

LOWELL TRIBUNE AUGUST 2, 1951

### DALECARLIA FIREMEN PLAN FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

Plans are being completed for a fund raising campaign this week. The Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department is enlisting the cooperation to the entire community to assure success in collecting adequate funds to complete the erection of their new fire station which is already well advanced.

### PUBLIC INVITED TO DEDICATION

The public is extended a most cordial invitation to be present at the cornerstone laying ceremony which will take place during the dedication rites on August 12, 1951, at 2:30 p.m. At this program, tribute will be paid to all who have helped make it possible to complete this no. 1 community project.

### HONORARY FIREMEN

Former Chief Frank Matthews of the Gary Fire Department, retired, also a resident of Lake Dalecarlia, is a honorary lifetime Fire Chief. The distinction of honorary lifetime member has been bestowed upon D.C. Hamacher, J.O. Dickson, W. Gerring, F.E. Hadden and A.J. Lowe.

### DEPARTMENT SERVING 435 HOMES

At present time there are 29 volunteer firemen serving the Lake Dalecarlia area of Cedar Creek township which includes over 435 buildings.

### ORGANIZED OCTOBER 20, 1950

Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department was established October 20, 1950. The organizational committee was composed of J. Mundy, William Gerring, F. Sellinger, Claude Jonas, and Herbert A. Herbst. Nineteen men signed up to render volunteer service to their community and immediately this organization through the assistance of Attorney W.C. Hamacher, filed papers of Incorporation with the State of Indiana. These papers were completed and recorded January 22, 1951, with the secretary of state, Leland L. Smith. The constitution and by laws were written and approved by the group. The following is a list of the active officers and firemen.

PRESIDENT--Herbert Herbst  
Secretary--R.P. Meyer

Vice Pres.--Oscar Norlin

Board of Directors

Herbert Herbst

Sterling Holst

C.O. Miller

John Erb

Frank McKnight

Herbert Pelton

Fire Chief--Joseph P. Mundy

Asst. Chief--A. Steuer

Captain--M. Sutton

Lieut.--C. Jones

lieut.--A. Abraham

lieut.--L.J. Faverty

fire inspector--W. Schmickel

Sergeant at arms--Frank Bloeman

Also: Oral Larson, Rev. R. Foster, Ira Donham, W.E. Lenard, Bob Underwood, C.F. McCarty, Dick Frahm.

## DEDICATE NEW STATION AUGUST 12, 1951

Ground was broken on October 29, 1950, to set footings for the erection of Lake Dalecarlia fire station. The beautiful stone faced building was completed and dedicated at an impressive ceremony held on Sunday afternoon, August 12, 1951.

The \$8,000 station was constructed with volunteer labor on a lot given the department by D.C. Hamacher and J.O. Dickson.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Among the accomplishments of the progressive Lake Dale fireos was the procurement of another fire truck with fine equipment from the Hammond department. Through the efforts of the Firemen's Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Arnold Steuer currently serves as president, the fireos have full dress fire fighting regalia.

### OFFICERS FOR 1953

President--Oscar Norlin  
Treasurer--Harold Shields  
Directors:  
Herbert Herbst  
Herbert Pelton  
Charles Miller  
Floyd Dickensheets

Vice Pres.--Bernard Fetters  
Secretary--Frank Bloeman  
Chief--Sterling Holst  
Asst. Chief--Frank McKnight  
Captain--Arnold Steuer  
1st. lieut.--Claude Jonas  
2nd. lieut.--Merle Sutton  
3rd lieut.--Alex Abraham

32 firemen serve on the department.

### ORIGIN OF LAKE DALECARLIA

It was in the spring of 1927 that D.C. Hamacher, a prominent Hammond real estate agent, realized the potential beauty of this romantic region where the waters of Cedar Lake impound. With the assistance of the Late Herman Burnham, option was obtained on 3,100 acres. The Wonder Lakes Development Corporation was formed and stock was sold in Lake County, Indiana, also in Cook county, Illinois. D.C. Hamacher was elected president of the corporation. Albert Peterson, vice-president, and J.O. Dickson, secretary-treasurer.

A dam was constructed at the site of the old Carsten mill pond, flood gates were erected, permitting spill waters to drain into a little tributary of Cedar Lake. The area is also blessed with natural springs which supply a constant flow of sparkling fresh waters to the lake.

