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### Guest of honor is absent—and ill

DEWITT—Mrs Farley Bouts of DeWitt, entertained the Kith 'n' Kin Birthday Club Monday evening. The guest of honor, Mrs Cleo Friend of Bath, was unable to attend due to illness. She received a copper chafing dish, a gift from the club.

"Yardly" was in play during the evening. High score was won by Mrs Florence Wickham, low score, by Mrs Arnold Gross. Door prize was won by Mrs Kenneth Bunge. A buffet luncheon was served.

Mrs. Clyde Smith will be the September hostess.

### Brown Bees change date for meeting

DEWITT—Brown Bees study group met with Mrs Paul Flak with 11 members answering to roll call.

New officers took over at this meeting. Mrs Arnold Blizzard is chairman.

Date of the meetings was changed to the first Tuesday of the month.

Recreation was conducted by Mrs Ray Magsig.



Fire Chief Glenn (Dutch) Halterman, who has served on the volunteer fire department in DeWitt for 50 years, is pictured with two of his associate volunteer firemen and the new fire truck at DeWitt. They are, left to right, Louis Nabbefeld Jr., Fire Chief Halterman, and Arthur Newman.

# Serves bucket brigade to \$19,000 fire truck

BY FAYE HANSON

DeWITT— The DeWitt Fire Department is in its 50th year and Fire Chief Glenn "Dutch" Halterman has been with it for all of those 50 years.

Mr. Halterman was 15 when he signed up as a volunteer on the first bucket brigade. Each man bought his own bucket back in 1915.

IN 1919 THE department pur-

chased a push cart, high-wheeled chemical wagon, and in 1927 it bought a Chevrolet four-tank chemical truck. In 1937 they got a Bean high-pressure volume vehicle and in April of this year they added their pride and joy, a \$19,000 Ford high-pressure and volume wagon.

Mr. Halterman became assistant chief in 1926 and Chief in 1938, a position that he had held constantly since that time.

THE DEPARTMENT consists of Chief Halterman, two assistant chiefs, Arthur Newman and Louis Nabbefeld Jr. and four town men always on call, as well as 14 regular firemen. These are all local men and are volunteers.

The department has just added \$1500 worth of two way radio equipment which is to be installed in the two fire trucks and in the fire station. They are also planning on getting a new siren which has three different tones, one for fires, one for emergencies and one for Civil Defense.

THE DEPARTMENT is financed by DeWitt Township and is

housed by the village. Besides DeWitt Township it also will go anywhere in Riley, Olive and Watertown Townships and also aids the Bath fire department when called upon to do so. They make about 100 fire runs a year.

They added an inhalator in 1954 and have made over 300 runs with it.

The DeWitt area is proud of its Fire Department and its group of dedicated men and at this time the community gives a special salute to Chief Halterman for his 50 years on the department.