HOSE HOUSE #2, DISTRICT 4, CALL BOX 45

621 INGALLS AVENUE

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

That Hook and Ladder Company

The fire in the White Swan Steam Laundry last Wednesday ought to convince everybody, the councilmen included, that a hook and ladder company is a necessity in Petoskey. At various times for seven or eight years past, the Record has urged this matter upon the council, but fruitlessly. It has been recommended to several councils by the chief of the fire department, and double the number of young men necessary to man a truck have tendered their services, but from carelessness or motives of a very petty economy, the $200 or $250 necessary for building the truck and ladders and purchasing the hooks, axes, etc., has never been appropriated. If a hook and ladder company had been at the laundry building and got in its work in the boiler room, by the time the hose company had made their attachments, the damage would have been several hundreds of dollars less than it was. It was 45 minutes after the fire started before a ladder long enough to reach the roof could be found and got there, and if there had been a good northwest wind blowing, the fire would probably have made a clean sweep of the laundry and the factory of Furniture Co. It is simply criminal negligence on the part of the council to delay the equipment of a good hook and ladder truck any longer. We have had wonderful luck heretofore, but there will surely come a turn in the tide sometime, and we will have a big fire to fight. If the starting of such a fire can be prevented in even one case by the prudent expenditure of few hundreds of dollars now, it will be a paying investment for all of us. Let the council act and act promptly. ***Petoskey Record Jan.16,1895***

Chief McCarty of the fire department desires to give notice through the Record that the next man who forces open or breaks into the Hose house under any circumstances whatever, or moves hose or hose cart will be promptly prosecuted and subjected to a fine. No drayman or private citizen has any right or authority to tamper with property of the city, in sole charge of the fire department, and the abuse has become so flagrant the law will be promptly invoked to suppress it. ***Petoskey Record July 7,1897***

The council has done a good thing in putting in a reliable fire alarm system and the people generally approve of their action. But while the firemen are now sure to be promptly on hand when called, they are liable to be short of hose if the fire is at any distance from the fire plugs, or if two fires should occur at once. They absolutely need 500 feet of new and reliable hose. They have only about 500 feet they can swear by, a good deal of the hose supposed to be in service being old, rotten, and liable to burst under full pressure. It is understood that the committee on fire and water is the most enterprising and liberal we have ever had and that they anticipate the material enlargement of facilities for fighting fire next year, in the way of hose, one or two new hose carts, hook and ladder truck and crew, and drying tower. But we hope the buying of new hose will not be delayed until next summer with the other improvements, because it is altogether too much risk to run for nine month's of time. It would be wiser to pay interest on the small amount of cost for a year then take chances of the loss of many thousands of dollars in property. ***Petoskey Record Oct.13,1897***

The Independent Democrat continues its assaults on the council and on the electric fire alarm system, ignoring the fact that it is working perfectly, and the bulk of our citizens, the firemen, and the officials, are satisfied with it, or will be, when the electric tapper for the fire bell which has been ordered to complete the system is in place. His criticism that the keys are kept in boxes instead of in neighboring houses is of no value, unless as an indication of his belief that Petoskey is infested with vicious and malicious persons who will be able to safely continue the work of discrediting the system, (begun by Mr. Hampton in his paper last spring, and continued ever since.) by turning in false alarms from time to time. In Cleveland with its quarter of a million people, and many other large cities, there is no trouble in keeping the keys in the call boxes, and there will be no trouble in Petoskey after one or two " smart Alecks", or malicious persons shall have been punished to the full extent of the law, as they should and will be. The saving of time by having the key in the call box, instead of having to rouse some sleepy neighbor to search for that perhaps misplaced article, is so evident an advantage, that it will certainly not be abandoned at Mr. Hampton's suggestion. ***Petoskey Record Dec.29,1897***

Addendum:
621 Ingalls Ave.

The hose house at 621 Ingalls Ave. is located on the National Historic Register of Historical Places #86002015. It is Italianate in design. It is called the Hosman and Wheeler Meat Market, also known as the third ward polling place and City hose house.

In an article dated Oct. 7, 1954 of the Petoskey News it states that Bill Hosman ran the meat market for 8 months in the early years. It says it was located across from 620 Ingalls Ave.

History and people of 621 Ingalls Ave. Petoskey, Michigan

In 1897 the Schofied Blacksmith shop at 610 Ingalls Ave. caught on fire and only two firemen from the city responded to the fire. Fire Chief Charles McCarthy did not think this was an acceptable response and the Hose House #2 came into being. Fire Chief McCarthy rented a team of horses from Charles Houts of Monroe St. and they were boarded at the Hose house Along with a wagon and sleigh. The basement had a jail cell in it. It was called the "little city hall". The Hose house was in operation from 1897 to 1920.

