



A 1960 Great Eastern became Engine 4 and boasted all aluminum ladders when it made its appearance in the Plainfield Fourth of July parade in the 1970's.

36 foot-long truck were all-aluminum ladders (the first for this department) and a generator. The price for this fire engine was \$23,800.

The seventieth anniversary of the company coincided with A.I. Nichols's 50th anniversary as a member in the company. To commemorate the occasion a dinner \dance, at which over 125 guests attended, was held in his honor. The guests were told of his many accomplishments and of his devotion to the town as well as to the fire company. His service as an officer was as follows: first assistant chief, 1914-29; treasurer, 1915-31; president, 1931-45, a period of 32 years. Mr. Nichols was presented with the company's gold badge, the first person to receive this honor.

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary was celebrated with a dinner, held on October 9, 1965, at the Shackamaxon Country Club. The borough also purchased a new fire engine. This was of the triple combination cab-over design. This is the style of engine seen today, the driver sits high, in front of the forward steering wheels, with the engine behind him. The engine designated Engine 5, is still in service today as our reserve engine. It has a 1000 gallon per minute pump, a two hundred gallon water tank and is capable of holding over 2000 feet of hose. This engine cost the borough \$30,000. At the time of delivery engine 3 was placed in reserve. This is the first time the borough had a reserve engine.

A problem was encountered with the ordering of Engine 5, as this type of fire engine would not fit into the firehouse. The solution was to "lower" the floor in the garage area of the firehouse. Twelve inches of concrete was removed so the engine could be stored in the bay. This was one of many renovations to the building.



The company proudly posed for its seventy-fifth anniversary portrait in 1965.