

## Volunteer firemen...

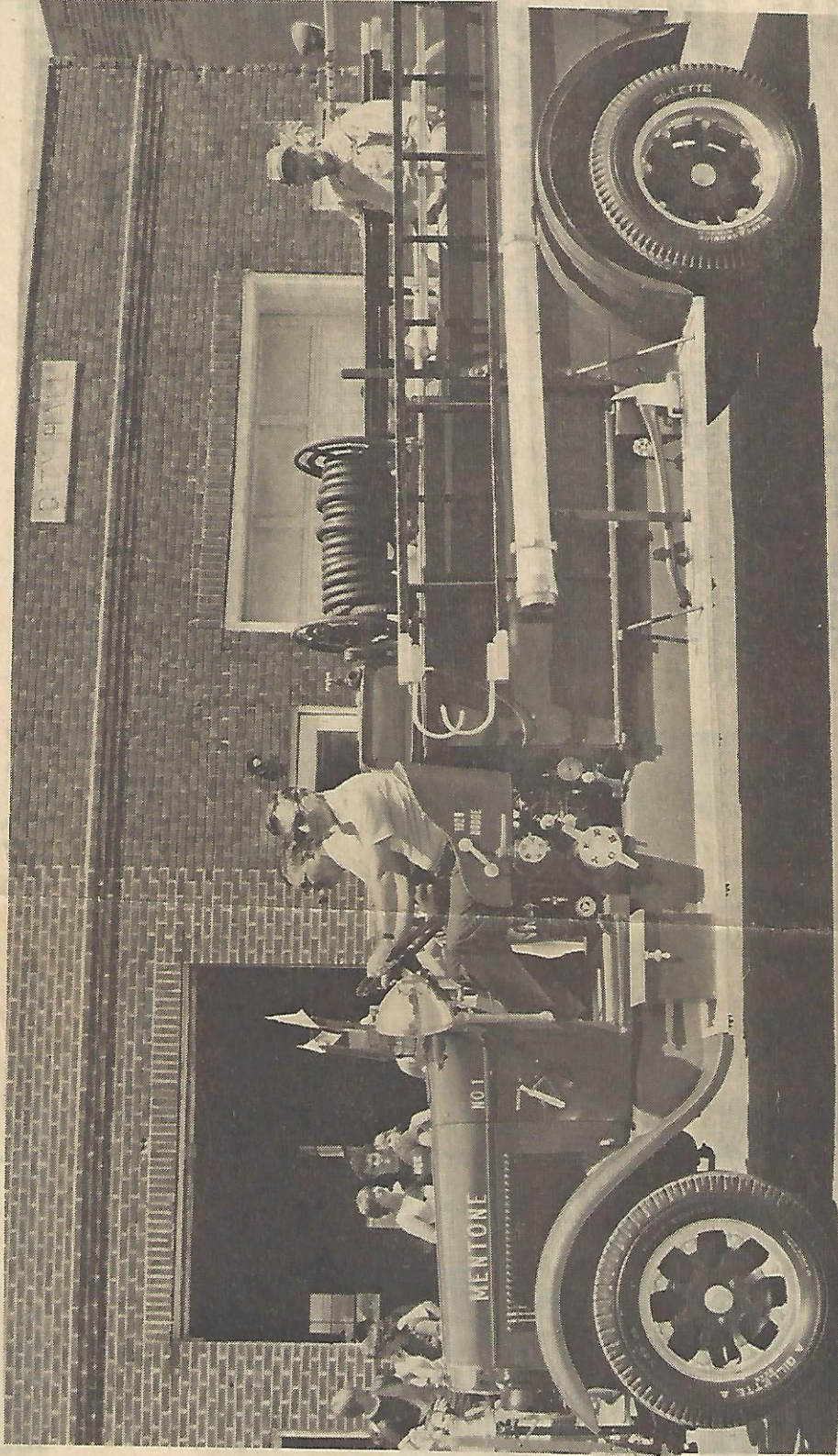
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One point that all of the men stressed over and over was that people give an accurate location of a fire when they call for help. Too many times, they said, people are so excited when they call that they hang up before the firemen get a good description of the type of fire or where it's at. And they waste valuable time looking for the fires.

They also explained that there is no dispatcher for the department, and twenty-two phones ring when a call is made to report a fire. It's understandable then, why they don't want people calling the fire number for information.

In all honesty, I would have to say that the department is great, and I think the people in our area should be very thankful for the services rendered. (The department does accept donations!:) We are fortunate to have such a well equipped force, and very fortunate for such dedications!

Next time you see one of these twenty-two men, don't forget to say thanks: Bruce Barker, Earl Beattie, Kenneth Bush, Wm. Cochran, Joe Good, Frank Hardesty, Bob Heckman, Gene Hughes, Darrel King, Fred Mellott, Steve Mellott, Jim Miller, Roger Montel, Cam Rathbun, Bill Reed, Steve Sechrist, Ellis Shepherd, Chet Smith, Don Smythe, Everett Warren, Jerry Wise, and Mike Yazel.



PICTURED above is the 1929 Dodge pump truck that the Mentone Fire Department shows proudly at parades in the area. Joe Good is driving, and Ollie Smith is seated at the rear.