Sometime after 1920, possibly in the 1940's it became the 3rd. ward precinct building. It is listed as 3rd. ward precinct in the C E. Gavin's 1944 Petoskey City Directory. It was used as poling place for the 3rd. ward until the 1980's.

In 2000 the City of Petoskey signed a 20 year lease with the Little Traverse Historic Society. The Society refurbished it and used it as a one room school house for area schools to show children how it used to be. It was also used as a music practice site for area children. In 2011 the Little Traverse Historic Society turned it over to member Ernie Mainland to use it for a model train replica of the five sets of train tracks that at one time ran into Petoskey. As of Sept. 2012 it isn't ready to open to the public but the public is welcome to come and take a look at the layout when members are there working on it.

Scources:Petoskey Evening News, Oct. 7, 1954
Petoskey News Review, April 28, 2000
Petoskey News Review, Oct. 18,2000
1903 thru 1922 Polk's Petoskey City Directory
Conversion with Ernie Mainland, July 2012

Hose House # 2 District 4 Call box 45
621 Ingalls Ave. Petoskey, Michigan

Call box locations for the West side of Petoskey were:

 # 42 West Lake St.
#43 corner of Liberty and Mitchell
#44 south end of Wachtel Ave.
#4 5 Hose House #2
#46 Corner of Charlevoix Ave. and McDowell Ave.(south from Charlevoix Ave. first street west of Spring St.)
#47 Corner of Spring St and Porter St.
#48 Curtis Ave. and Porter St.
#49 south end of Curtis St.

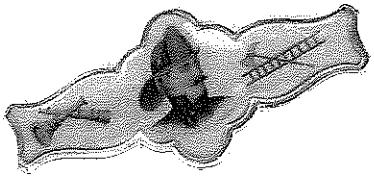


1903____ Captain: **W.N. Ingalls of 620 Ingalls St**
Firemen: **William Hosman of 423 Jackson St.**
William Schofield of 610 Ingalls Ave.
Walter Crane of 511 Charlevoiox Ave.
Harry Wheeler of 419 Jackson St.
George Crawford of 408 Charlevoix Ave
Daniel Berry of 322 Jackson St.
Albert Knecht of 117 Wt. Lake Street

1909-1910_____ Captain: **Charles Ernst of 418 Charlevoix Ave.**
Firemen: **Daniel Berry of 322 Jackson St.**
Charles Snyder of 406 Jackson St.
Archie H. Hickox of 316 Monroe St.
Milo Woden of 432 Charlevoix Ave.
Louis Gregory of 431 Jackson St.

1911-1912_____ Captain: **Henry Bohn of 439 Jackson St.**
Firemen: **Samuel Hoover no address given**
M. Martin of 129 Wt. Lake St.
Daniel Berry of 322 Jackson St.
Charles M. Snyder of 212 Wt. Mitchell St.
Archie Hickox of 310 Monroe St.
Milo Wooden of 432 Charlevoix Ave.
Louis Gregory of 431 Jackson St.

1913-1914_____ Captain: **Charles Ernst**
City Fireman: **Sherman Castle of 512 Liberty St.**
Firemen : **Sam Hoover of 121 Wt. Lake St.**
Charles M. Snyder of 212 Wt. Mitchell
Eugene Gilman of 512 Charlevoix Ave.
William McDermott of 608 Ingalls Ave.
A(Allen) E Leismer of 315 Jackson St.
Jesse F. Thomas of 303 Wt. Lake St
Arthur Simpson of 212 Grace St.
William Ingalls of 602 Ingalls Ave.
Milo Wooden of 405 Liberty St.
Sub: **Jay Burnham of 202 Wt. Mitchell**



1915-1916 Captain: Charles Ernst of 216 Wt. Mitchell St.
Firemen: Samuel Hoover of 121 Wt. Lake St.
Charles M. Snyder of 414 Emmet St.
Eugene Gilman of 512 Charlevoix Ave.
William McDermott of 608 Ingalls Ave
A.E. Leismer of 315 Jackson St.
Jesse F. Thomas of 217 Wt. Lake St.
Arthur Simpson of 513 Liberty St.
William Ingalls of 602 Ingalls Ave.
Sherman Castle of 512 Liberty St.
Milo Wooden of 405 Liberty St.
Sub: Jay Burnham of 207 Wt. Mitchell St.

