

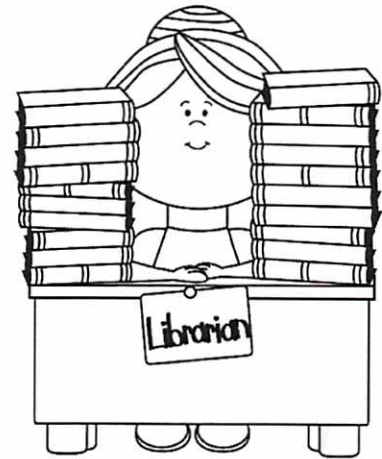
# — Quincy Branch Library —

## Note From Branch Manager—Sarah Strong

July 2023

I hope you all are enjoying your summer so far and all the sunshine that we've been having. I wanted to touch on a few things I'm getting excited for & some of the exciting things that have happened at the library (along with all of the wonderful programs) -

- ◆ Our Summer Reading Program has been a huge hit this year! Our program attendance has been wonderful, we've had so many coloring sheets turned in for the coloring contest, and have been handing out challenge prizes every day! Keep up the great work & keep reading!
- ◆ The Quincy Library partnered with the lunch Park Program that is put on by the Quincy Schools for the summer. I go and read to the kiddos one day a week and it's been fun so far!
- ◆ We had lots of volunteers come work at the library the last few months (Quincy Spring Fling, one finishing up a college course, and one doing an OJT experience). It was very nice getting things cleaned and organized for the busy summer months.
- ◆ In the branch we added an inspirational quote wall in the teen area, pulled the graphic novels from the collection and gave them their own section (since this is very



popular), weeded our collection as a whole to let our shelves have a little breathing room. Please come say hello and see what we have been doing at the library!



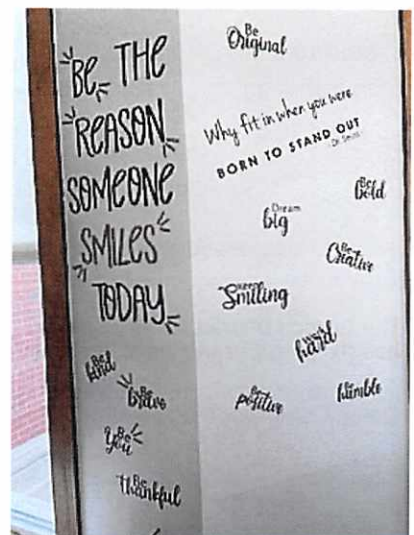
## Having Fun at the Library!



Cake Decorating



Slime Making



Inspirational Wall in Teen Section

Check out Page 4 for more fun upcoming events!



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**From:**

Connie Karney



You are currently receiving this newsletter from the Friends of the Library. If you would like your name removed from the mailing list, please email us at: quincy@branchdistrictlibrary.org or call the library at 639.4001

**The Quincy Branch Library memorial program** has been in place for a number of years which offers individuals the opportunity to give toward book purchases *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* someone special or a special occasion.

Checks to the **Quincy Library Foundation** can be mailed to 11 N. Main Street, Quincy, MI 49082 with information containing the individual's name and who the gift is from. Please provide a name and address of a family member and the library will send a notification card to the family indicating that a gift has been given in their loved one's name.

New books are purchased for the library collection according to need, but we gladly welcome subject matters or titles also that reflect the person in whose name the gift is being given. Book plaques are added inside the book front cover before being displayed on library shelves.

Gifts can also be designated to our Project Fund, which is used for library building needs. Previous projects have supported new lighting, a book drop and shelving.

Returning from a trip to Maryland last month, my family spent a day at Gettysburg, PA. We took the bus tour and felt immersed in three days of a long Civil War. I was reminded of something of importance in our Quincy Library that was a result of that harsh Civil War that cost so many lives and damage to bodies and homes.

The G.A.R – Grand Army of the Republic became a place for Civil War Veterans to gather, similar to the current American Legion. Spanish American War Veterans later joined. Quincy had the second G.A.R. post in Michigan. They had a large, silk square post flag, an even larger American flag with a 20 star field, and a leather bound ledger having a page for each member. Some pages have a large amount of information for that veteran, and some just a little. The Quincy Library Board has been told it is very rare for a town to still have all three items.

