

# LOCAL FIREMEN IN QUICK RUN TO SAVE FACTORY

Extinguish Stubborn Fire  
After Fight Lasting  
Three Hours

Shooting a steady stream of water onto the flaming structure for a period of three hours, members of the Monticello Community Fire truck squad extinguished the fire which destroyed the living quarters of the Geigel cheese factory in Mount Pleasant township and were successful in saving the factory section and cellar Saturday morning.

The community truck squad made an unusually fast run to the scene of the fire, and although the roof of the living room was already caving in, the members, under the direction of Chief C. M. Stauffer, were able to put out the flames and save most of the building after a three-hour fight which lasted from 9:30 until 12:30 noon. The commendable work of the firemen in overwhelming the flames made it possible for cheese-making operations at the factory to continue without interruption despite the fire.

By stringing 500 feet of hose from a nearby creek, the local firemen were able to utilize a constant water supply and the new pumper on the community truck performed in great fashion. The fight against the flames would have been futile without it.

Jacob Sauter is maker at the Geigel factory, and it was while he was taking in milk from a patron that he sensed there was a fire in the building. Investigation found flames in the living quarters, believed to have been caused by an overheated stove. The operator at the Monticello telephone exchange was immediately notified and a silent alarm given to squad members.

After the truck motor had been pumping water for an hour, one of the lengths of hose "blew out" in the center. The length was quickly removed and fire fighting soon resumed. The hose, a new one tested to stand 300 pounds of pressure, has only had 75 pounds pressure shot through it and examination revealed no flaws. Circumstances indicate that some one may have cut the hose, but this is considered unlikely. The length of hose is valued at \$35.