

American Realty believed the Guadalupe Valley of San Bruno Mountain would swarm with San Francisco refugees just as the Bayshore neighborhood of San Francisco had boomed after the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake. Subdividing the mountain's north-facing slope in 1908, American tried to sell it as Bayshore Terrace, Braemaire and Visitation City.

The Mozzettis, the Sweets, the Lindes, the Allemands, the Fitzgeralds, Martha O'Neil, Jack Stafford and one or two others came. It took the 1929 Depression to send a wave of different refugees — economic refugees— fleeing San Francisco for shelter. Arthur Annis sold lots for \$5 or less and called the area "Brisbane" after a San Francisco writer.

Come, they did.

Camping out as, board by board, they constructed a community of begged, bought and cast-off building materials, they got by with what they had and improvised for what they needed.

Fire was an ever-present danger. Tall grass surrounded every structure. The steep mountain seemed made to burn, and did. First acts of community in the tiny town were bucket brigade assaults against grass fires raging between homes. They lost everything to fire, rebuilt, and lost again.

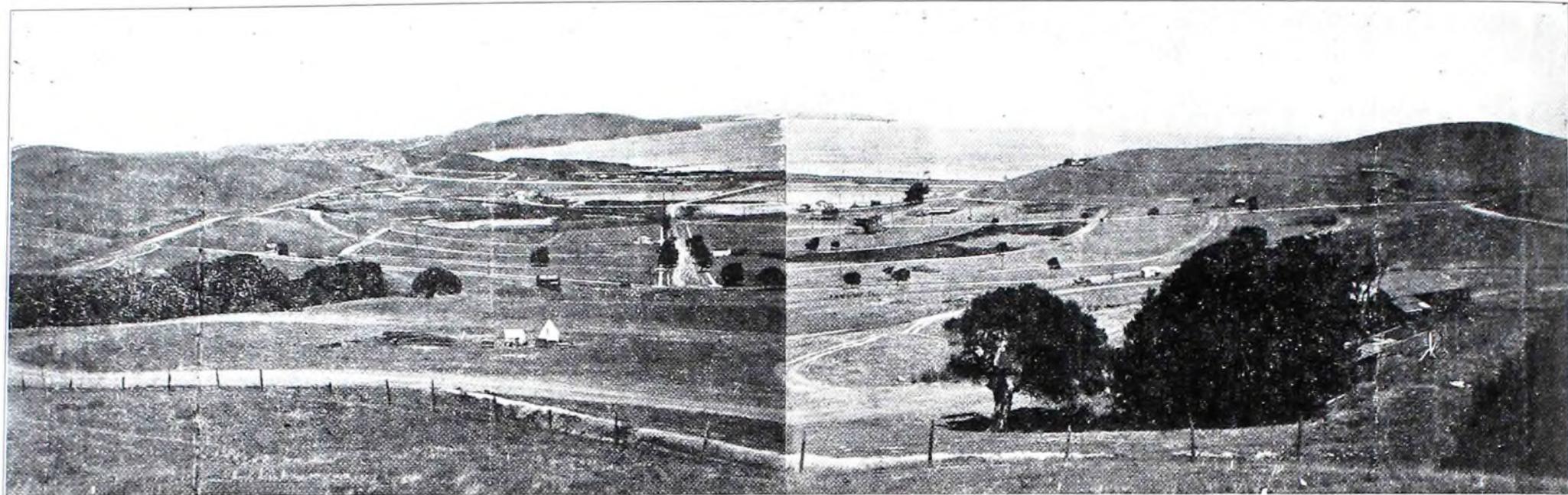
In 1932, town founders built fire trucks as they had built everything else — with their own hands. The post office called it Visitation City. Volunteers called themselves the Brisbane Fire Department.

They prevailed. Thus was born Brisbane.

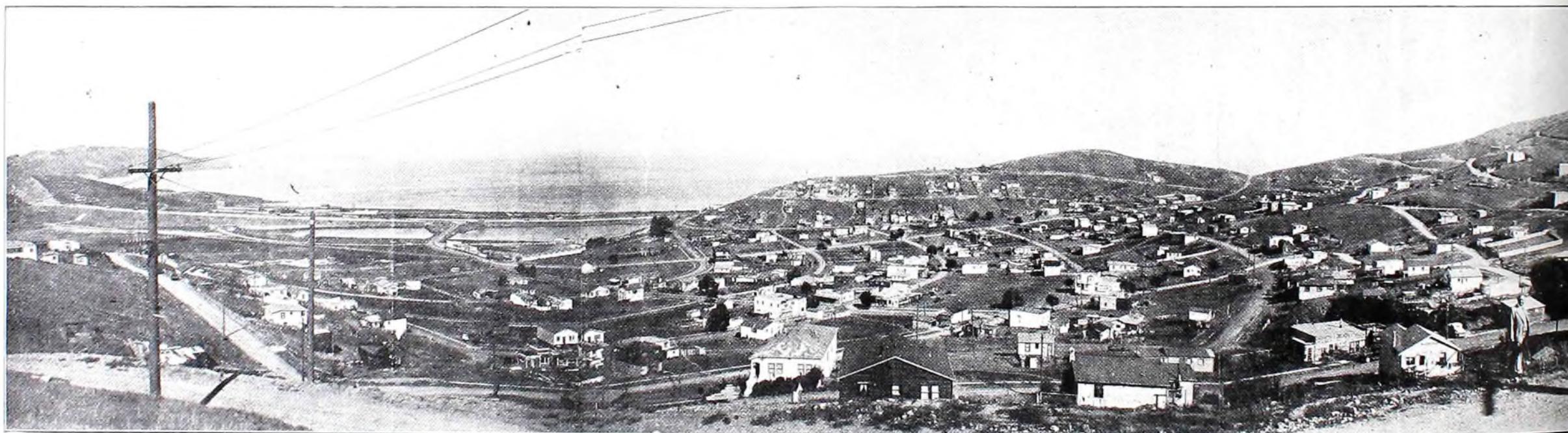
Born of Fire

In Praise of Brisbane Volunteers





Widely-spaced structures were vulnerable to fire in 1929 (photograph above). Twenty-eight children in town attended Bayshore School. By 1934 (below), Brisbane had 400 homes, more than 1,000 residents, a bus to San Francisco, a school district, a volunteer-built school for 70 children, social clubs, a voter's league and a volunteer fire department. The department had two trucks and a dozen men.



“ The people in Brisbane started a volunteer fire department. That fire department became the law enforcement group. If anything happened in the community that seemed to be difficult to handle or threatened problems, these people were it. The government there in Brisbane for a long time was the fire department.

Kind of unusual, isn't it? —Fred Schmidt”



One hundred and three Brisbane Fire volunteers, their children and friends gathered in the social hall for a 1933 party. At the moment the Department was circulating petitions to make official what it had been doing unofficially since January of 1932 — behaving like a fire department and putting out fires. Nine days later, fire volunteers claimed victory. Community volunteers built this hall in their free time at 23 Visitacion Avenue for entrepreneur William Jonas. Jonas then sold it and it was converted to a bar. It is known in the modern era as the De-Marco's 23 Club.

Women paraded wearing firefighters' caps as an ambulance team July 4, 1933. Building at left in photo is the first 'Voters League Hall' on the south-east corner of Visitacion and Mariposa streets.



“ I got involved when we almost lost the town when the fire came over the mountain from Daly City and South City. At that time I imagine I was around 13 or 14 years old. They used everybody they could get ahold of to fight the fire. We used gunny sacks wetted down and we'd beat the fire down with gunny sacks.

—Harold Arthurs

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“ We were a bunch of kids fishing on the bay at night off a raft. We used throw lines because we had no fishing poles.

I was throwing out and the fishhook went right through my finger. In those days the fire department were the mothers and fathers and the police and everything else.

I don't recall who it was rang the bell but we rang the bell. The bell was on a gantry behind Heywood's store. We rang the bell and the fire department came. They took me down to South City Hospital, which was on Spruce and Grand Ave. They tried to cut the fishhook with cutters but they were rusty and dull and wouldn't cut it. I remember they brought rusty bolt cutters up from the boiler room.

The firemen were our saviors in Brisbane. —Ted Sailor

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Kneeling at front are first three chiefs of the Brisbane Fire Department. Lou Terry, in vest, the third chief, is at left. Fred Schmidt, the second, is second from left. Clare Coffin, at center, brought the first truck to town and named himself chief. The photo location is at the intersection of Visitation and Klamath in 1933.



At the curb, southeast corner of Visitation and Klamath, 1933: The department's hand-made pride and joy. The former Hertz rental car is at left; second engine, a Jordan, is at right.



“Anybody that had a kid got them into the fire department. It came as it came. Things just happened that way. You knew you had to do something to help yourself. The other reason you had to join was that it was the only excitement in town. Otherwise, it was Dullsville. —Jack Blanchard”

Brisbane-on-Bay Burns

Hot weather, parched hillsides and strong winds combined this week to create a fire hazard condition in the north peninsula unequalled in recent years. The north side of San Bruno Mt. was swept by a 400 acre grass and brush fire Monday in which for a time endangered the entire Brisbane-On-The-Bay subdivision. A strong wind swept the flames directly down the Mountain toward the Mozzetti and Mazzoni dairy and nearby homes. Lack of water and a pungent, stinking smoke pall covered the town and swept four miles out over the bay making the task of fire fighters difficult.

