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Chief tells history of fire department to local DAR group

Hoopeston Fire Chief Joel Bird presented the history of the Hoopeston Fire Department at the Barbara Standish March meeting with interesting facts on the FMC fire.

Hoopeston Fire Department was established in 1882, using only horses and a water wagon as their fire truck. The horses and wagon were housed in Galloway's Ma-

chine Shop on Bank Street and across from the Lorraine Theatre on East Main.

When a fire occurred, he said, firemen would run to obtain the horses and wagon, hitch them up and head to the fire. The average response time then was 15-20 minutes compared to 5-7 minutes today.

See FIRE on other side



Eggs-iting event

Youngsters in the age 4-7 category scramble for eggs at Saturday's Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Hoopeston Jaycees. Children received candy, a few found tickets for prizes in their eggs, and they could visit with Miss Hoopeston Holly Morgeson and the Easter bunny before the event.

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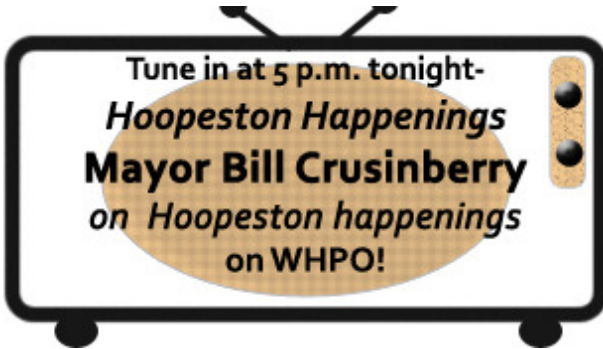
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Fire continued from other side

The original department was also housed in City Hall on the corner of Seminary and Market streets in the department's current location. In 1926, the department and City Hall burned to the ground, according to Bird. All equipment was lost but one fire truck which was out for repair.

From this fire, fireman held their first Firemen's Ball to replace equipment and buy a fire truck for \$10,000. Today that same truck would cost approximately \$250,000 to purchase.

For 90 years, firemen have held the Firemen's Ball to raise money to buy equipment. They also apply for grants for additional equipment, and use their own manpower to build needed additions to the department to save the City of Hoopeston money. These young volunteers range from builders, mechanics, electricians, plumbers and carpenters that give so much to Hoopeston besides their fire-fighting skills.

Major fires in the city also taught the department to

add additional safety measures to insure the safety of the volunteers.

One example Bird mentioned was the Stokely fire in which three firefighters were burned. At that time, not all firefighters had radios. After that fire, each man had his own radio and when three men went inside a building, three more were waiting outside.

The FMC fire, said Bird, brought about more changes, in particular the length of time tires could be stored in one location. This was a fire in which the department lost equipment, hoses, and a truck which was replaced through grants, insurance, donations from the city, local residents, organizations and businesses.

The department had to replace several mutual aid departments' equipment.

The one saving grace, said Bird, was that the wind blew east to west that day and not west to east like it normally blows in June. That factor helped prevent the homes east of FMC from catching fire, he said.

From the Blotter

An 80-year-old resident of the 700 block of West Maple reported at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday that his accounts had been used for unauthorized purchases.

A set of keys was found on the ground at McFerren Park playground area. The owner may identify and claim them at the police station.

A 78-year-old Hoopeston woman reported Tuesday that someone took items from her garage in the 400 block of West Maple.

A 55-year-old Hoopeston man reported Tuesday that someone entered his shed, damaging it. The burglary occurred in the 300 block of West Lincoln.

Weather

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