

BROADWAY BEAUTIES-Members of the cast above presented West of the Rio for benefit of the fire company, in 1940, at Dallas Borough High School.

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years and fire chief in 1963, said when the fire bell clanged in the early thirties, excited youngsters and adults would run out from all doors to watch the '27 Mack pumper whirl out the old borough building on Mill Street. The new electronic siren system replaced the old bell.

In 1965, Chief Don Shaffer incorporated the point system in the firehouse. No longer could men pay \$1 and officially become a volunteer fireman.

Throughout the year, a fireman has to accumulate 40 points gained by attending meetings, training sessions, work nights and fighting fires. Once he has gained 40 points, he automatically becomes an official volunteer fireman. The fire and ambulance company currently has 40 men on the active list, Sheehan said.

The ambulance com-

pany, originated in 1954 under the auspices of the Community Ambulance Association, joined with the fire company in 1974 for economic reasons, Sheehan said. At that time the name was changed to incorporate both services. Fund drives which used to be held jointly are now held concurrently, each sharing 50 per cent of the profits, Sheehan said.

Many things have changed in the fire company since its inceptionin 1927. There have been 17 fire chiefs and countless volunteers. Two of the charter members, Clyde Veitch, the first fire chief, and Les Warhola, fire chief in 1935, are still living, Sheehan said, but are no longer active members.

There is at least one thing which hasn't changed. One thing time has not toldits tale on. The firemen still pay an initiation fee of \$1.

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