When the post had to close due to few living members, the remaining three gave the ledger, flags and some sabers, carbines, etc. to the town. Quincy decided to have them displayed in a large frame at the library.

Many years later one of our Quincy Library board members, Judy Dobson, noticed the flags were falling apart. You all may remember the project that followed. Many of you donated, town groups, clubs, friends of the library, memorial money and more in order to have the textile conservator at the Detroit Institute of Art clean, stabilize and frame the two flags so we could keep them on display for another hundred years or more. You all raised over \$25,000 for this project. Doc Baldwin made frames for the carbines and sabers and an enclosed pedestal table with glass top to safely hold and display the ledger. A photocopy of each page is at the circulation desk. There is a triple fold printout of the collection. All of this collection is in the entry and stairway of the Quincy Library. The conservator also gave the library a book with pictures showing the steps he used over many months.

A special note about the American Flag. Before the Civil War, flags were not flown many places. Ships, forts and military uses, and capitals would have them but not a lot of others.

We would really like to know the history of our flag. We have no record of who made it. It's all handmade, fabric, dyed, 20 stars stitched on each side. Even the thread was hand spun.

The 20<sup>th</sup> state was Mississippi, 1817. Then in 1818 came Illinois. Alabama was number 22 in 1819 and Maine separated from Massachusetts as 23 in 1820 along with Missouri, number 24... The Missouri compromise of 1820. These four years, tumultuous and controversial were an effort to keep a balance in congress and hopefully prevent a split of our southern and northern states. But 40 years later we had the start of the Civil War.

20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> states in just 4 years was a fast progression. Communication and information could be slow and minimal in rural areas. U.S. Flags do not lose their official status even as the number of stars and states change. A 20 star flag would be fine to keep using even as our nation grew.

I wonder which one of the many early people who came to Branch County, Michigan made this handsome flag. I think it's an awesome possibility one of our friends of the library might have had an ancestor who made and brought this flag to Quincy.



- Bonnie Frick

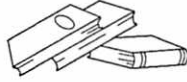
Put November 4 & 5 on your calendar for the next Friends Book Sale!



Remember! Friends Book Sales are the first Friday & Saturday in June & November

## Friends of the Quincy Library Update:

Dear Friends,



I hope everyone is having a great summer! The Quincy Library is in full swing with the Summer "All Together Now" programs. So much is going on for kids, teens and adults.

Remember the Friends of the Library group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month until October. Stop by the library and check out all the summer happenings.

Yours truly,  
Jody Willard  
Friends President



### New York Times Best Sellers Fiction

The Five-Star Weekend

by Elin Hilderbrand

Love, Theoretically

by Ali Hazelwood

Lessons in Chemistry

by Bonnie Garmus

Happy Place

by Emily Henry

It Ends With Us

by Colleen Hoover

## Upcoming Events:

### All Age Events:

#### Mr. Jim Cup Stacking

Sport stacking begins on the floor then learn how to create a series of pyramids at amazing speeds!  
*Tue., July 11th, 11:00 am*

### Children's Events:

#### I Spy Day

Make your own I Spy bottles and then go on a I Spy hunt in the library. Come join the search party!  
*Mon., July 10th, 11:00 am*

#### Mentos Explosion— Science Fun!

Megan Wilczynski is back! Let's see what happens when various drinks and mentos come together!  
*Mon. July 17, 3:30 pm*

#### Game Day!

*Mon., July 24th 11:00 am*

**Library Shelf  
Sitters are still  
available at the  
library for \$20**



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### Teen Events:

#### Macrame Keychains

*Thurs., July 13th, 1:00 pm*

#### DIY Wildflower Bookmarks

*Thurs., July 27th, 1:00 pm*

### Adult Events:

#### Stenciled Tote Bag

With provided supplies, pick any style stencil and paint on your tote bag.  
*Tue. July 18th, 10:30 am*

#### Special Education and Advocacy Presentation

Navigation Mama will be doing a presentation on Special Education and Advocacy, plus offering help to families that have questions. Children welcome, if parents would like.  
*Wed., July 26th, 6:00 pm*



## Meet Up and Eat Up

Quincy Community Schools food-service department is happy to announce we will be doing meet up and eat up at Quincy Park again this summer starting June 19th at 11:30 am till 1pm Mon-Fri this will continue thru the first week of Aug. We will be serving a fun healthy lunch daily, along with games and even some water fun. We have the local library coming to read to us on Thursdays and 4H will be bringing animals over for us to learn about, as well as our own crafts and summer fun prizes.