1917-1918 Captain: William McDermott of 608 Ingalls Ave.
Firemen: Samuel Hoover of 121 Wt. Mitchell St.
Eugene Gilman of 512 Charlevoix Ave.
Arthur Simpson of 524 ½ Liberty St.
Sherman Castle of 512 Liberty St.
Milo Wooden of 316 Jackson St.
Jay Burnham of 202 Wt. Mitchell St.
George Parrish of 521 Charlevoix Ave.
Reuben Clark of 317 Jackson St.
John Conklin of 524 Jackson St.
Lot Notestine of 621 Charlevoix Ave.
Sub: Albert Taylor of 524 Charlevoix Ave.

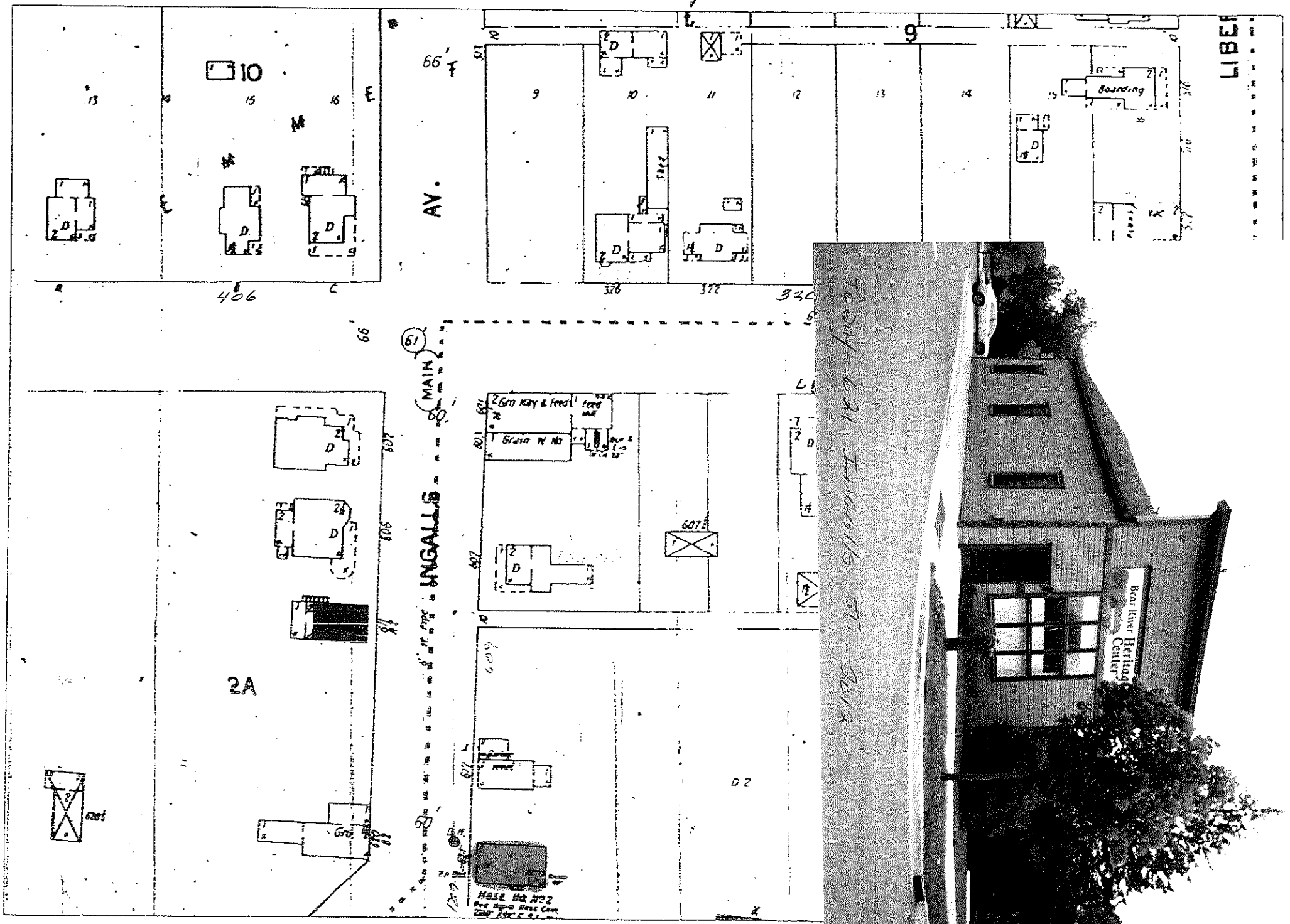
1919-1920 Captain: Henry Bohn of 515 Jackson St.
Firemen: Sherman Castle of 512 Liberty St.
Jay Burnham of 202 Wt. Mitchell St.
John Conklin of 524 Jackson St.
Albert Taylor of 293 ½ Jackson St.