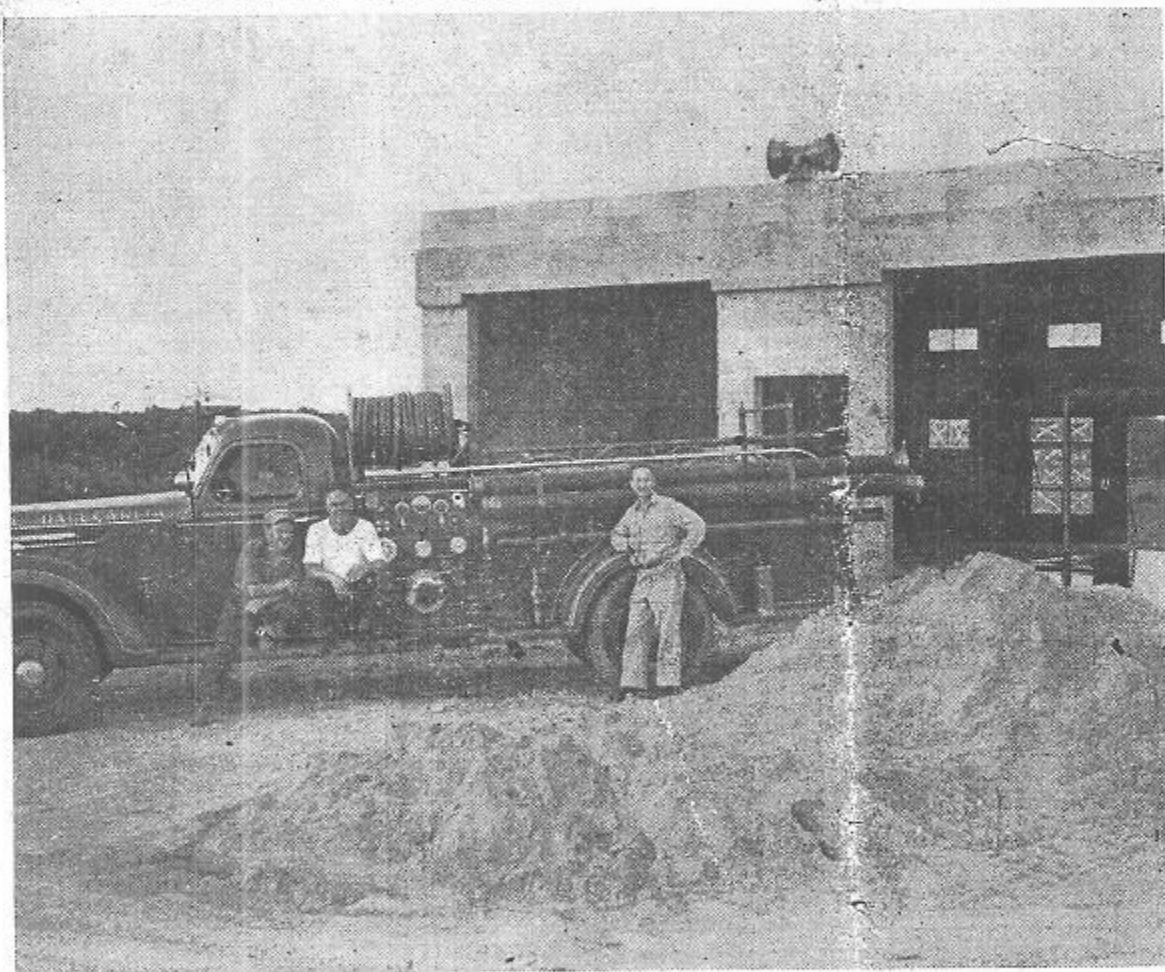
Located 3 1/2 miles northeast of Lowell, Lake Dalecarlia is now the town's largest and fastest growing suburb. 465 lovely homes decorate its heavily wooded shoreline of more than seven miles.

A volunteer fire department, Community Church, general store and company office which serves as a recreation hall, comprise the business places. The Property Owner's Association restricts the sale of lake property to people who enjoy its quiet and restful beauty, and the Lake Dale Conservation Club annually stocks the waters with fish and keeps the lake clean.

Most picturesque of all artificial lakes, Lake Dalecarlia was recreated in the late 20's from the old mill ponds known a century ago as the Carsten and Foley ponds.

A hilly area, where in the springtime the waters of southern Lake County's roving little rivulet, Cedar Creek, would rise and form many tiny lakes, receding again into the creek and the rich hills would bring forth another abundant crop.