We have more exciting news to go along with that, due to changes from the USDA every child who eats lunch at the park will be able to take a breakfast home with them for the following morning. This is optional and not required to enjoy lunch. Friday we will be providing free to go food bags with breakfast and lunch for your child(ren) for the weekend.



## Digital Library

Great digital resources to keep you connected to the library. Just use your library card, from ANY location!

**Libby:** E-books, Audiobooks, and Magazines.

**Hoopla:** Movies, TV, Music, E-books, Audiobooks, Comics, Craft Classes

**Mango:** Instructions in over 70 languages

**Consumer Reports:** Ratings and reviews for thousands of products

**Tutor.com:** Live daily online tutoring

**Ancestry Library:** Genealogy (In-Library use only)

**ABCMouse.com:** Interactive Educational Games for kids (In-Library use only)



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## July 2023

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A particular treat at a past Quincy Daze car show was seeing the 1940 Ford parked along-side a third Quincy Fire Department veteran, a 1927 Chevrolet-Jaeger chemical truck.

The Quincy Herald, dated May 19, 1927 announces the purchase and lists equipment and features of the new Chevrolet-Jaeger. It's one-ton chassis came equipped with 4 chemical tanks, 2 fire extinguishers, 2 hose reels, 200 feet of hose, ladders, axes, crowbars, door opener, search-light, siren and brass bell. All of this arranged through the Quincy Chevrolet dealership operated by H.K. Conrad at the Quincy Garage, which was located on the south side of East Chicago Street, where the current Fire House stands.

An article in The Quincy Herald, June 9, 1927 edition, tells of two fires in the village.

A tourist, stopped for gas around midnight at the Quincy Garage. The tourist struck a match igniting gas vapors which fire engulfed his vehicle. Since the Quincy Fire Department housed the chemical truck at the Quincy Garage, the truck was quickly brought into service, and the fire extinguished. Reportedly, the tourist was soon on his way again, none-the-worse by the incident. One can only hope he left wiser.

The second fire occurred down the street. H. K. Conrad, operator of the Quincy Garage, spotted two youths attempting to break into the American Railway Express office on the north side of Chicago Street. The boys reported a fire inside the building. Conrad brought out the village chemical truck, forced open the door and extinguished the fire. The quick response limited damage to a hole burned through the partition and smoke damage to the 3-story brick. An oil stove was thought to have exploded, causing the blaze.