1921 There is no longer a hose house listed on the West Side of Petoskey.

Scources: Petoskey Evening News Oct. 7, 1954
1903 Polk's Petoskey and Emmet Co. Directory
1909-1910 R.L Polk's Petoskey City Directory
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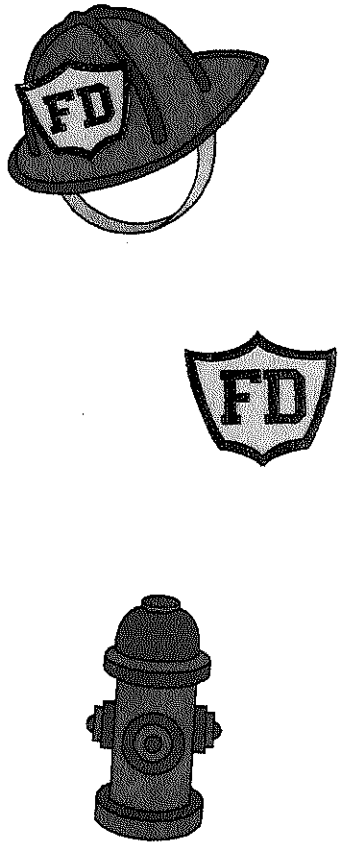
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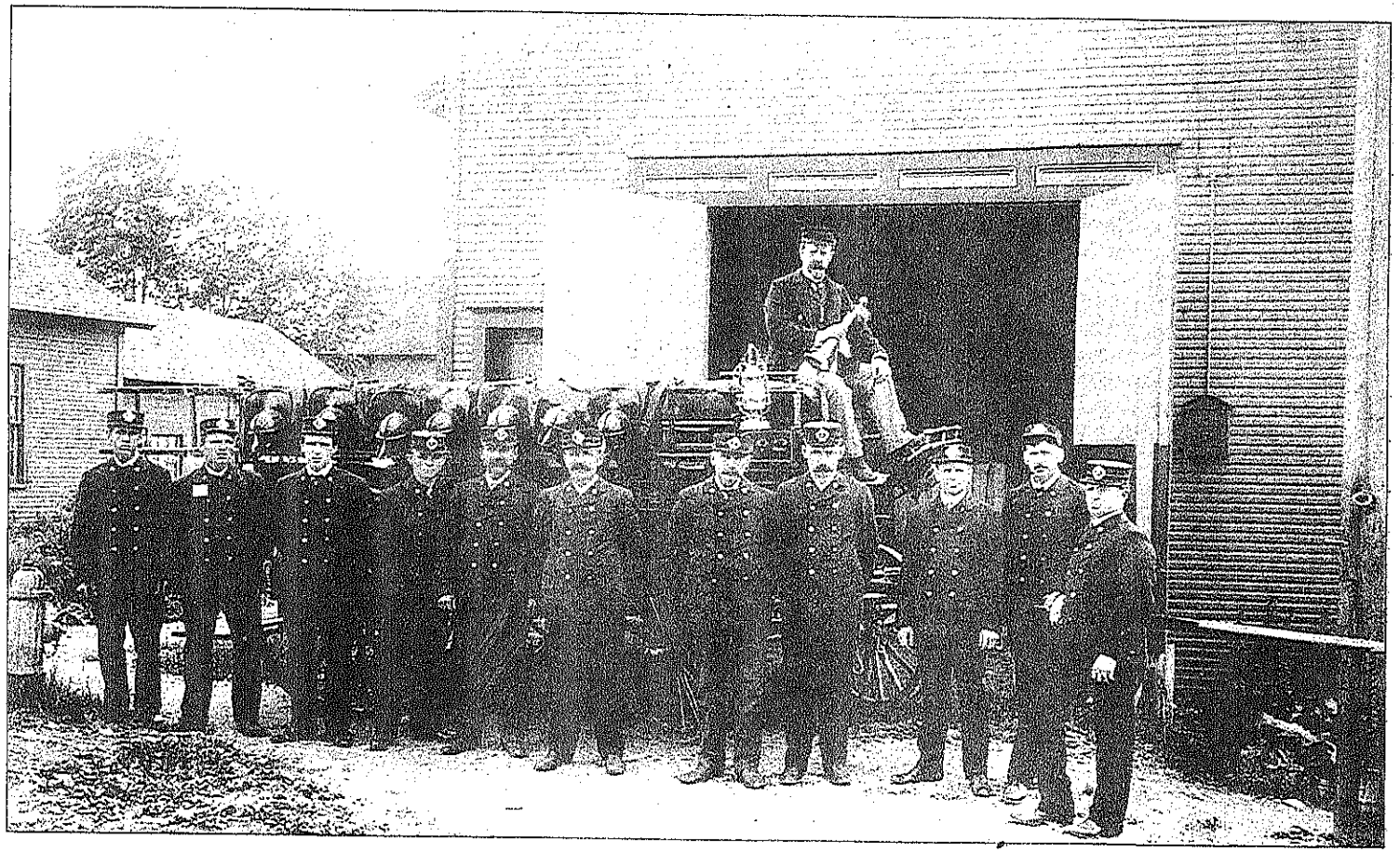
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Grants will open hosehouse to public





