

CENTERDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS LETTER

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During the summer months the activities of the various fire departments, including your own, are very much curtailed owing to the omission of one or more meetings each month. For the lack of news occasioned by the above your News will contain items covering two months activities during the summer period, this issue covering June and July.

During the early part of June the Lymanville and Johnston Hose #3 companies held their annual Old Home Week, according to reports these enterprises were not as financially successful as in other years, owing, perhaps, to the public's interest in the war effort and other kindred activities.

Later in the month the Lymanville department also sponsored a regular Firemen's Field Day for the benefit of the Lymanville Welcome Home Committee; all the fire companies in the Town and some from Johnston participated in the events which consisted of Wet and Dry Hose Coupling and the usual Water Battles. The Winners:

Dry Coupling	Graniteville	time	20.1	seconds
Wet Coupling	Marieville	"	22.1	"
Water Battle	Lymanville			

Centerdale finished third in the Dry Contest in 22.4 and fourth in the Wet in 25.2, they did not compete in the Water Battles. Earl Batchelder, Ernest DiGulio, Harold and Walter Darby were members of your company who helped with the judging of the events.

Members of the company home on furlough from the armed service were Harold Darby, Jr. in June and Oscar Pelland in July. Oscar came from Devens, Mass; Harold from Brunswick, Maine.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Purchasing Committee in July, bids were asked for about \$2000.00 worth of equipment for the fire companies of the town, the material bought will be distributed to the various companies in line with their requests and requirements. This equipment is in addition to 2150 feet of hose which was bought early in the year, and which will bring the total amount of hose for each company up to 1500 feet or more.

The company held open house as usual on the holidays over the Fourth of July and a committee served the traditional chowder and other refreshments to all comers. No fires occurred during the dangerous period, in fact, at this writing the company has not been called out for twenty-eight days.