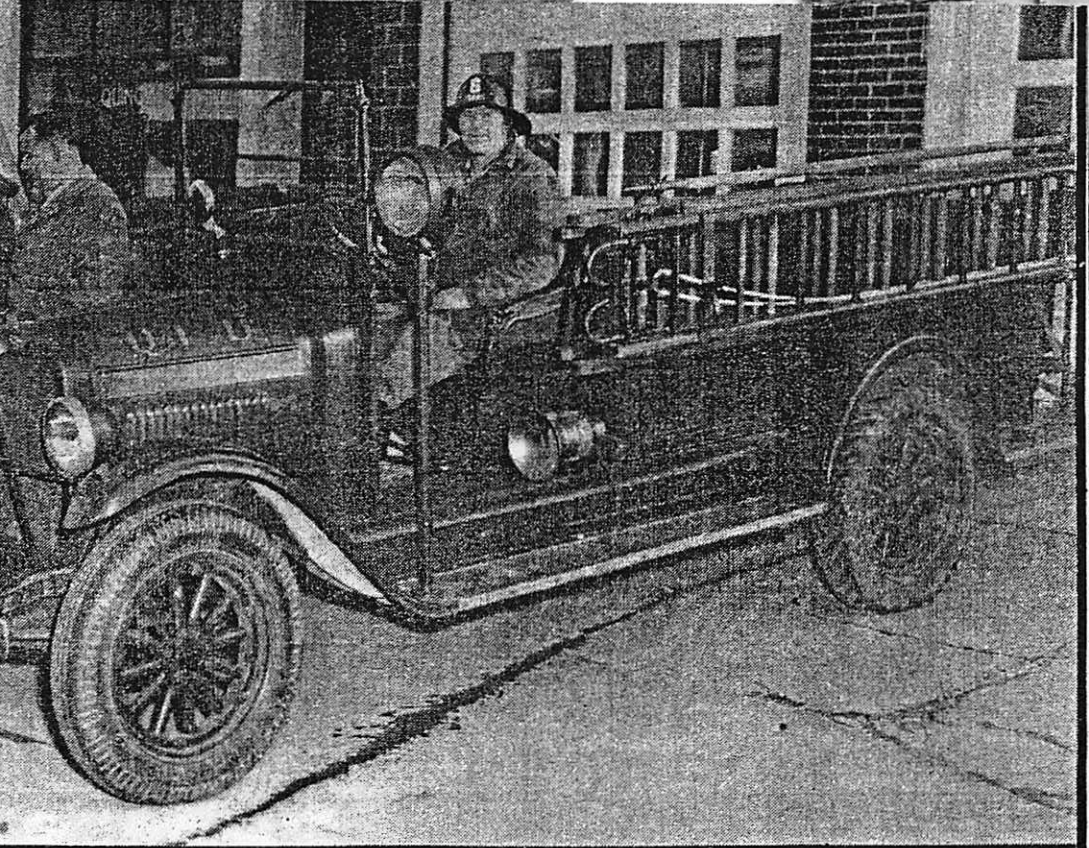
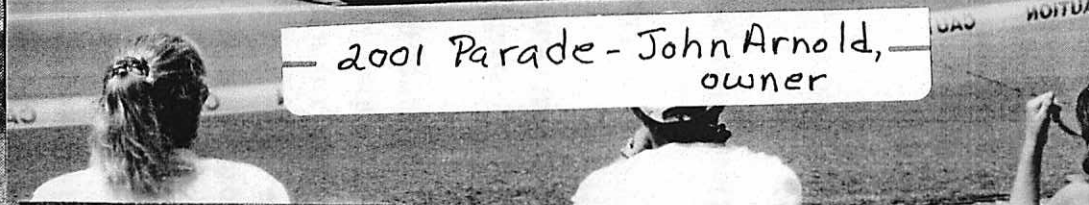
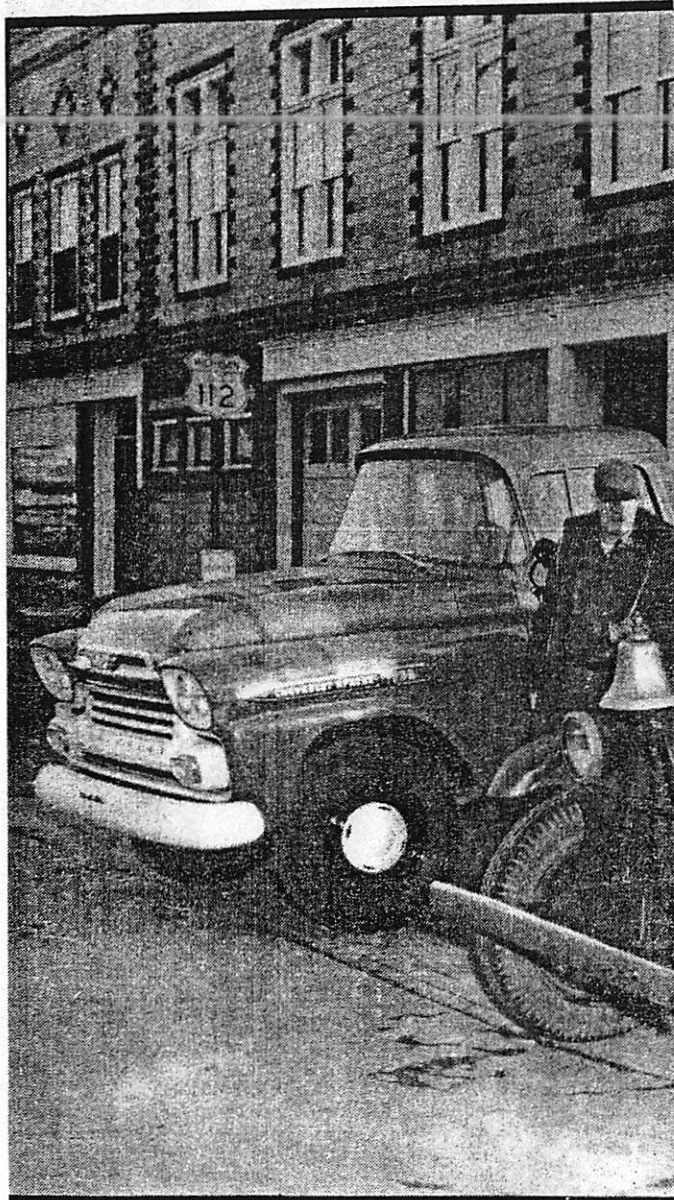
The 1927 Chevrolet fire truck was retired from service in 1959. It was purchased at auction by Lucy Widener, a reputedly eccentric woman, who worked in the Coldwater Hospital medical records department. The truck remains in her family. It is now owned by grandson, John Arnold of Coldwater. The truck was repainted in 1977, perfect in detail with lettering hand-painted by Ed Bousch. The truck retains original equipment, with period equipment added over the years.

