

More about Those Old Fire Heroes



One thing leads to another! That picture in the "Star" of an old fire engine prompts Mrs. E. R. Hayes of Thornton Road, Sheffield to send these equally interesting prints.

The large picture is of stout-hearted men of the Sheffield Fire Brigade 60 years ago, and the one below of an officer of the same time.



She was only eight years old when the pictures were taken but can remember the names of all the 20 firemen in the big group.

She lived at the station at which they and their two burnished horse-drawn steam pump engines were photographed.

Policemen Too!

Her father Mr. Sam Vause is the right hand one of two bearded firemen perched on the top of the engine at the left.

The engines she recalls were manned by the police, who spend alternate weeks on the engines. Fire-fighting must have "made a change!"

Reports show that in 1893 - the year the picture is believed to have been taken - the brigade had 77 calls; the average fire loss was £44 per call.

Families lived at the station and, says Mrs. Haynes there were 47 children at the yard.

Family Record

She herself has maintained the family record for public service being a veteran member of the Civil Defence. Her husband, Mr. Charles Haynes, now 72 is the city's oldest special constable.

Names in the group?

Here's Mrs. Haynes list:

TOP ROW (Left to Right): *Haggard, Vause, Smith, Dye*. SECOND ROW: *Hill, Barrand, Horne, Boniface* FRONT ROW: *Waller, Ratcliffe, Jenniss, Brownlee, Capt. Pound, Sgt. Crawford, Pittaway, Candling, Moore, Veasey*. The two turn-cocks (wearing the pill-box caps) were *Fletcher and Brookes*.

The smaller picture is believed to be of Supt. Frost with another much-polished "boiler."