The Bayshore Fire Dept. called out all reserves to aid in the fighting of the wind-swept flames. As the peril to the subdivision grew, the S.S.F. dept was called and for more than two hours the

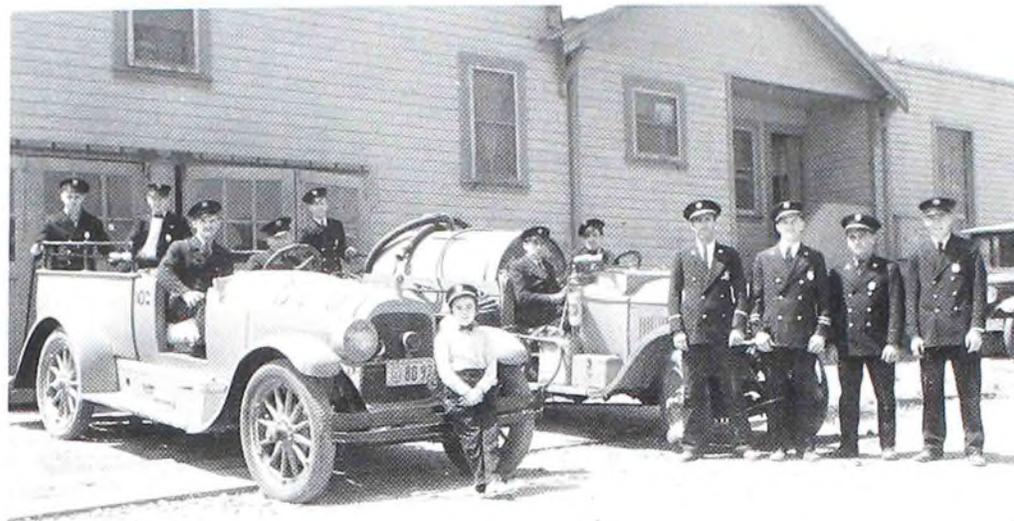
volunteers combated the blaze in the thick smoke. Fire Warden Werder rushed a 500 gallon pressure water tank to the Sierra Pt. ridge and 75 Southern Pacific employees were sent to aid in the fight.

The highway was lined for hours with curious motorists who watched the flames billowing up through the clouds of white smoke.

The only home damaged was that of Mrs. Robert Linde, the rear of which caught fire but was put out before it seriously burned.

Women and children were seen carrying out their belongings from the fire area to the marshlands near the highway as the fire danger increased. Principle loss was a pile of lumber and several miles of fence along the hillside.

—July 17, 1931
Bee-Democrat



“ I remember the bell. It was on a frame behind the building there. I don't think Heywood wanted them to put it on the building. He was nice enough to let them use the garage there for the rig.

—Harold Arthurs

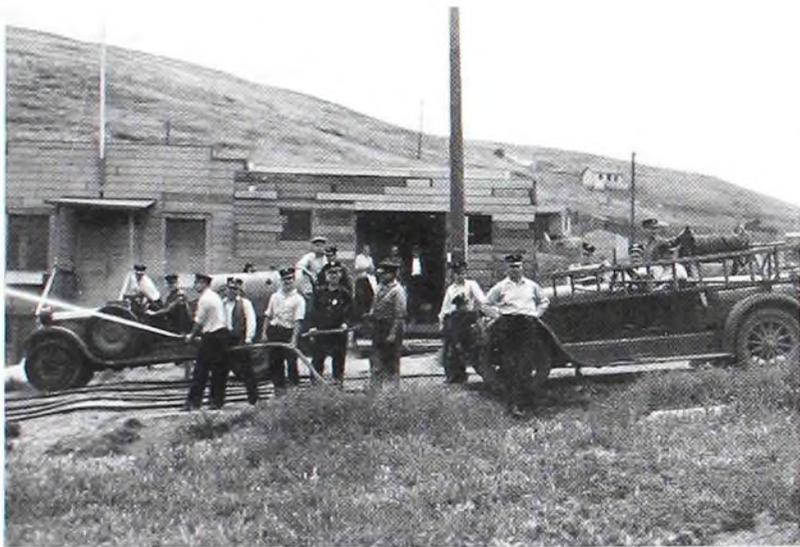


The VanKirks and the Coffins, related by marriage, cut apart a former rental car, added a tank, hoses and a siren and presented this first fire truck to the department in 1932. The work was done in the street on Santa Clara in the spring. In this 1933 demonstration (right), Fred Schmidt is in the passenger's seat; future Chief Lou Terry is on the running board. Assistant Chief Hollie Richard is at the back. Clare Coffin named himself chief in 1932, but turned over the office in mid-1933.

George Heywood, himself a volunteer, allowed use of the rear of his hardware store on the southeast corner of Visitacion and Mendocino streets to garage the trucks in 1934, making it Brisbane's first fire house. The garage in background can be seen in 1992 at the rear of a restaurant which now occupies the building. The fire bell hung on a frame behind the hardware store. One rang and waited to report the location, or one could go to Alma Market across the street and leave word. Upper left with the hand-made trucks, a Jordan and the original engine, a former Hertz Drive-Your-Self rental, at right are (l-r) John Wilson, Tom Naughton, Felix Schwenderlauf, Norman Brown, Chet Wingle, mascot Louise Terry, Les Gull, Joe Miller, Hollie Richard, Fred Schmidt, Lou Terry and Ollie Johnson.



Of the 400 homes in Brisbane, one lent itself to the 1933 drill. Fourteen men and both engines swarmed the empty house. Most common use of the trucks' water reserve was to wet gunny sacks to fight grass—not structure—fires.



Two drills were on the agenda this date in 1933. Here the volunteers have run hose and spray in front of the social hall at Alvarado and San Bruno avenues. An addition to the social hall is under construction in the background. Mascot Louise Terry is at center.

“ Our main thing was grass fires. We voluntarily went out nights and at daylight and burned grass. We'd set it afire. Then we'd have our buckets. Some guys had a can on their back — a tank with a gun and a pump. The water would shoot out and control what you were burning. They called it weed abating.

Before this town built up and there were only a few houses, these grass fires would come along and just wipe them out. I wasn't here, but I did hear about that. These redwood two-by-sixes we had for curbs, you could see where parts were burned away. But the main thing was to put the fire out before it started. In other words, be careful.

—John Wilson ”

“ The water supply wasn't sufficient most of the time for just normal household use. Of course, we didn't have running water in the houses, either. That came along as we developed the houses.

Well, we had a lot of trouble with wild-fires. The grass would start burning and the brush would burn and it would threaten the homes, and water was the only thing you could use to put the fire out. You would try to do it with shovels and hoes and things of this kind, but water was necessary. So there was a need for a water district as well as a fire district.

The fire district had to be developed of course to pay for the engines and a place to keep the fire engines. —Fred Schmidt ”



First Brisbane Fire Chief Clare Coffin, man at front on running board of the Jordan, and one of two groups of volunteers on the 1933 drill day. Half the two-part drill involved a mock house fire. Jordan was the newest of the two engines; this was the first-line firefighting crew.

Bell Rung for Bus

A suggestion is before the people of Brisbane by Mr. Amos Kinney, that the school bus proceed up Visitacion to Mendocino street, instead of the present stop, for the benefit of the pupils during the rainy season. The awning in front of the Alma Market, Mr. Gull points out, will be quite a protection from the rains, and the more central starting point may help avoid some of the delinquencies heretofore caused by missing the bus.

Another suggestion that is being taken up with the

Fire Department is that it might be possible to give a certain tap on the fire bell to indicate the bus has arrived, as a variation in the bus time tends to uncertainty. School authorities have remarked that there are more absences from school than there should be, and part of this is being traced to failure to connect with the bus. If such an improved arrangement can be worked out, it should prove of advantage to the children and their parents.

—Oct. 14, 1933

Brisbane Sun



Most of the original department poses aboard the first truck in 1933, a year after members organized and ceased to be a Bucket Brigade. Members were: Norman Brown, J. Carroll, Clare Coffin, Fred Coffin, F. English, F. George, Arthur Gledhill, John Grigsby, Les Gull, Walter Hollingum, Richard Hollis, Oliver Johnson, Clarence Knaus, Joe Miller, Tom Naughton, Paul Pergeaux, William Phillips, Fred Schmidt, Felix Schwenderlauf, Howard Smith, Joe Snipes, C. Standart, Lou Terry, Harold "Hap" Trafford, Edward Unger, W. Wetzel, O.J. Williams, John Wilson and Chet Wingle. Identified in photo are Chief Clare Coffin (in dark shirt seated at center), Assistant Chief Fred Schmidt (far right, top row), Lou Terry (seated at steering wheel), daughter Louise Terry, Joe Miller (standing at left) and Hollie Richard (standing second from right).

These men responded to nine house fires, thirty-two grass, forest, camp and rubbish fires, one automobile fire, one fence fire, one boxcar fire and eleven false alarms on less than \$32.

Dramatic changes distinguished the 1934 volunteer fire department. The trucks were painted, numbered 1 and 2 and housed behind Heywood's Hardware. Gone were wool sweaters and leather jackets. Replacing them were used dress uniforms previously worn by soldiers of the Salvation Army. There were fewer officers. Fred Schmidt took over as Chief the previous December; Clare Coffin, moved from town. The timing is correct for this photo to have been taken the day of groundbreaking at San Bruno Avenue and Glen Park Way on a new fire station. Land was purchased with a federal loan arranged by the Brisbane Firemans Social Club. All was not rosy: Voters rejected a \$200 budget in July, 1934.