COURTESY PHOTO

An early Petoskey fire squad poses in front of a horse-drawn wagon at the old hosehouse, on the city's west side. It might still have been the Emmet City department at that time, as maps show the distinct, as-yet-unconsolidated community almost until the turn of the century. Note the bugle in the hand of the man on the wagon and the box beside the door.

FIRE DEPT

With money from three grants in place, representatives of the Little Traverse Historical Society expect that voices will ring out in a long-used city center by next summer.

The hosehouse, once the "little city hall" of the community on the west bank of the Bear River, was used by the city into the 1980s. Until that time, the 3rd Ward of the city voted in the structure. When pioneer Hazen Ingalls' west bank settlement of Emmet City was in a usually-friendly rivalry with Petoskey, which would eventually absorb it, the corner of Ione, Charlevoix and Ingalls streets was its center. Ingalls' store was on the west side of Main Street, later Ingalls Avenue, and across from it was the structure that would be the fire hall and even the jail (a cell was located in the basement).

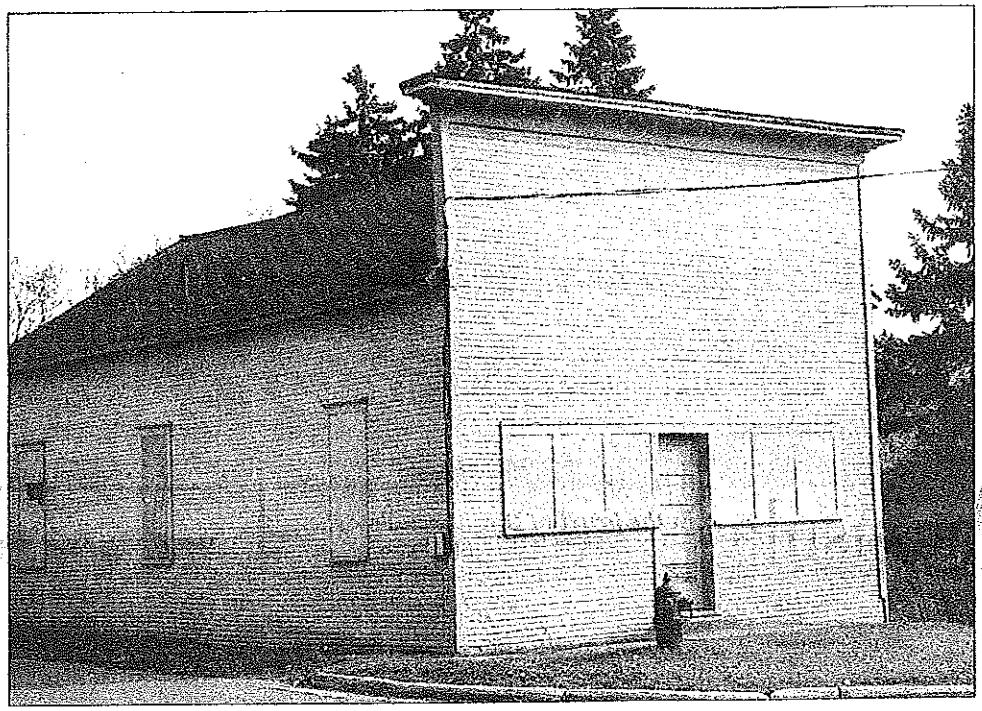
After a number of months of scrambling for funding and the willing participation of the city, which leased the structure to the historical society free for 20 years, the dream of the hosehouse as a heritage center is destined to become reality.

The society has secured grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Frey Foundation out of Grand Rapids and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for a total of $70,000. The next step will to be to put out bids for the repair work. It is hoped that the structure will be ready for visitors by the spring.

"We would like to hear children giggling in there by May," said Candace Eaton, director of the society's history museum. "We'll have to have new doors and windows, and eventually we might be able to put back the tower that is shown in some of the old photographs."

The househouse will be transformed into a multicultural community center and meeting place, according to Betty Reddig, president of the historical society. The society plans to fit it out as an old-time classroom and open it to school groups from all over Northern Michigan.