These trucks are important artifacts of Quincy history. Gratitude is owed to those who willingly expend their time and treasure to maintain these historic vehicles for the education and enjoyment of others.

Written by Patricia Gardon, 2022

At the June 3, 2023 Annual Quincy Historical Society meeting, John Arnold was presented with the 2023 Preservation Award.

Pictured in front of the fire station (left to right) is Harold Walsh, an unidentified salesman, and Leo Sattler.



Lost Quincy - Randall Hazelbaker



## **Quincy Fire Trucks**

The fire truck photos featured in the June Library Newsletter drew my interest. It occurred to me that others might also want to know more about the fire trucks and photo location.

The photos were taken the same day, both posed at the corner of Depot and East Chicago Streets. Likely, the location was selected for its proximity to the Quincy Garage where the fire trucks were housed, on the south side of East Chicago St. The Talent Implement and Coal Company, once located at 42 E. Chicago Street can be seen behind the trucks. That is now an empty lot. The home east of the coal office still stands at 46 E. Chicago Street.

In the upper photo, is a Ford Model T chemical truck with mounted tanks for soda acid. After serving the village for many years, the T was retired from service. Placed in storage, it provided fond memories for village children of the 1940's who slipped into the village storage shed on North Jackson Street to play on the old truck.

It would be appreciated if anyone knowing the present location of the truck, its demise, photos, or perhaps a story or two regarding the Model T, would contact the Quincy Historical Society with the details.

The lower photo features the newly acquired 1940 Ford V-8 fire truck. On June 12, 1940, village mayor, Alva Gillespie, along with Lester VanHoosier, and Truesdale Fillmore signed the purchase agreement with American Fire Apparatus Company of Battle Creek. Documents show the dual rear axle chassis was purchased at \$762.50. Additional equipment of three Barton-American DM-500 pumping engines, ladders, 1000 feet of steel reinforced hose, and booster tanks came at a cost of \$2807.75.

This Ford fire truck served the township and village of Quincy for over four decades. In 1984 its engine failed. It was repaired by Dick Wells, a mechanic residing on Quincy-Grange Road. The truck was then retired and offered for sale.

Members of the Fire Association were reluctant to see this vehicle leave the department. It was agreed the Fire Association would purchase the truck from the department, keeping it as the 'parade vehicle' of the fleet.

As time passed and Board members changed, the 1984 verbal agreement and purchase transaction with the Association was forgotten by the Board. In 2005, without documentation of the 1984 transaction, the Board authorized listing the truck for auction on eBay, to assure it sold at fair market value.