Pictured left to right are Chief Fred Schmidt, Assistant Chief Hollie Richards, Lt. Ollie Johnson, Fire Marshall Lou Terry, mascot Louise Terry, Chet Wingle, Felix Schwenderlauf, Norman Brown, Tom Naughton, Les Gull, John Wilson, and Joe Miller.



Spade Party

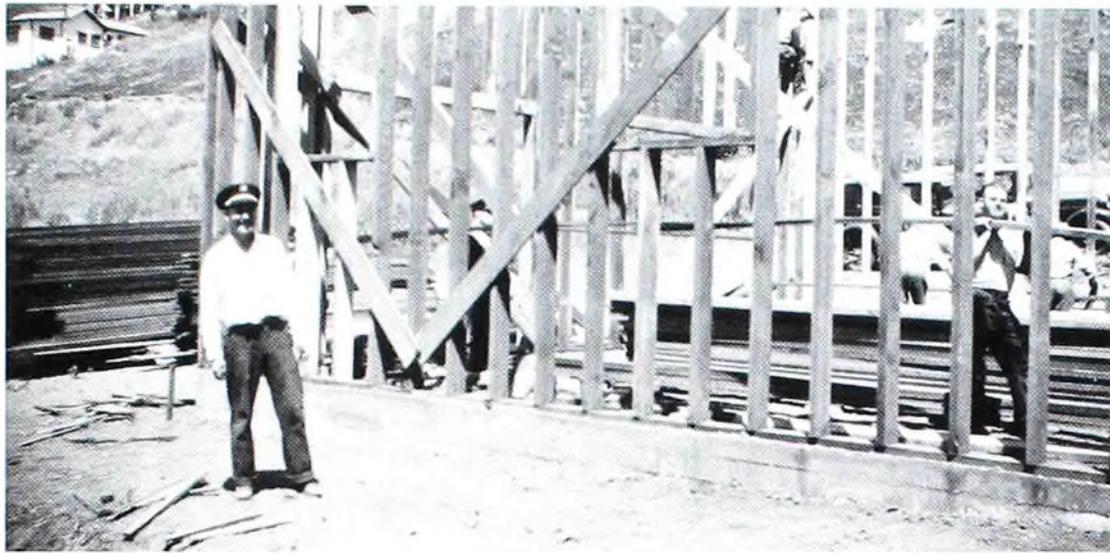
On Sunday, April 15, 1934, at 12 noon, the Fire Department gathered at their lots on San Bruno and Glen Park Way, to celebrate the ground-breaking of their new fire house.

This program consisted of the turning out of all apparatus, laying hose and spraying water. There were fifteen guns which produced around ninety shots fired. Mascot Louise Terry had the honor of turning the first shovel of ground, after which a bottle of good old wine was broken, christening the ground. A speech by Fire chief F. H. Schmidt: "I hereby declare the ground-breaking of the Firemen's Social Hall. May the Lord bless this worthy cause, and may we always have the co-operation of our good citizens."

All active members of the Department signed the charter to be hung in Brisbane's first fire house.

Plans are now complete, and the Fire House will soon be under way.

—April 21, 1934
Brisbane Sun



“The bell — I never did get to ring it. I was too small, I guess. —Jack Blanchard”

“Dodge Brothers” truck at Heywood’s Hardware in 1936 (r) was like one D. B. Bardell, of Van Pelt Fire Apparatus and Equipment Builders, Oakdale, Calif. demonstrated to Brisbane Fire Department Saturday, February 24th, 1934: A 350-gallon water tank, 350-gallon-per-minute pumper, hose rack and hose on top of tank. The Dodge became the new No. 1 with the Jordan backing it up. Lou Terry and ambulance driver Herb Tann (below) service the Brisbane Fire Department ambulance in 1936. The Dodge is at rear.



“ I remember many evenings when dad stayed up drawing the plans for the fire house and hand-drawing the charter for the volunteers.

—Ed Schwenderlauf”



"Porky" Hatch and companion toast an occasion with the Dodge, Brisbane Engine No. 1. Engines are renumbered as needed.

“ My first wife’s father was captain of the fire department and her brother was in the department, too. It made me feel good that I could get out and help the people and fight fires. —Howard McLain ”

Interior of the new firehouse during a July Fourth crowning.



Report of Chief

Fire Department reports for the year 1933
 42 First Aid cases taken care of
 by Red Cross members of Dept.
 Total of 20 days were spent in burning grass,
 to prevent fire hazards.
 8 School Fire Drills held.
 25 regular Firemen’s Drills.

These drills are very important and are compulsory.
 5 members finished the course at Firemen’s College at
 Lomita Park as follows:
 Chief Schmidt, Lieut. O. Johnson, Firemen E. Unger, J.
 Wilson and T. Naughton. A total of 8 Firemen were
 injured during the year at fires, false alarms and drills.

*F. Schmidt, Chief
 Brisbane Vol. Fire Dept.
 Jan. 13, 1934*



Beth Nelson, queen and bride, 1939.



It took more than three years to build the fire station.



Fire Commissioner Fred Schmidt, Beth Nelson, and Chief Lou Terry.

“ One house fire we went to was a lady and two kids in the house. She went down to the bar and left them alone. We got the call for a mattress fire. They’re real smoky. I found one kid stiff as a board and brought her out to the truck. Another fella got the other. I thought for sure mine was dead. But we started giving her oxygen and she came around. The little boy didn’t.

So the boys did some good that night. Hard words are forgotten about at a time like that. That came first, helping somebody. —Jack Blanchard ”

'Cleanup' at Brisbane!



Firemen Flush Out Gamblers

Angry Citizens Act

Hoses Quench Fantan Fever of 200 Chinese

San Mateo County's Chinese gambling fraternity was washed into the open last night.

A fire alarm and a high-pressure fire hose combined to flush out nearly 200 Oriental woosers of lady Luck from the former Voters' League Hall in Brisbane.

They came out into the night, wringing wet, eyes rolling, lips jabbering, as the volunteer firefighters of Brisbane, responding to a still alarm, poured gallons of water into the hall from a roof ventilator.

Many Complaints

All this took place just before midnight, a few hours after a "roving diplomat" from the office of Sheriff J.J. McGrath (he of the eye that never sleeps), had "inspected" the establishment without finding one Chinese who might be suspected of gambling inclinations.

The roving diplomat's trip was made after com-



Owner of the hall at 101 Visitacion had a long-running feud with some backers of the fire department.

plaints from Brisbane residents that Chinese gamblers, driven from their San Francisco haunts by local police operations, had accepted San Mateo County's hospitable gambling atmosphere and had located in Brisbane. An angry citizenry demanded that the sheriff act.

But when the sheriff failed to do anything decisive, the people of Brisbane took matters into their own hands.

Up to the Roof

Shortly after 10 o'clock last night, a "still alarm" was telephoned to the

Brisbane fire department. A man's voice cried: "There's a fire inside the old Voters League Hall — better hurry if you want to save the place."

Brisbane's firemen were on the job in a few minutes. Chief Fred Schmidt and L.J. Terry, fire marshal, pounded on the locked doors of the hall for admittance. They got no answer.

"Up to the roof, boys," Chief Schmidt ordered. "Get the water in from the top."

The fire laddies got the water in, all right — and out came the Chinese.

Doors that had refused

to budget a minute before suddenly opened. Windows crashed. Through the openings the Chinese — and the water — poured. It was a deluge.

An excited Oriental voice gurgled: "Whassamatter, you guys — no fire here — nobody even hot tonight."

Something Else?

"Well, if it's not a fire — then something else is wrong around here," he cried. "What are you guys up to, anyway?"

Mel Church — the only white man to emerge with the water — and the Chi-

nese — from the hall, spoke up:

"They're having a Chinese dancing party," he vouchsafed.

"Don't they have girls at Chinese dances?" Chief Terry inquired blandly.

Not One in Sight

No one knew the answer to that one. There was not a girl in sight.

Pushing through the 200 Chinese, Terry went into the hall to discover rows upon rows of tables, but little else to indicate what activity had been going on a few minutes before.

Extra Bulletin—At midnight Sheriff McGrath and District Attorney Ferrell had not tarried.

Instead, Undersheriff Lawrence Nieri and Deputy Sheriff George Krehl, battling for McGrath, dashed into Brisbane and said:

"Shucks! You've spoiled everything. We were going to raid this joint tonight."

—July 1, 1935

Examiner

District Forms

...last Monday the final steps were taken for the establishment of a Fire District in Brisbane, by the County Supervisors, who will appoint the first board, and their successors will be chosen at a popular election.

This necessary step in fair and equitable distribution of the responsibilities so urgently necessary fire prevention and fire protection efforts, should receive the sustaining co-operation of all of our citizens. The volunteer department will function as before, in every case of need, without remuneration, but what levies are found necessary will go entirely toward the maintenance of equipment, and running expenses, which burden we have ungratefully loaded on the shoulders of a few loyal workers.

The Candidates for Fire commissioner, of which there are three to be appointed, nominated by the Firemen and under consideration by the County Supervisors are: W.D. Walter, and Firemen Van Kirk and Bennett.

Brisbane Sun

June 19, 1933



Brisbane Fire Department Auxilians, in white dresses, caps and red capes, march behind a float on Visitation Avenue at Mariposa Avenue on the way to Fire Station 1's first July Fourth, 1937. At right is Jonas' Drugs store, a site now empty but for a tiny park preserve — for historic fire plugs.