Volunteers are always appreciated to help with the historical society's many projects. For more information, call Eaton at 347-2620.



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Historical Society
Plans to lease Historical Hose House
Situated on the corner of Ingalls, Ione & Charlevoix Streets
Petoskey, Emmet County, Michigan

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Candace Eaton stands outside the frame building overlooking the Bear River that may one day become an early American schoolhouse for local students. (NEWS-REVIEW photo by Marie Chestney)

Big plans

Historical society eyes one-room schoolhouse

By MARIE CHESTNEY
News-Review staff writer

The Little Traverse Historical Society heads into the summer months with a lighthouse exhibit that opens May 9, and with high excitement over the prospect of turning an historical city building into an early American schoolhouse.

The society also now has a year-round, full-time director, Candace Eaton of Harbor Springs, who will be on hand daily to do more of the work of running the museum perched down on the waterfront in Bayfront Park. Eaton has been a part-time director of the society.

Back in the 1890s, the museum once served as a depot for the Chicago and West Michigan Railroad.

The lighthouses, made by Littlefield students to look just like their counterparts scattered around the Great Lakes, kick off the busiest season for the society, the summer tourist rush.

The exhibit will be followed by others throughout the summer, including one that shows off gorgeous gowns worn by women over the centuries, and another that shows old photos of the sights and views of Little Traverse Bay. The photos were reproduced from old glass slides.

But, for the society's 482 members, perhaps one of the more pleasant tasks over the months ahead will be to renovate the historical hosehouse building at the meeting of Ingalls Avenue, Charlevoix Avenue and Ione Street.

The society has just signed a 20-year lease with the city to take over the building and, hopefully, renovate it.

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For the space-cramped historical society, the new building is a god-send.

"It will give us additional space for storage and meetings," said Betty Reddig, president of the society's 23-member board.

The one-story frame building of Italianate design, which is listed on the federal historical registry, overlooks the rushing waters of the Bear River.

Back in the 1890s, when the historical museum was a railroad depot, the hosehouse was a meat market. It sits on Charlevoix Avenue near the old entrance to the city, overlooking a place where dams once provided power to city residents.

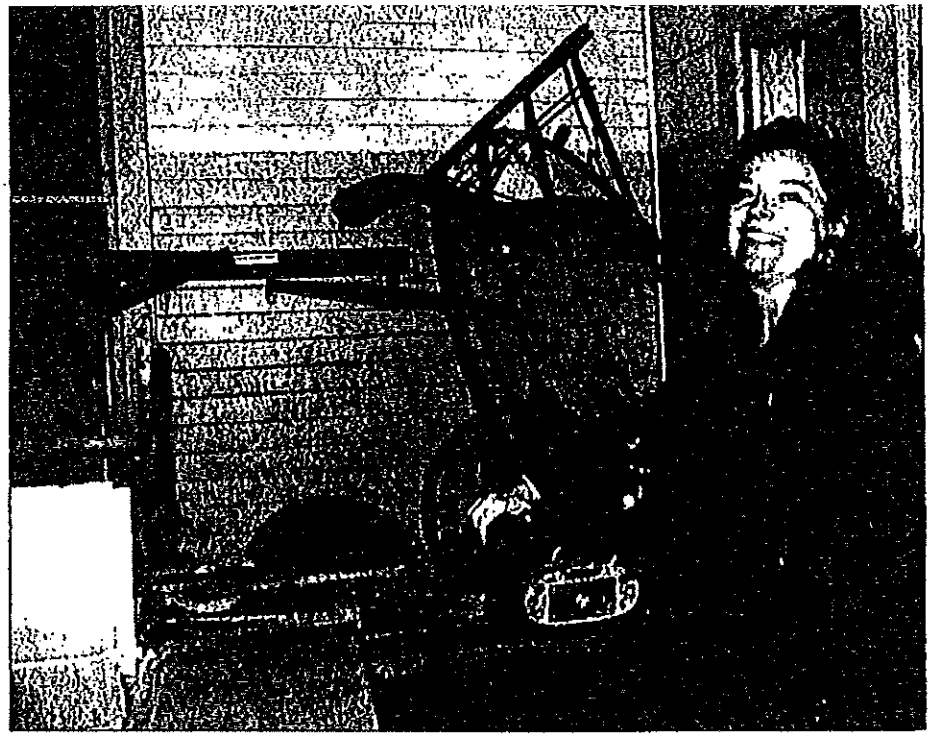
The "hose-house" designation comes from the period of time in Petoskey's history when firefighters stored hoses in the building.

Eaton has a different memory of the building. When it served as a voting precinct, it was the place she went to vote when she voted in her first presidential election, Nixon vs. McGovern.

