

CHESTER TIMES – April 6, 1923 – BROOKHAVEN FIRE COMPANY'S HOME – Officially Dedicated By Firemen and Their Friends

The Brookhaven Fire Company, organized one year ago, attained the peak of its ambitions on Tuesday night when the new firehouse was officially dedicated. With this ceremony, the Middletown Road "smoke eaters" joined the ranks of the Delaware County firefighting units, and judging from the enthusiasm manifested and the community spirit back of the company, one of the best suburban protective forces in this vicinity can be glimpsed.

Rapidly increasing in number after a desultory term of years as only a small community, Brookhaven last year called upon its citizens to organize a modern fire-company, and within a twelve-months' time, this worthy enterprise was brought to a successful conclusion, and there is not a resident of that section who is not justly proud of the "leading organization of the community."

Robert Newton, the energetic president, welcomed the 4,000 guests, with Warren Flounders acting as the master of ceremonies.

Former Collector of the Port, William H. Berry, told the members and their friends the importance of a fire company and congratulated the organization upon its progressiveness and unselfishness. Former District Attorney Josiah E. Smith in his own inimitable manner, recounted the satisfaction which the organizing of the fire company meant to him, and what it should mean to the residents. His were words of deepest congratulation, advice and a proffer of aid, and with the ending of his address, he was roundly applauded.

The firehouse was erected and equipped at a cost in excess of \$5000 and not only will provide an adequate means of protection to the ever-growing residential list of homes but will serve as a community center. A Ladies' Auxiliary has been formed, and a great rivalry exists between them and the male firefighters, as to who can accomplish the greatest amount of good for the community.

Representatives were at the dedication from various fire companies of the city and county and the atmosphere was surcharged with words of congratulations and felicitations.