Four-minute marathon

Modified Marathon—Sponsored by a fire at Heywood's Hardware Store. Runners entered: Brisbane Volunteer Fire Department. About twenty Firemen broke the tape at the same time, in less than four minutes. Give them more equipment—they have the speed."

—Aug. 5, 1933

“You do this and do that. Whenever they needed it, you'd do it. It was something to do, something for the town. And I was a fireman. —Richard Blanchard”

26 Jan., 1934, 6:45

False alarm

On noticing flames shooting in the air, people on Visitation and Mendocino turned in alarm. Both apparatus and 14 firemen responded within a few minutes. This is one reason we tell our people to get a permit to burn; so we know who is burning and the time, and to stop these unnecessary alarms. Persons turning in any alarm, kindly notify of exact location of fire to any fireman at bell.

“They would come out and serve coffee and cake when there was a big fire. Most of our fires happened at night, one o'clock or two o'clock in the morning. You had to get up and fight them. —Howard McLain”

The 1936 Brisbane Fire Department Auxiliary (*photo at top*), wore hair bands instead of hats. Six Auxilians (*photo at bottom*) with 1937 July Fourth Queen Violet Blanchard, first "elected" queen. It was common for more than thirty thousand votes to be cast for queen in a town of three thousand population. First at left is Mrs. A. Lothrop, second from left is Mrs. Paul Pergeaux, fourth from left is Violet Blanchard, fifth from left is Margaret Schmidt and at far right is Mrs. Clarence Knaus.



These women served the Auxiliary in the time from its founding in June, 1936 to 1937: Mrs. E. Allan, Mrs. N. Brown, Mrs. J. DeLong, Mrs. L. Drullinger, Mrs. F. Druhan, Mrs. W. Gull, Mrs. W. Hollingum, Mrs. O. Johnson, Mrs. C. Knaus, Mrs. D. Lawrence, Mrs. R. Lewis, Mrs. A. Lothrop, Mrs. P. Pergeaux, Mrs. J. Robinson, Margaret Schmidt, Mrs. F. Schwenderlauf, Mrs. L. Terry, Mrs. E. Unger, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. C. Wingler, Mrs. A. Walland, Mrs. B. Welch and Mrs. Ivan White.

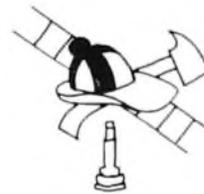
“ Whenever an election came up, whatever the fire department was for, that generally went over. Well, they had forty volunteers and by the time they got their wives and everybody else, they had things pretty well under control. —Dick Schroeder ”



The volunteer firefighters pose with Violet Blanchard, first elected queen, (*above*) in 1937. The department's second chief, Fred Schmidt, is second from right. The third chief, Lou Terry, is on Violet's left. The soon-to-be fourth chief, Richard Siess, is on Violet's right in white shirt and tie.

“Everybody in town went to the dances. There were no baby-sitters. Everybody brought the kids.

They had a meeting where they talked about money-making things, that sort of thing. They kept it short. Then they played whist, top prize a dollar. We ate refreshments at a long table on the left-hand side, sandwiches and some kind of dessert like pie. Then you would dance. The kids would dance. The little ones would fall asleep on the benches. Dance until it was time to go home. —*Dorothy Radoff*”



Vote a Queen

Out of a total vote of 32,996 cast to elect a queen for the Brisbane Fourth of July celebration, the following is the list of votes received by the various candidates: Eva Woods, 20,830; Grace Lyons, 7,858; Ruth Thompson, 2,614; Elizabeth Taylor, 1,068; Gloria Harris, 314; Babe Lothrop, 189; Alice Van Zandt, 93; Louise Green, 15; Bonnie Franks, 8; Peggy Watson, 2; Ruth Nelson, 2; Lillian Lindy, 2 and Donald Duck, 1

—*July 2, 1938*



The 1939 Brisbane Fire Department Drum Corps, Walt Campbell, Drum Major (*above*). Chief Louis Terry (*in formal pose at left*) also played a drum.



“...The other clubs I know nothing of but they must be of some value or they would not exist, of the auxiliary of the Fire Dept. (of which there is no such a thing as yet.) Are not the husbands striving hard enough for a goal? Without the ladies pulling some other directions. They are a happy laughing group of women who are almost husbandless for the generosity the men show in giving their time to the district and if those women could succeed in keeping friend hubby happy and help keep his courage up in the strife that he has had to stand in....” —*Letter to Editor*

Aug. 5, 1933



5th ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND DANCE

GIVEN BY

BRISBANE FIREMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

held at FIREHOUSE in Brisbane

Crowning of Queen

Dancing Eve of July 3rd

Dancing all day July 4th

Barbecue

Queen Contest

Get your Ballots

from local

Brisbane Merchants

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July 4th

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Mr. and Mrs. Webb Smith
William Reardon
Walter Blair
Margaret S. Dewhurst
J. Van Kirk
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Schmidt
Mr. L. Blair
Mrs. Terry and Daughter



Realtor Arthur Annis started a Christmas children's gift-giving tradition in 1929 because the Depression had impoverished many. The first Community Christmas was held in 1933 and involved all social groups. In 1937 the volunteer Fire Department had Christmas in the new firehouse and gave gifts to children. By the time of this photograph — 1939 — Santa rode a fire truck, a tradition the Brisbane Lions service club and fire department has carried on.

Brisbane residents sought county aid for improvement of their fire protection and sanitary facilities. The Brisbane Fire Commissioners asked the Bd. of Supervisors for the right to charge \$1 fee for inspection of electrical wiring and flues. The inspection would be under the direction of Louis H. Terry, Fire Marshal. The district also asked if it could hold an election on a proposal to raise \$400 for fire valves and insurance on equipment. —Jan. 19, 1934

Brisbane Firemen's Social Club was the corporate entity of the Brisbane Volunteer Fire Department, whose governmental authority was the Brisbane Fire District. The social club carried on when the county botched formation of the fire district (1933) and when voters rejected the department budget (1938). This broadsheet was produced for the 1939 Fourth of July celebration.



Rene Jennett with the Dodge Brothers engine in 1939 (above). In photo at right, visiting children get to use hose and water.

Van Pelt Demonstration

On Saturday, February 24th, a demonstration was given by Mr. D. B. Bardell, of the Van Pelt Fire Apparatus and Equipment Builders, Oakdale, Calif. The apparatus with a 350 gallon water tank built in, and a 350-gallon pumper, hose rack and hose, are set on top of tank.

It was driven over our roads and the four very sharp turns to and over Kings Road. the roads were wet and very slippery in places—6 men on rear platform, 2 in front seat; tank filled with 350 gallons of water, and equipped with all the necessary fire fighting tools. But the truck, with dual wheels, stood a mighty hard test, and had all

the power and speed necessary for our conditions.

A test was made of the pump at the pond. Water was drafted and put through four sets of lines; the streams were sent up 75 to 100 feet and out a distance of 200 feet or more, with lots of force and volume of water. The pump can be controlled for less pressure and volume.

The Van Pelt Fire Apparatus people send demonstrators up and down the coast, and many rural districts are equipped with this type of apparatus. It also passes the Board of Fire Underwriters' tests.

—March 3, 1934
Brisbane Sun

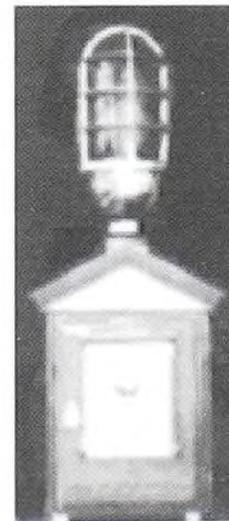


“ They really were a good department for being volunteers. They were so much a part of the community and did so many other things besides fighting fires. They were sort of the nucleus of the community. They certainly seemed to enjoy what they were doing. —*Dorothy Radoff* ”

“ Up until the fire district was in force and they had enough money to have a place, the people just pitched in and built the buildings themselves. They built their own firehouse. The firemen held shares in the firehouse when they built it, they owned the firehouse. They built their own fire trucks — the whole works. A very capable bunch of people. Of course, the demand on that type of fire equipment was getting greater all the time, so it meant that they had to have some other source of revenue. So the fire district was formed. —*Fred Schmidt* ”