Right now, Eaton is in the midst of applying for grants to renovate the building the society hopes to use as a schoolhouse, a place where local students can come for a day to learn amid old-fashioned surroundings.

Work on the foundation and interior is estimated to cost about $163,000. The society hopes to get at least half of that via a grant from the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The society hopes to know by August whether it will get the grant, Eaton said.

"If we get it, we will start right away," Eaton said. "We will try to keep the building as authentic as we can, to keep the integrity of the building."



Inside the hosehouse building, Candace Eaton, executive director of the Little Traverse Historical Society, holds onto a old muffler used to keep human feet warm when out riding in a horse-pulled carriage. (NEWS-REVIEW photo by Marie Chestney)

The rest of the $163,000 is expected to come from other grants and from fund-raisers, Eaton said.

The hosehouse building is stuffed with historical artifacts, from farming implements used on 19th century farms to old student and teacher desks used in Emmet County in the early 20th Century.

In fact, the society is blessed with many donated historical artifacts that are stored far and wide around the city because of a lack of storage space at the museum.

On Reddig's wish list for the society is a climate-controlled storage area where artifacts could be safely stored in between exhibits.

Ever since it opened in 1972, the museum has become the final resting place of artifacts that tell the story of both Little Traverse Bay and Emmet County.

In its many display cases are Chief Petoskey's head dress, old lumbering tools, replicas of old steamships, the story of the extinct passenger pigeon and, of course, many, many variations of the famous Petoskey stone.

Because the society has so much that shows the history of the area, Reddig hopes that one day it will expand even further and become a regional research area for scholars doing historical research.

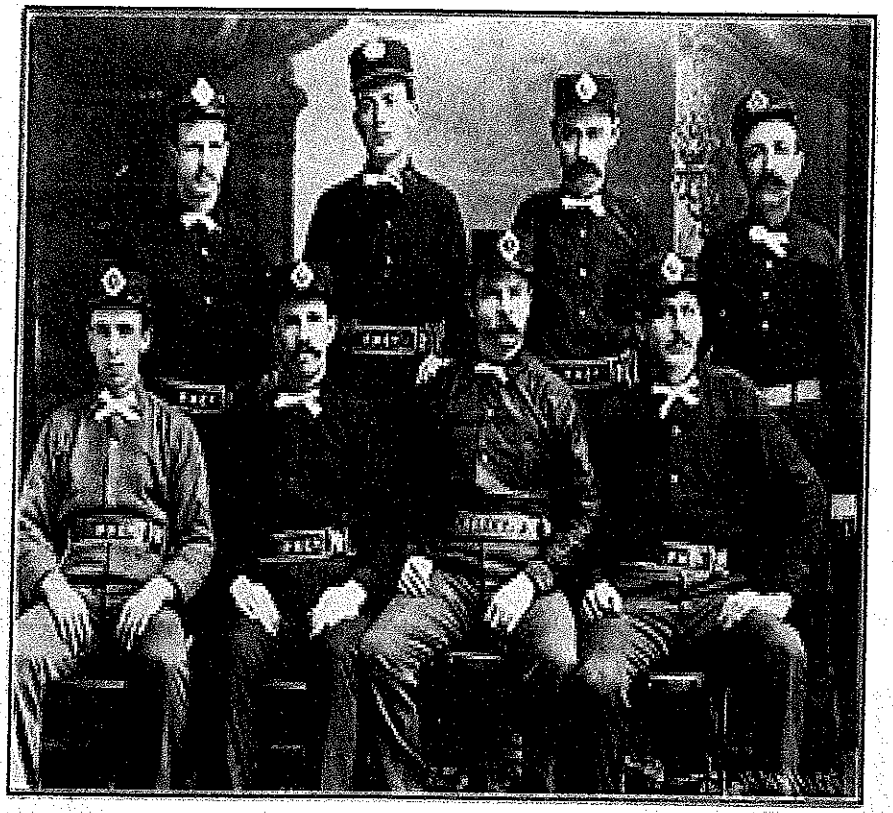
With Eaton on board full-time now, the museum plans to stay open until Christmas, instead of its previous November closing time.

The city leases rent-free both the museum and the hosehouse building to the society. The city maintains the grounds around both buildings. However, no tax dollars go directly into the society's coffers for either building, Eaton said.

Funds come from fund-raisers, contributions, admission fees, members' donations, and from items sold in the gift store at the museum, she said.

PETOSKEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
Date Unknown

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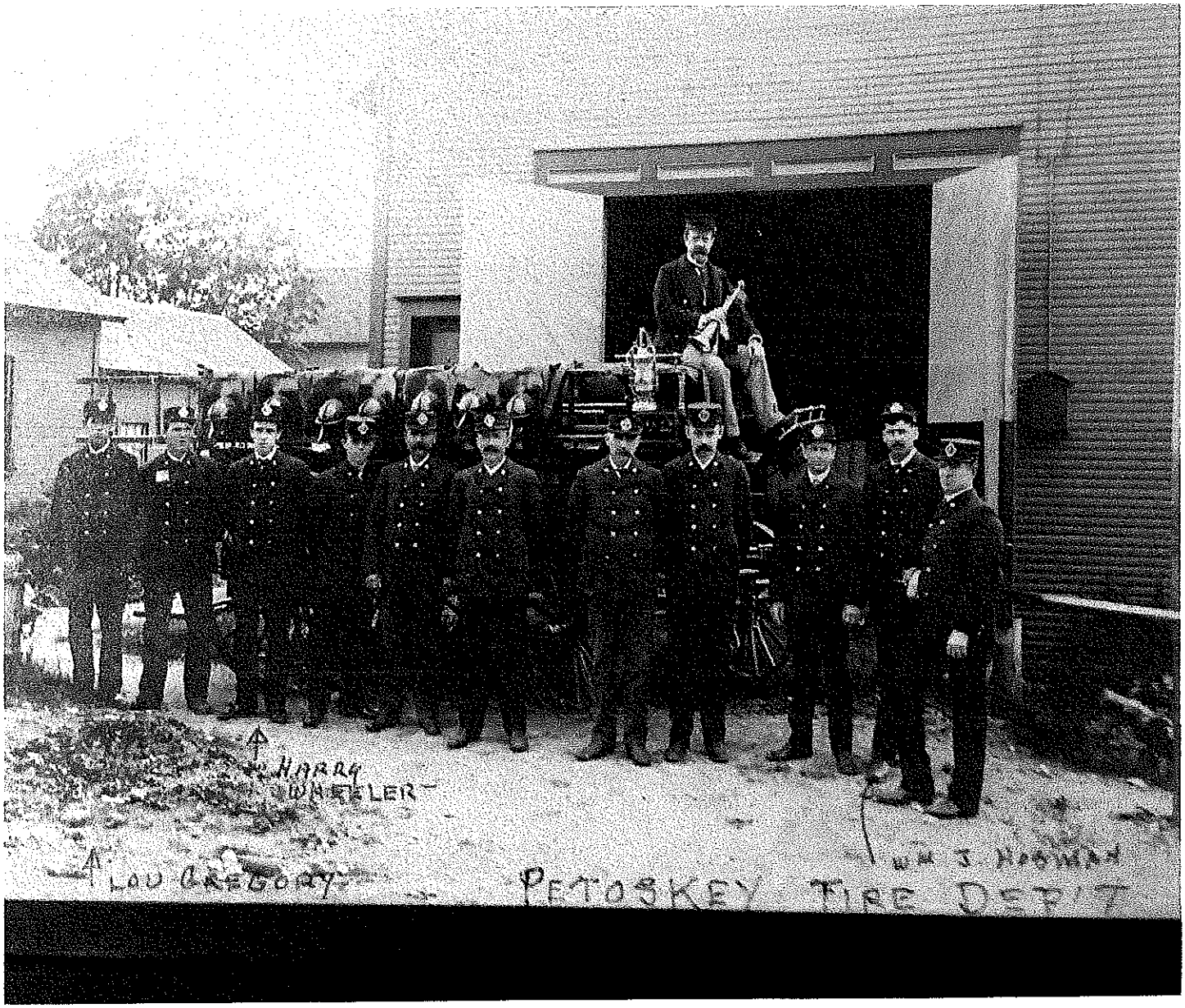
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Sitting on truck with bugle: Unknown
Front Row: Lou Gregory. Unknown, Harry Wheeler
End of Row: William J. Hosman
All other firemen unknown

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CITY FATHERS BUY LIGHTS---SELL TEAM

WRESTLE NEARLY ALL NIGHT WITH PROBLEMS

Excerpt...concerning west side fire team....

The matter of the west side fire team, which has been a burning question for some time, in fact ever since it was installed, was brought up, and it was decided to sell the team as it seemed too light for the general work of the city, and it was also decided to take the money realized from the sale and invest it in another and heavier team, which might be used as a fire team or on a sprinkling cart to give free service to the city during the heated term. The matter of the sale of the team, the vote standing six to two, was left in the hands of the fire and police committee, and that committee has placed a price of four hundred dollars thereupon, and Tuesday morning Alderman Wixson, the man who bought the team and findings and ought to know its value, had a certified check to be paid the city for the horses, which he considers a bargain at the price.