22	3	3	43
<i>August</i>	10	23	3	7	59
<i>September</i>	16	15	1	4	36
<i>October</i>	26	15	4	4	49
<i>November</i>	14	17	5	4	40
<i>December</i>	10	23	11	4	48
<i>2006 Total:</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>551</i>

10 years of run stats  
shows increase in activity.

2005	475
2004	408
2003	402
2002	451
2001	391
2000	328
1999	396
1998	352
1997	342
1996	305





Training Fire on Gale Rd





Structure fire in Shellcamp





Interior fire training





8 10:19 AM





Yesterday



Today







Yesterday

Today





# Chiefs past and present



Chief A.L. Perry

Chief Earl Clifford

Chief Al Clark

Chief Austin Barlow

Chief David Bickford

Chief Vic Parker

Chief Dick Price

Chief Ralph Forsyth

Chief Alfred Laroche

Chief Jack Adel

Chief Mickey Daigle

Chief David Russell

Chief James Clough

Chief Norman Skantze

Chief Glenn Davis

Chief Alan Cohen

Chief Paul Hempel

Chief Timothy Robbins

Chief K.G. Lockwood

Chief Paul J Hempel







**The tradition continues today**