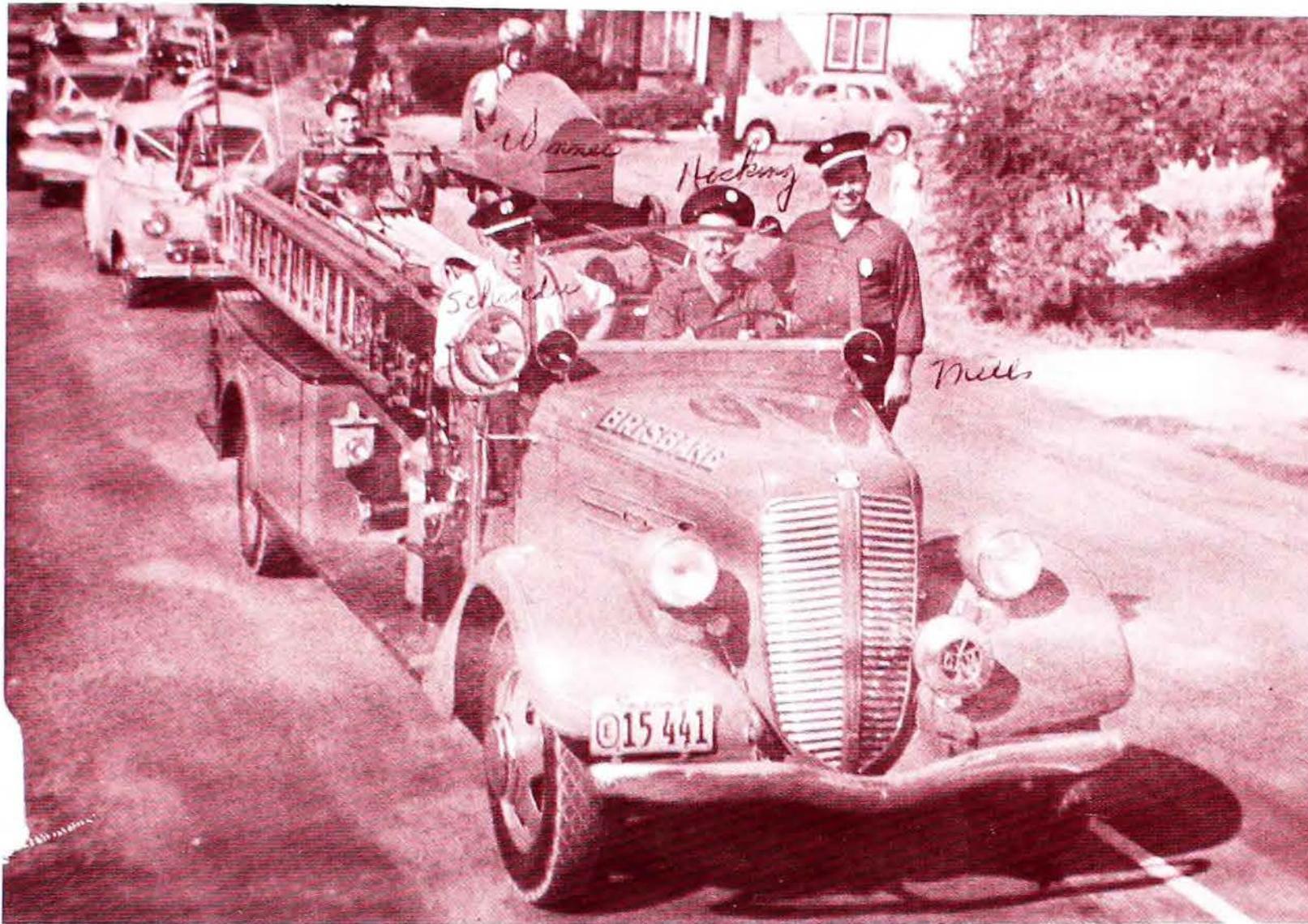
1939 school trip.



Alfred Walland and crew automated the Brisbane fire alarm system in 1939. At a cost of \$684.30, they wired six boxes (*left*) into the station. Pulling the switch turned on the box light and caused the fire horn at the station to sound. By its code of long and short blasts, volunteers knew which box had been pulled and responded to the appropriate location. The boxes were in use until the late 1970s.

Volunteers were volunteers, whatever the event happened to require. The Fire Department ran the annual Soap Box Derby. The 1946 race having been decided, (from left, standing) Chief Lou Terry, Charles Dixon, Police Officer Del Ferrer, Dick Schroeder, Lawrence Mills, Chuck May and (kneeling) Richard Hosking, Herb Tann (behind racer) and Norm Babkirk, Sr. celebrate the victor. The child clowning for the camera at top is Wally Gull.





“ The big horn was right here at the store. The air compressor was out in the yard and the horn was up on the roof.

Dick Schroeder had them put it here. They blew that when we still had the volunteers. They blew it from the station. They had a button up there. They'd blow it once or twice or whatever they needed it for. When it blew, I went that way, up San Bruno Avenue. It was loud, I'll tell you.

—Bill Del Chiaro

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The fourth truck acquired by the department, a 1937 Indiana 450-gallon triple combination pumper, tanker and hose truck, gives the '46 Soap Box Derby winner the ride of his life (*top photo*). On the truck are volunteers Sam Cole, Dick Schroeder, Richard Hosking and Lawrence Mills. When it was over, the men got to run the racers (*bottom photo*). Taking their turns are (*from left*) John Bell, Chuck May and Richard Hosking. Wes Smith and Al Pearson are at rear.





Queen Dolores Hosking shares her 1946 crowning moment with father Richard Hosking, volunteer fire engineer.



The '37 Indiana was a ceremonial as well as a workhorse engine. Celebrants use it on the way to Western Days in the mid-1940's. They are Joe Thompson (*in white hat*), Howard McLain, Walt Pipco (*pointing gun*), Harold Arthurs (*on left fender*) and Sammy Mirza (*on right fender*).



A three-member elected Brisbane Fire Commission ran the district since 1934. When Commissioner Charles May, Sr. died in 1947, his wife succeeded him. Frances "Mom" May thus became the first female fire commissioner in the state. Shown in her department are (back row) Herb Tann, John Bell, Bill Parliament, Charles May, Jr., Dick Hosking, (Unk.), Bill Byars, John Carrigan, Sam Cole, Al Bates, Eino Tikkanen. (Second row) Lawrence Mills, Paul Schmidt, Richard Blanchard, Cliff Gannon, Vaun Nelson, Joe Heinzer, Howard McLain, Dick Siess, Bill Rook, Mom May, Fred Schmidt, Wesley Smith and Chris Hayes.

“ All the volunteers after they came home from work, if it was daylight, went up to the firehouse and drove a few nails. Saturdays and Sundays we were up there. There was a lot of volunteer work during those days because of that WPA — we got some help from them. The guy in charge brought them up and they spent a few hours and drove a few nails and stuff like that. Eventually they got the place finished. —John Wilson”

The '37 Indiana and Tanker No. 4 at a controlled burn. Brisbane depended on the fire department to burn off combustible weeds from between homes in the earliest days and to occasionally make quick work of demolition of abandoned and unsafe structures as combined abatement and training exercises. Controlled burns of mountain slopes were a major protective measure against wildfire.



...According to the grand jury investigating committee, a fire district can assess only 1/2 of 1 per cent for maintenance for a period of one year, and no truck can be purchased without the vote of the people in a district of this type. The fire commission has been asked to hold an election, at a near future date, to decide the desires of

the residents of Brisbane. The fire department maintains that its present equipment is needed to properly care for the town. The opposition claims that it isn't, and that instead of a new truck, adequate water supply and plugs should be installed first. So the battle is now in your individual laps to vote for or against...



Armistice Day at the ballfield once located at the old entrance to town. Left to right are John Clancy, Joe Thompson, Joe Heinzer, Lawrence Mills and Dick Hosking with the '37 Indiana engine. The Brisbane Volunteer Fire Department sponsored a ball team which won the championship in 1948.

Fun on the Fourth of July

While other towns depopulated themselves in search of amusement or comfort over the Fourth of July Brisbane stayed at home and put on its own celebration, as it has always done in past years.

The celebration covered a period of three days—July 2, 3 and 4. It was sponsored and conducted by the Brisbane Fire Department, whose members have had charge of similar community affairs for several years.

The festivities were ushered in Saturday evening by the crowning of the for the occasion in the person of Miss Eva Woods. The crowning was capably and efficiently performed, after a few appropriate remarks, by Judge Wade H. Clay, justice of the First Township. After the ceremony, Judge Clay, who was guest of honor, escorted Queen Eva through the grand march, followed by the fire department and auxiliary members. The women of the auxiliary were beautiful in their uniforms of white, and bright red capes and jaunty caps to match. Lawrence Mills of the fire department was master of ceremonies.

The Sunday festivities consisted of dancing and an amateur contest.

On Monday, the Fourth

of July, there was a grand parade, in which most all of the civic and fraternal bodies took part. The Non-Partisan League won first prize for the best float and the Shoemaker won the second. Ribbons were awarded to the Brisbane Ladies Auxiliary, the Busy Bee Girls Club and the Veterans. At 1 p.m. games and contests were held.

The three-day celebration ended with the dance, in which time the queen marched in with the Fire Commissioner A. Lothrop.

Many public officials were present, including our own Congressman John J. McGrath, Judge Wade H. Clay and Mrs. Clay, Supervisors Hugh Smith and John Poole, County Manager Fred Ralston and U.S. Marshall, county engineer. Also present were Fred Peterson and W.W. Hendrickson, candidates this year for county manager and county engineer respectively.

The highlight of the day was the flag raising ceremony by the Bayshore Post of the American Legion who stood at attention while the flag was being saluted.

Judge Clay, as orator of the day, covered himself with forensic glory by delivering several stirring addresses during the three day celebration.

—*Brisbane Sun*
July 9, 1938



Preparing for a '50s July Fourth celebration are Auxiliary members (back row, left to right), Anna Bates, Florence Bell, Violet Blanchard, Hazel Hosking, Mrs. Tikkanen, Mrs. John Carrigan, (Unk.); (front) Juanita Siess, Mrs. Vaun Nelson, Capt. Chris Hayes, Maxine Mills, Virginia Byars, Geraldine May.