Two Quincy firemen, Rex Monroe and Richard Sattler, were determined to keep this beloved truck in Quincy. Sattler in particular had an interest in the old Ford, since generations of Sattler men had served over 100 years on the Quincy Fire Department. Richard Sattler's grandfather, Leo Sattler, joined the department at age 14 serving from 1933- 1968; and his great-uncle Alfred served 1931-1966. Both Alfred and Leo were on the QFD when this truck was purchased. Leo's

son, Ray Sattler, served the QFD from 1955-1994. Nineteen of those years as fire chief. Ray's son, Dave Sattler, served 1982-1996. Richard is still serving on the QFD, since 1983.

The eBay auction minutes ticked by. Counter bids rapidly increased. Richard Sattler and an out-of-state bidder contested for the truck. The opposing bid surpassed Sattler's preset limit. Richard weighed costs – in dollars, and the loss of local and family history. This truck belonged in Quincy. It couldn't be let go so easily.

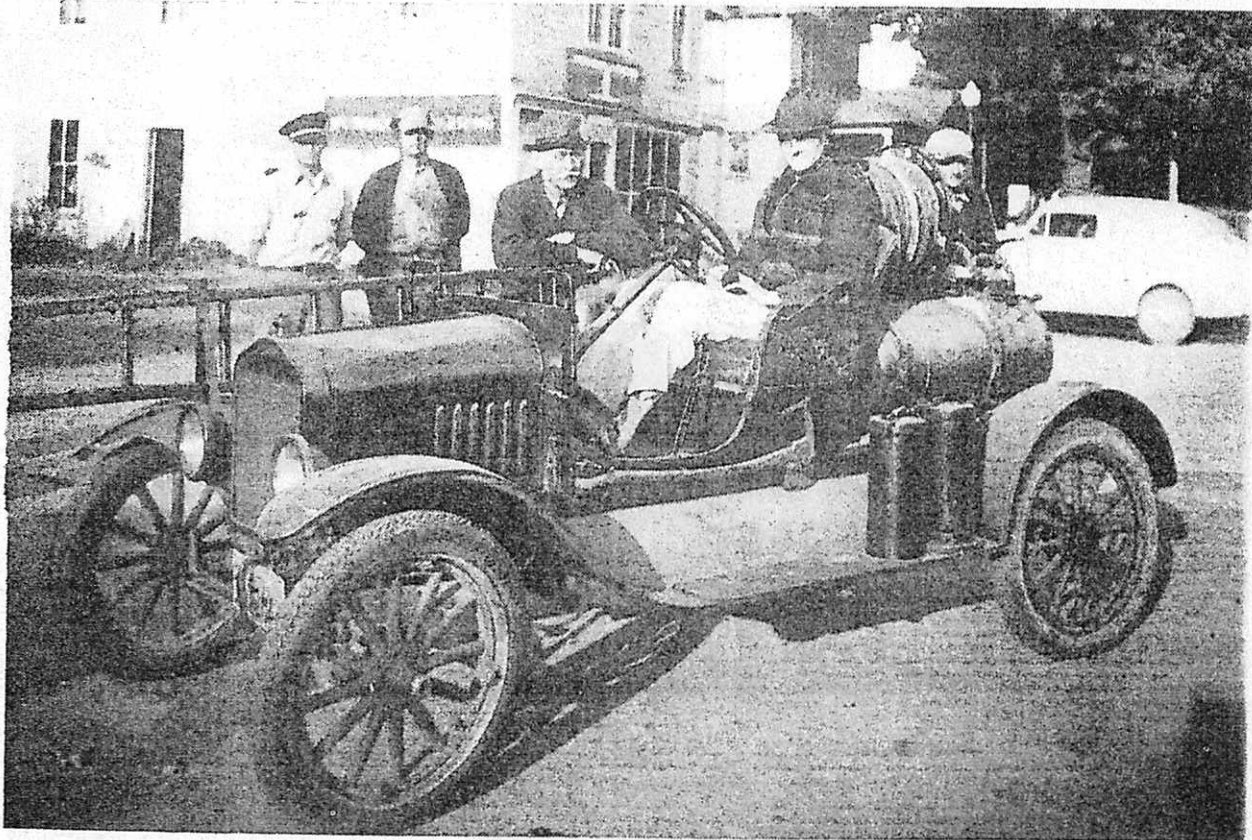
Determined, Richard made one more bid. Time dragged. Waiting . . . the clock winding down. No counter bid! The auction was over . . Persistence won. The truck would remain in Quincy!