## Lake Dalecarlia to Dedicate New Fire Station August 12



Ground was broken on October 29, 1950, to set footings for the erection of the Lake Dalecarlia Fire Station, which is nearing completion. The structure, 30 feet wide and 48 feet long, with two 10x10 feet overhead doors, is constructed with cement block sidewalls, concrete

roof and will have a stone face. The building will be equipped with toilets, shower and a small kitchen. A few of the jobs were let out to contractors who cooperated very well. The remaining work was done by Volunteer Firemen.

The station sets on a 30 foot busi-

ness lot given to the department by D. C. Hamacher and J. O. Dickson of Lake Dalecarlia.

Pictured beside the fire truck, secured from a neighboring city, are three of the 29 members of the department.

—Baker Photo Service

The corner stone laying ceremony was conducted by Dennis Dunn of Crown Point, 1st vice-president of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association. He was assisted by Mr. Norlin of Lake Dalecarlia. Mr. Dunn carefully sealed in beneath the corner stone the Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department's constitution and charter and inserted a dollar bill explaining, "So the Lake Dale firemen will never be broke", after which Rev. Foster pronounced benediction.

Mr. Herbst introduced Capt. Hildebranski of the Hammond department and his sergeant, Chief Burke, also of Hammond, and Chief Redding of Crown Point, then called on Claude Jonas of the lake, an instigator of the project, who expressed gratitude for community cooperation in the erection of the fire station and organization of the department. Mrs. Jonas, president of the firemen's auxiliary also expressed appreciation.

#### **Roll Call of Firemen**

With special recognition to each, Mr. Herbst called roll of the active firemen:

Herbert A. Herbst, president, also president of the board of directors; Oscar Norlin, vice-president; R. P.

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## Hammond's Old Fire Horse Will Come Out of Pasture

Hammond's old fire buggy isn't dead yet.

Pressed out of service several years ago when the Hammond Fire Department modernized its system, the old fire pumper, of 1926 American LaFrance vintage, may be used soon by the Lake Dalecarlia volunteer group as part of its regular equipment.

And indications are it will be sold at a token cost of \$1.

The Hammond Board of Works Tuesday tentatively approved the sale of the antique after a direct request was made for it by Herbert Herbst, president of the Lake Dalecarlia Fire Department.

"We need it," Herbst pleaded. "If we get it we promise to take good care of it."

HE SAID the old machine would supplement a 1939 International pumper which the department received from Gary—also at a cost of \$1.

Herbst said the Lake Dalecarlia department could ill-afford to buy a new truck since it still owed \$2,500 for the construction of its new fire house.

Board of Works members Charles Wainwright, city controller; John Beckman, city attorney; and Robert Lippman, city engineer, agreed that the old pumper might just as well be put to good use. Aside from a canvas covering, it is now exposed to the elements.

HERBST indicated that extensive repair work would be done on

the pumper once the 33-man Lake Dalecarlia department was granted possession. He said about \$400 in repair work was done to the Gary pumper.

"It might interest you to know," Herbst told the board, "that we were mainly responsible for putting out the recent freight blaze at Lowell. We had the biggest and

steadiest stream of any of the outfits at the scene."

Herbst pointed out that sale to Lake Dalecarlia would also strengthen the atomic defense network for the Calumet area. Lake Dalecarlia is only 24 miles from Hammond and four miles from Lowell.

ABOUT 400 homes are located in the Lake Dalecarlia area. S. B. Holst serves as chief of the volunteer force.

The board said it would request the City Council to pass an ordinance approving the sale after the action is confirmed by Fire Chief William Tamm.

### Steam Buggy



HAMMOND WAS a "fur piece" from Lowell when this picture was taken about 1904. The car—a Stanley Steamer—was owned by proud occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brownell of Lowell.

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## Fire Cause Probed

LAKE DALECARLIA — Lake County Police and the Lake Dalecarlia Fire Department are investigating for arson in connection with a home which was destroyed by fire late last week.

Bruns. Neighbors told police that Bruns had moved from the house about two weeks ago.

Police said there were four areas of the room which were burned the floor when the fire was started Friday.

Police said the Lake Dalecarlia Fire house is taking on a new look. Over the weekend the men poured the cement for the new addition. Everyone came out to work.

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S. B. Holst, chief of the Lake Dalecarlia Volunteer Fire Department, is co-chairman in charge of coin collections from containers placed in area business places.

Volunteer firemen, who will handle this phase of the drive, elected Holst at a meeting of all departments.

