# He Recalls 21 Years As Fireman



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has retired. (Observer photo by Ralph Evert)

Tom Weisheit retired as chief of the volunteer firemen who work out of fire station No. 2 on Northwestern High-way in the northeast corner of Farmington Township.

He takes with him 21 years of memories, and a record of service to the community. It all began in 1951 when he and some others in the north end of the community began talking about the need for a fire department. The group had their first meeting at Roy Bell's garage, a sort of landmark on Northwestern Highway. Weishelt's business, a General Electric cutlet, was across the street and down the road a bit.

"We had no hydrants, but the truck held 500 gallons of water, and we could put out a lot of fires. We went to Lan-sing to John Bean (fire equipment manufacturers) for training," Weisheit said.

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"Those men stimulated an interest in a fire barn at that itime, and it took hold. They didn't have a truck or anything else," Earl Teeples, township supervisor, recalled recently.

Tom was made assistant chief under Bell, and in January, 1952 they took delivery on their first truck.

His wife helped too, calling the men to the fires, and serving coffee to weary ligrent after the work was proposed.

Rescue work brought its areof troubles and sorrow. "I remember one Sunday delivers on their first truck.

The worst fire ever?
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We went to Walled Lake and assisted on a bad fire out there, when a factory, railroad ties and rails, houses and power lines burned up."

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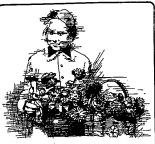
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