Now sole owner, Richard Sattler continues to drive this rolling historic artifact in Quincy parades, as recently as July 4, 2022. To the delight of locals and visitors, the 1940 Ford fire truck has been at recent Quincy Daze car shows, displayed complete with original equipment, vintage photos, and with original documentation.

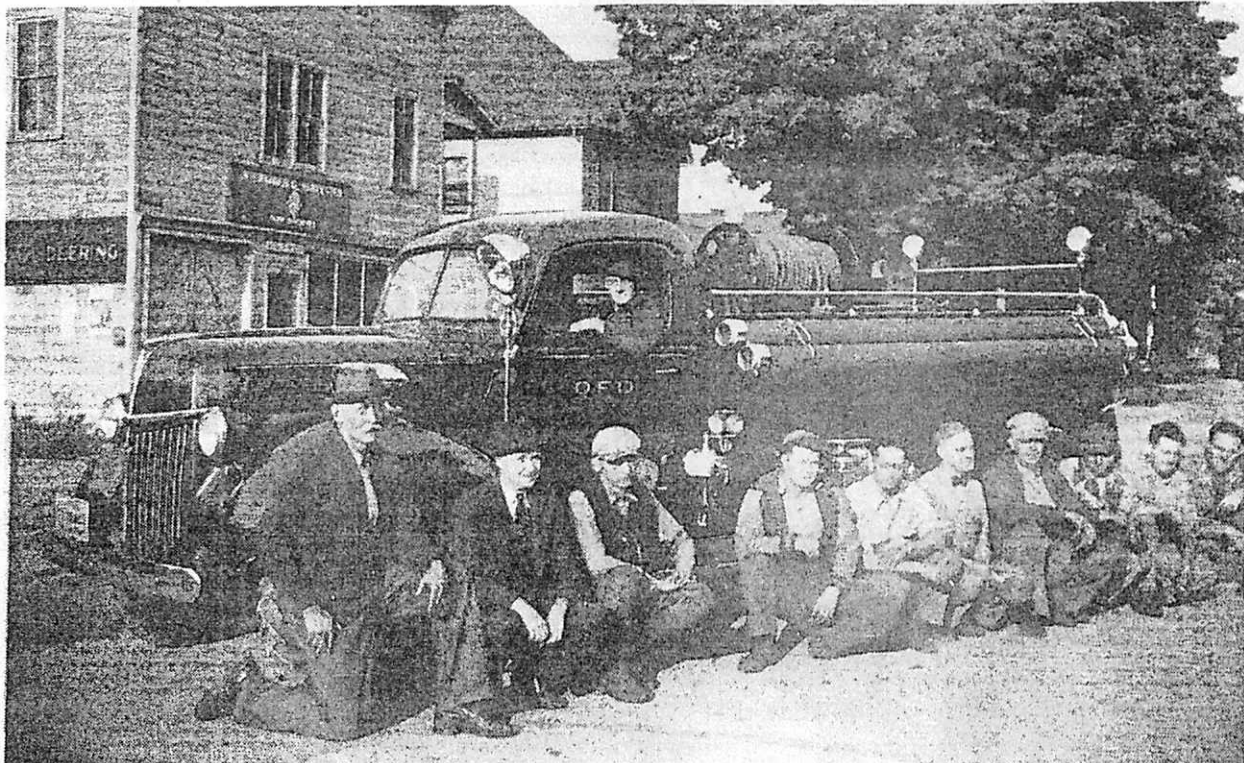
Written by Patricia Gardon, 10/2022

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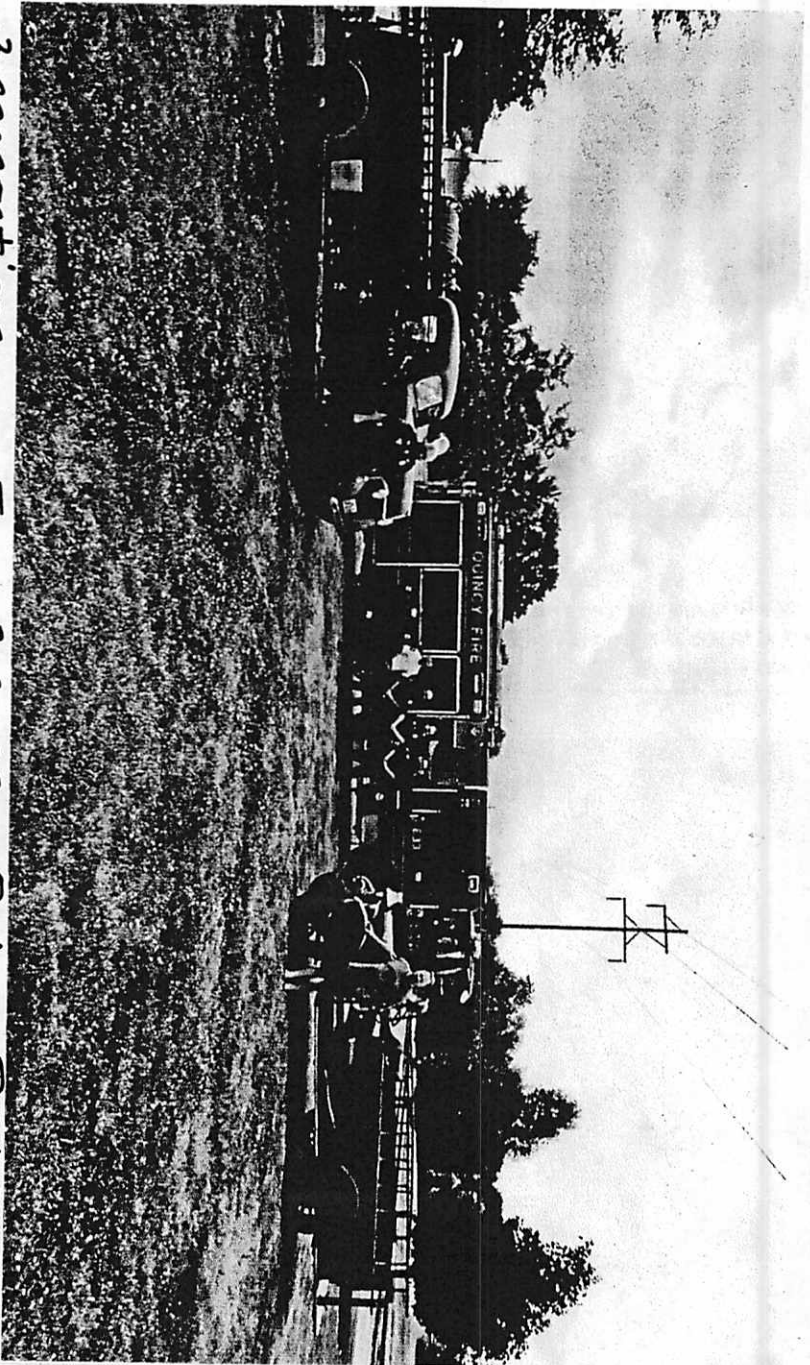




This photo of Quincy's first mechanized fire equipment belongs to Rolene Walsh and shows Alva Gillespie, the Village President seated in the fire truck. The firemen are, left to right: Marion Griffin, Frank Rumfelt, A. J. Talant (Fire Chief), and Ira Talant.



Former village president Alva Gillespie is shown here in the driver's seat of an apparently new fire truck. In the foreground are A. J. Talant (Fire Chief), Trues Fillmore (Councilman), Ira Talant, Leo Sattler, Marion Griffin, Lester VanHoosear, Frank Rumfelt, Henry Trump, Alfred Sattler and Harold Walsh.



3 generations of fire trucks June 3, 2023 Quincy Park