“ I went from volunteer to Fire Marshall—I have no idea how. From Fire Marshall I became Chief. Chief Terry had a couple of heart attacks, and I filled in two or three times for him. When he had the real bad heart attack and we knew he couldn't come back and I was appointed Fire Chief. I got very, very little — \$5 or \$10 a month. I was the only paid man they had.

The Chief was supposed to line up the men and tell them what to do. I kind of grew into that. Later on we had a contract to protect the Crocker Estate and I was getting a full salary then. It wasn't much, but it was a full salary. Enough to live on? That I don't know. I always had a trucking business on the side. —*Dick Siess*”



Station 1 was modified before 1950 with a lean-to addition.

“ You fight one fire, I think you earned your money. You get a dollar a call, but it’s the same even if you ruin a pair of shoes or a pair of pants. You don’t have time to go home and change and put on old clothes when the bell goes off. There were times we were at our formal Christmas party and people had their best clothes on and they had to go fight fires. I’ve seen it happen. —John Clancy”

“ In 1937 the Catholic mission was founded. Sunday Mass was celebrated from April 18, 1937 until Nov. 28th of the same year in the Fire Hall at San Bruno Street and Glen Park Way when the present temporary chapel was acquired from the Brisbane Social Club. —Church of the Visitacion”

Trained “Firegirls”, thought to be the only certified team of female fire reserves in the country at the time, graduated a 40-hour training program in 1951. Chief Lou Terry’s daughter Louise, standing to his right in photo, at the same time graduated from fire department mascot to trained firefighter after 20 years with the volunteers. Pictured left to right are Capt. Dorothy Cole, Lela Miles, Louise Terry, Chief Terry, Wilena Watkins and Thyra Schroeder. Not pictured are dispatchers Blanche Terry and Juanita Siess, wife of Fire Marshall and future Chief Richard Siess.



C i t i z e n s o f B r i s b a n e

The Brisbane Fire District was organized in June, 1933. An election was held at that time to determine whether the people wished to equip and maintain a fire department. They did not.

The Volunteer Fire Department carried on, spending their own money and time to give Brisbane the needed protection.

On December 4, 1934, another election was held to determine if the people wished to equip and maintain a fire department. 190 votes were cast, 119 in favor and 71 against.

The record of that election was taken to Redwood City and placed in the hands of the County Clerk and was lost in his office. In June of 1935 it was necessary to have the Superior Court order the restoration of the records.

The Commissioners were duty bound under the mandate of the people on December 4, 1934, to take the necessary measures to equip and maintain the district.

After much study the Commissioners were agreed as to what equipment was necessary at that time. They had the choice of one of two courses to follow, first to make necessary purchases of equipment, a site for a house and the construction of a house. And put the entire cost of same in one year's budget. Or to work out a program to acquire the most essential equipment and spread the payments over a number of years and gradually acquire the other equipment necessary from each year's budget. The Commissioners decided on the latter course. And are gradually getting the best protection in Brisbane that facilities will warrant.

In 1936-1937 the hazards of the district increased about 100% due to many new homes being built at the homes being closer together.

The problems of the Board of Commissioners increased in proportion to the hazards. After much thought and study the Commissioners were of a mind that to give the district protection they must keep the budget at approximately \$3000.00 per year, for a number of years and spend about \$2000.000 per year on equipment allowing about \$1000.00 per year for maintenance of the district.

These figures were arrived at on the basis of Brisbane having about 600 homes, making an average cost per home of \$5.00 per home per year, or less than 50 cents per month. The Commissioners feel that this amount will not work a hardship on anyone.

The Board of Commissioners when taking any action look at Brisbane as they think it will be ten years from now, and act accordingly. They feel that to take any action on the basis of today would be foolish as our community is growing, our homes are becoming valuable and better homes are being built.

The Board of Commissioners are confident that they will be able to carry out the program which they have worked out on an expenditure of \$3000.00 per year, and believe the citizens of Brisbane who have the interests of Brisbane at heart will agree with them that their program is a reasonable one.

The value of the fire equipment and department are not so much in saving the particular house that is burning but to prevent the fire from spreading to the adjoining homes.

With the equipment that is in the district today and the spirit shown by the Volunteer Firemen of Brisbane, the Commissioners feel that we can cope with any emergency which might arrive.

We often hear the statement made: "We do not need a fire department, it costs too much to maintain and I can get insurance to cover me for my loss."

The average home has many heirlooms and keepsakes which insurance can not cover. Many people are neglectful and do not carry insurance, and there is inconvenience caused when one loses their home when it is not covered by any insurance.

Our present equipment consists of two pumpers and a water carrier, and by the system we have worked out the department can get from two to three thousand gallons of water to any fire which might occur and that is sufficient provided they get the alarm in time.

The men are very alert and a very short time elapses from the time the alarm sounds until the men and the apparatus are at the scene of the fire. The reason two pumpers are necessary is a matter of being prepared. One can never tell what minute a machine will fail or when two fires might break out at the same time.

Brisbane has an assessed valuation of about \$290,000.00 which is about 40% of the total valuation in Brisbane and the taxes raised for fire protection are about 1% of the assessed valuation or, 4 of 1% to the total valuation which is a very small amount to pay for protection.

The present Fire House is the property of the Volunteer Firemen's Social Club. They obtained a F.H.A. loan and are paying it off with dances and pledges of the members of the department. The fire district rents the house from the department. The cost to the district for the storage of the apparatus and a place for the Commissioners to hold their meetings at the present time is \$10.00 per month.

A statement from the books of the district show that during the fiscal year of 1937-38 the total expenditures to the district was \$2448.10 or less than \$4.00 per home.

Statement of Brisbane Fire District

July 1, 1938.

Warrants No. 114 to No. 205 inclusive:

Clerk's Salary _____	\$60.00
Special Stenographer _____	\$10.00
Maintenance Man _____	\$35.00
Fire House Rent from June 15, 1937 to Dec. 15, 1938 _____	\$180.00
Truck Expense _____	\$16.20
Equipment _____	\$913.00
Gasoline and Oil _____	\$73.50
Miscellaneous _____	\$59.10
Postage _____	\$4.25
Alarm System _____	\$684.30
Election _____	\$61.05
Legal Advisor, April 1, 1937 to June 1, 1938 _____	\$140.00
Insurance _____	\$200.00
First Aid Supplies _____	\$10.73
Cash on Hand _____	\$1023.64
Liabilities of the District are:	
P.E. Van Pelt _____	\$718.8
Legal Advisor _____	\$10.00
Gasoline and Oil used in June _____	no bill rendered

The Commissioners hope that the foregoing will answer any questions or misunderstandings which prevail in the district at the present time and believe that the citizens who have the interests of Brisbane at heart will approve of the actions of the Board in the past and they may rest assured that the Board of Commissioners will continue to work for the best possible interests of the district.

Assistant Chief Richard Siess wields the ax — if not the ax the 1932 founders posed with on page five then one very like it — over kneeling Chief Lou Terry in a Western Days gag. Identifiable others are (from left) Juanita Siess, Rocky McLain, Violet McLain, John Bell, Al Nelson, (Unk.), Hazel Hosking, Marvin Fogleman, Geraldine May and Richard Hosking in leather helmet.



“ It was Coffin’s idea to form the volunteer fire department — so he made himself chief.

—Ed Schwenderlauf

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The Indiana did duty at parades. Violet McLain, the former July Fourth Queen Violet Blanchard, is at the wheel for 1952 Western Days. Juanita Siess, Geraldine May and Hazel Hosking participate. Child Rocky McLain (in black) and a toddler playmate are along for the ride.





Engines No. 2 (manufactured by Coast), No. 1 (Coast) and No. 3 (American LaFrance) are shown at Station 1 in the early '70s (*photo at left*).

With the 1963 annexation of the Southern Pacific Railroad property, Brisbane was given a building in the trainyard for Station 2 (*photo below*). At far left is the '37 Indiana, now renumbered as Engine No. 7, next is Engine No. 2 and last is Engine No. 6. Engine No. 6 is a "light truck" given to the city by Southern Pacific. It is fitted with surplus U.S. Navy high-intensity spotlights for night illumination.



There are risks to volunteering. Engine No. 5, called out to back up units at a 1970 fire, was broadsided on Old Bayshore Highway. Volunteer Paul Rusca was needed at the station to dispatch and helped jump-start the truck by pushing it off the parking pad. Driver Mike Semeria and rider Pat Bell were shaken up in the accident.



Following city incorporation in 1961 Station 1 had more expansion to undergo. Prefab structures would be placed on the uphill side of the lean-to, which itself had gotten a second story addition in the '50s. Volunteer firefighters remained critical to the department. They drilled and fulfilled required instructional time. They also met monthly as the Firemen's Social Club until it was disbanded in 1973. The equipment lineup shown is (l-r): The Fire Chief's 1950 passenger car with Engine No. 5 behind it, the '37 Indiana renumbered as Engine No. 7, the 12-cylinder Seagrave Engine No. 3, Engine No 2, a 1962 Coast and the 1949-vintage Tanker No. 4. The tanker remains in city service as a landscape-watering truck.

