

Volunteer Fire Department Reorganized

Mayor HerteP appointed a committee to see what could be done toward reorganizing the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department. The matter was brought before the Chamber of Commerce and "threshed out" and it was unanimously decided by that body that the volunteer department should be continued, and some plans were outlined whereby it would be easier for the committee to work along the line of reorganization.

Tuesday night a meeting was held and a new organization was completed with the following officers:

Paul Nerger, president;

Hm. Morkisch, secretary;

F. L. Krauss, chief;

Otto Harms, Jr. 1st asst.

R. M. Vogel, 2nd asst.

Practice meetings are 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4 p. m.

The new organization is composed of thirty-six enthusiastic men who will make good fire-fighters. They are willing to risk their lives to fight fires on any property in Giddings and in thus helping to save your property, they only ask that the public observe the following points:

1. Give the fire-boys your cooperation which means at fires let them be in the lead and direct the efforts because they know their apparatus best.

2. When the fire alarm is sounded, keep to the sides of the streets. Leave the center of all streets clear for the fire-apparatus.

2. Do not drive over the fire hose under any consideration.

The News is glad that the volunteer fire department will be continued because in a town the size of Giddings it would be impossible to maintain paid firemen. It is to be hoped that the new organization will have the support of the entire citizenship of the town because that is the only way that a good organization can be maintained. The former fire company had to disband on account of not receiving support from all the public. They were faithful and energetic fire-boys, but a few could not maintain the department.