By now all of the Lake Dale Carlia residents are aware that the installation of the new siren is completed. Fire Chief Holst wishes to express his thanks to the residents, who reported to him on whether or not they could hear the siren. Glenn Yates is pleased with it because it does not make his dog howl as the old siren did. Leonard Dawson, a member of the fire department whose home is a mile from the fire station, reported that the siren could be heard very easily. Dawson's home is located farther from the fire station than any other member of the fire department.

Charles Kouder, who lives on the north side of Cedar Lake, four and one-half miles from the fire station, called Fire Chief Holst to find out what was going on the first night the siren was rung.

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### S. B. HOLST TO COMMAND LAKE AIR RAID WARDENS

S. B. Holst has been appointed General Commander of air raid wardens at Lake Dale. He is also fire chief of the lake's Volunteer Fire Dept.

He was notified by mail of his

### Marks Birthday

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appointment by R. W. Lindstrom, general director, air raid warden division of the Civil Defense Committee with headquarters in Chicago.

In the letter he was lauded by Lindstrom "as an outstanding citizen whose loyalty to our government is unquestioned."

An information sheet listing recommended equipment was supplied with the letter of appointment.

WAD VISITS

## LAKE DALECARLIA

Mrs. A. J. Steinbach  
Phone Lowell 6812

### Neighborhood Profiles



Sterling B. Holst

A congenial man, liked by everyone around the lake, is Sterling B. Holst. During his eight years of residency here, he has become widely known through his active interest in both civic and social affairs, so my introduction of "Stewy" is briefly thus: He was born March 6, 1904, in the city of Chicago, and when two years old, moved to Hammond with his family.

As a pupil at Lafayette school in Hammond, Sterling attended classes taught by Mrs. Susie Shaffer, who was also attracted to scenic and restful Lake Dalecarlia, and became a resident here. Mr. Holst married Ruth Earl of Hammond, on December 14, 1929. Ruth was then employ-

This month marks Mr. Holst's 33th year of service with the Indiana Harbor Belt Railway, where he spent four years as a machinist apprentice. He attended the Electro Motive Division school at LaGrange, Ill., and has since served as a diesel mechanic.

The couple has one son, Clyde, "Butch," who is an employee of the Kenney Body Shop in Lowell.

The Holsts moved to Lake Dale in 1947. "Stewy" helped organize the fire department, of which he is a charter member, and recalls when the department's one truck was parked in front of the store and covered with a heavy tarpaulin to protect it. When there was a fire, the siren on the truck was blown to call the firemen together. On week ends the firemen would board the truck and collect donations towards a building fund. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, August 12, 1951, the fine new fire station at Lake Dale was dedicated in a most impressive ceremony. Mr. Holst was a member of the board of directors when this vast project was accomplished. Since 1952 he has served as chief of the department, and has helped it to grow. The modern Lake Dale Volunteer Fire Department now boasts ownership of three trucks: an American LaFrance 750, an International 400, and a G.M.C. water tank of 1,000 gallon capacity, along with an inhalator. "Stewy" is looking forward to the completion of the addition to the fire station, and the purchase of an emergency truck.

While "Stewy" spends most of his spare time at the fire station, he reserves some time for his favorite hobbies. He likes dancing, and is an ardent fisherman and hunter. He holds membership in the Indiana Harbor Athletic Association, as well as the Lake Dale Conservation club, and for two years served as a sheriff for the Lake Property Owners' Association.

## Firemen To Pull Switch Saturday

LAKE DALECARLIA—Members of this community's volunteer fire department will pull a switch Saturday night. They'll start a fire, instead of putting one out.

The blaze will be fueled with the mortgage on the Lake Dalecarlia fire house, which now is debt-free on the third anniversary of the group's organization.

Chief Sterling Holst of Lake Dalecarlia will be master of the 7:30 p.m. ceremonies, and Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Chief Martin Saberniak will speak. Ted Koons of Hammond, will play a Hammond organ for dancing to follow the mortgage-burning ceremonies.

### Know the Men of Your Fire Department

Sterling B. Holst, who celebrated his birthday anniversary Sunday, was born in Chicago in 1904. He has been employed at the Indiana Harbor belt line for 33 years. "Stewy" and Ruth Holst, who were married in 1929, moved to Lake Dale in 1947. They have one son, Clyde, who is 20 years old.

Holst has been chief of the fire department for five years and is a charter member. He helped to organize and build the fire department and was instrumental in getting the three trucks—the International 400, the American LaFrance 750, and the G. M. C. water tank of 1,000-gallon capacity, and the inhalator.

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