“ They bought a new fire truck before I was on the commission, and then they voted it out. They said we didn't need it, because that's the only new fire truck that we ever bought, and it was put in storage. They had to pay the payments and two years later it came back in, because then it was half paid for. —Dick Schroeder

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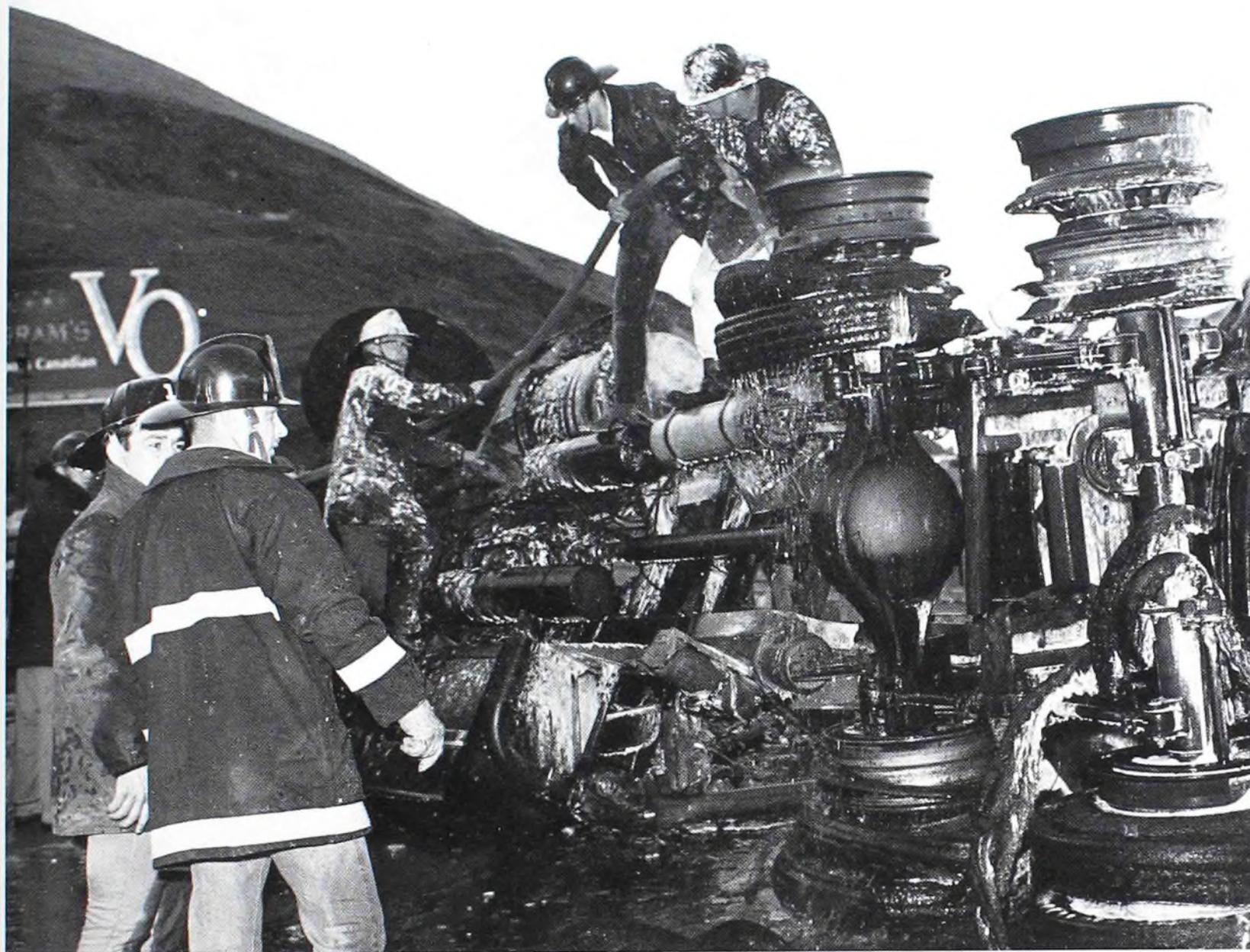
Volunteers could be called on for extreme duty. A Bayshore Highway truck fire in the late '40s brought the Indiana, followed by the then-new Seagrave Engine No. 3 to contain flames and a fuel spill. The town gathered to watch. At right is one of the few in-service photos showing the fire department ambulance. The ambulance is in extreme background. First aid training had been a prerequisite for volunteers since 1933. Currently, firefighters undergo Emergency Medical Technician training. On the page following is another view of the scene.

“ Judge Clay performed Beth Nelson’s wedding. He came over from South San Francisco to do it. The only other thing they had in the firehouse was a queen every year for the Fourth of July.

Violet Blanchard was not the first queen. The first one they just needed someone to do it so they picked my brother Barney’s wife, Gloria. She was the Fire Queen. She happened to be there and they needed someone for the celebration and she did it. The following year they went into it in a big way and had the girls run, but that was the first. —Richard Blanchard”

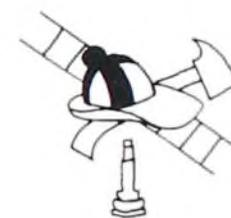






A fuel tanker overturned on the Brisbane Cow Palace offramp in 1966. California Highway Patrol traffic control flares ignited the spilled fuel. Responding Brisbane firefighters included (l-r) volunteer Mike Semeria, Dutch Moritz, Bill Jones, volunteer Ray Kurtz and Pete Bell.

“ We’d pull the trucks outside and they’d have a western band in the firehouse. Those were wild and woolly times. The Butchertown Gang would come through and one thing would lead to another and there’d be a big beef on. I remember many a time when I’d wash them down the street. There was Harry and Nello and little Poncho. One of the gals was pretty rough and would pick fights. She was known as Kisses Coin. They were pretty good kids. They used to come in every week. Sometimes we’d have a good night. We didn’t fight every week, but once in a while one of them would cut loose. —Richard Blanchard”



Last of the 'hand-mades' was Engine No. 1, a 1966 Coast engineered to Chief Richard Siess' specifications and partially built by members of the department. *Power Progress* layout shows it was the first Detroit Diesel 8V-71 to operate in the Bay Area. This engine is currently in service as a backup engine.

FIRST 8V-71 IN FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE

The first Detroit Diesel 8V-71 powered fire engine to operate in the San Francisco Bay Area, was designed and built by members of the Brisbane Fire Department in Brisbane in 1964. It is a 1,500 gallon-per-minute pumper which, because it must be able to negotiate narrow roads with sharp turns on exceptionally steep hillsides, as well as serve several fast-growing industrial areas, required specifications of a somewhat special nature.

Fire Chief Richard Siess, 30-year veteran with the department, called on his past experience as operator of a truck line, and his years with department equipment, to engineer the unit for presentation to the City Council.

Told to proceed, and pleased with agreement on his engineering specs by friend Ovid Barklow of Coast Apparatus, it didn't take long to place the efficient and good looking engine in service.

Fire Captain Clarence Moritz, for ten years employed by Greyhound Lines as a diesel mechanic, keeps the new pumper in top shape.

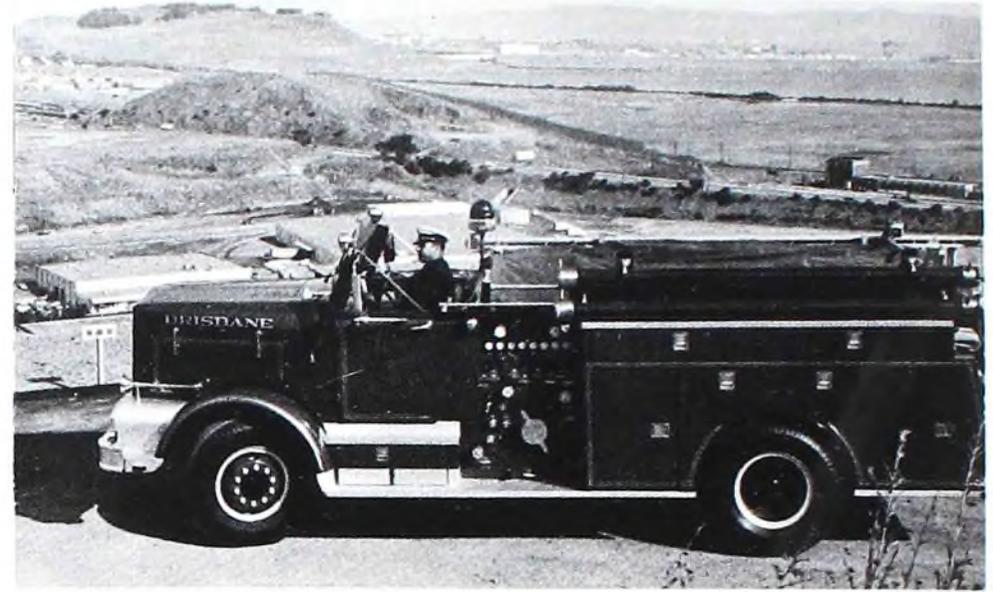
Fire chiefs from several other cities, having been given demonstration rides in the new unit, have subsequently prescribed the same power for their own new equipment, said Chief Siess.

"We matched the 8V-71 with gears to provide us with the ability to maintain maximum legal freeway speeds, and at the same time, enable the engine to negotiate the steep hills and sharp turns found in our residential areas," said Chief Siess. It takes the unit two and a half minutes

COVER PHOTO: Fire Chief Richard Siess, left, and Fire Captain Clarence Moritz and 8V-71 powered pumper



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ABOVE: Brisbane's 1,500 gallon-per-minute pumper looks down on one of Brisbane's new industrial developments. Department's jurisdiction extends over first hill which includes railroad marshaling yards. **BELOW:** Brisbane Fire Inspector, Sidney McCollum

Brisbane Firemen Block Streets To Capture Thieves

Six months probation and 30 days...were meted out to nine San Francisco youths caught stealing gas from a parked car in Brisbane Thursday night by quick action on the part of the Brisbane fire department.

Sentencing of youths occurred in Justice of the Peace W.H. Clay's court.

Following the sounding of an alarm by a suspicious resident the fire department drove to Visitacion Avenue where they stopped the truck crosswise, blocking off the only outlet to Bayshore.

Rounding up of the culprits was simplified as all of the boys were jammed in one large sedan.

Brisbane has no police department.

—November 23, 1939

to go 2.2 miles and climb to a 700-foot altitude—highest elevation and farthest distance to structures in Brisbane's jurisdiction. Most hills are climbed in second and third gears.

The department's two stations are equipped with late model, efficient equipment, including six pumpers. No more new equipment is proposed in the near future, but a truck re-power is possible soon, and you can get good odds around the department that the power will be another Detroit Diesel.



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“The only difference between being a volunteer and being a call man was the call men got paid. They got a dollar a call. Everyone got paid so you could call them volunteers or you could call them call men. There wasn't much difference between them but a dollar. —John Clancy”





Brisbane's new fire station at the intersection of Valley Drive and Old Bayshore Highway was dedicated to the citizens of Brisbane on May 9, 1992, the year of the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Brisbane Volunteer Fire Department. The community is confident of many more years of continued success. After all, the volunteers are still with us.

Volunteers

Volunteer Chiefs of the Department — Clare Coffin (1932-33);

<i>Allan R. Adams</i>	<i>Jim Bratton</i>	<i>Frank De Marco</i>	<i>Wayne Frazier</i>	<i>Richard Hosking, Sr.</i>
<i>Eddie A. Allan</i>	<i>James Braumoeller</i>	<i>Joe De Marco</i>	<i>H. Freel</i>	<i>E. Jameson</i>
<i>Dale Allen</i>	<i>William Brooks</i>	<i>Bill Del Chiaro</i>	<i>Pat Galindo</i>	<i>Bill Johnson</i>
<i>Debbie Almieda</i>	<i>Norman R. Brown</i>	<i>Don Delbon</i>	<i>Cliff Gannon</i>	<i>Gene Johnson</i>
<i>Harold Lee Arthurs</i>	<i>Ken Bucho</i>	<i>Waldon Delbon</i>	<i>Art Gatti</i>	<i>Len Johnson</i>
<i>John Arthurs</i>	<i>Joe Butler</i>	<i>James R. DeLong</i>	<i>F. George (Recruit)</i>	<i>Oliver C. "Ollie" Johnson</i>
<i>Ed Austin</i>	<i>William Byars</i>	<i>William Dettmer</i>	<i>Arthur Gledhill</i>	<i>Paul Johnson</i>
<i>James Baker</i>	<i>Allan Bybee</i>	<i>Charles Dixon</i>	<i>John H. Gonzales</i>	<i>Virgil Johnston</i>
<i>Harvey Barton</i>	<i>R. Caivano</i>	<i>Frank Doolin</i>	<i>Jack Grabosky</i>	<i>Bill Jones (FF)</i>
<i>John Bell, Jr.</i>	<i>Walter "Walt" Campbell</i>	<i>Larry Doolin</i>	<i>John Grigsby</i>	<i>Bruce Jordan</i>
<i>John Bell, Sr.</i>	<i>Clint Cardoza</i>	<i>Frank E. Druhan</i>	<i>Nick Guice</i>	<i>E. Keith</i>
<i>Pat Bell</i>	<i>Calvin Carlin</i>	<i>Dale H. Drullinger</i>	<i>Leslie M. Gull</i>	<i>Melissa King</i>
<i>Pete Bell (FF)</i>	<i>John Carrigan</i>	<i>Joe Dutra</i>	<i>Walter F. Gull</i>	<i>Waldy King</i>
<i>Louis Bennett</i>	<i>John Carroll</i>	<i>S. Eaton</i>	<i>Darwyn Haaman</i>	<i>Clarence B. Knaus</i>
<i>Tony Bezzina</i>	<i>Chris Christensen</i>	<i>T. Eaton</i>	<i>Robert Hall</i>	<i>Felix Kurtz</i>
<i>Cecil Bilby</i>	<i>John Clancy</i>	<i>Ken Echeberry</i>	<i>John Ham</i>	<i>John Kurtz</i>
<i>L. Blair</i>	<i>Stanley Clancy</i>	<i>Larry Echeberry</i>	<i>Allan Deane Hansen</i>	<i>Ray Kurtz</i>
<i>Barney Blanchard, Jr.</i>	<i>James Clark</i>	<i>Paul Edmonson (FF)</i>	<i>Loyal Harold</i>	<i>Stan Kurtz (FF)</i>
<i>Bonaventura "Barney 'Pop'" Blanchard, Sr.</i>	<i>Clare Coffin</i>	<i>Roy W. Edwards</i>	<i>Frank Harper</i>	<i>___ Lauderee</i>
<i>Jack Blanchard</i>	<i>Fred Coffin</i>	<i>Jim Ellison, Jr.</i>	<i>Richard Hatch, Sr.</i>	<i>Chris Lawrence</i>
<i>Larry Blanchard</i>	<i>Sam Cole</i>	<i>Floyd English</i>	<i>Joe Heinzer</i>	<i>Del A. Lawrence</i>
<i>Richard Blanchard (FF)</i>	<i>Carl Collar</i>	<i>Don Evans</i>	<i>Richard Hess</i>	<i>Mel Lawrence</i>
<i>Lawrence Boardman</i>	<i>H. Collar</i>	<i>Dennis Fau</i>	<i>George M. Heywood</i>	<i>William Lawrence, Jr.</i>
<i>Cy Bologoff (FF)</i>	<i>R. Cooney</i>	<i>Rusty Fayter</i>	<i>___ Hoffsmith</i>	<i>Rick Lazzarini</i>
• <i>Chief Officer</i>	<i>Bruce Crocker</i>	<i>Robert Ferguson</i>	<i>Ray Hollingum</i>	<i>A. Learned</i>
<i>Greg Bologoff</i>	<i>Jim Crowley</i>	<i>Jay Fichera</i>	<i>Walter R. Hollingum</i>	<i>K. Learned</i>
<i>Ted Bons</i>	<i>Terri Cullen</i>	<i>Richard Firth</i>	<i>Otway Holmes</i>	<i>Chuck Lee</i>
<i>Scott Bradley</i>	<i>Jim Davis</i>	<i>Gene Fogleman</i>	<i>Dave Horton</i>	<i>John Lemings</i>
	<i>L. Davis</i>	<i>Louis Foldoe</i>	<i>Richard Hosking, Jr.</i>	<i>Roy V. Lewis</i>

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Tom Lippman
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Albert Lothrop
Burt Lutton
Horace Lyman
Dan Lyons
M. Matson
William May
Charles May, Jr.
Mike McCaulliffe
Sid McCollum (FF)
Edward McCullough
Given McIntosh
Weston McIntosh
Donald McKeen
Howard McLain
Howard G. McLain
Pat McSweeney
David Miller (Recruit)
Joe Miller
Lawrence Mills
Ed Mirza
Sam Mirza
Dave Montez
John Montgomery
C. "Dutch" Moritz (FF)
• Chief Officer
Cliff Mozzetti
Pete Mozzetti
J. (Recruit) Naughton

Tom Naughton
Dave Navarro (FF)
G. Nelson
Urnal Nelson
Vaun Nelson
Tom O'Brien
Frank Oddo
Lee Panza
Herbert W. "Bill"
Parliament
James Partridge
Al Pearson
Louis Pearson
M. Pedras
Jack Pennell
Paul Pergeaux
Matt Peters
Rich Peters
Walt Peters III
William Phillips
Dave Pickering
Cliff Pratt
David Reed
Chuck Richards
Hollis "Hollie" Richard
William Riggot
James A. Robinson
K. Robinson
Hue Roesch
Robert Roesch (FF)

Robert Rogers
David Rojko
Bob Romanoff
Kathy Romanoff
William Rook
Lloyd P. Rouke
Ralph Rumbaugh
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George Schoenbacher
Mark Schreiner
Dick Schroeder
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Edward Schwenderlauf
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Robert Seever
Dave Semeria
Mike (FF) Semeria
David Shaffer
William Shaffer
Buck Shulda
Monroe Sibley
Richard Siess (FF)
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Bill Smith (FF)
Howard Smith
Jan Smith
Webb Smith
Wesley Smith
Joe Snips
Howard Sparkman
Bobbie Stacks
C. Standart
J. Stephens
Gordon Stotts
Lester Stout
Bob Strassburger
David Streeter
M. "Swanee" Swanson
Herb Tann
Jeff Tarantino
Louis Terry
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Joe Thomas
Brian "Pinky" Thompson
Joe Thompson
Richard Thrantham
Eino Tikkanen
Harold Tikkanen
Gene Torres (FF)
Harold J. "Hap" Trafford
Edward E. Unger
Ray Urbanic

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Ira E. White
Ivan O. White
Robert White
Trig T. White
Martin "Buzzy"
Wickersham
Jim "Red" Williams
O.J. Williams
Earl Wilson
John V. Wilson
Ray Wilson
Ronald Wilson
Chester H. Wingler
Dale With
Merle With
H. Earl Woodard
William Wray
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