

FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE~ 2011

Congratulations to the people of Marsing and surrounding areas for 50 years of neighbors helping neighbors -an outstanding record and a wonderful milestone. It takes a great deal of work on the part of many people to sustain a fire/ambulance district with the quality of accomplishment you have achieved. Helping hands covering two counties bordering the Snake River deserve recognition and sincere thanks.

Some Memories

My husband, Harvey Saxton, was chairman of the auction in the late '60's. He decided to introduce a new idea -to have a high bidder throw PIES at the mayor! This gentleman* kindly agreed to the plan (although some folks thought it disrespectful). When the time came, the bidding was heavy and exciting. I had made 3 custard pies - coloring one hot pink, another bright yellow, and a third chocolate -of course. The mayor was draped with plastic, and after his hat was removed, the fun began...(I had used aluminum pie pans so as not to injure). The winning bidder had good aim and egged on by the crowd made short work of the job. The good nature of his target helped. He was a mess of many colors but still smiling as he stood to go and clean up... all in fun for a great cause. I do not believe this 'twist' was used again tho.

*Sorry cannot recall his name

The auction had a rummage sale for many years -before the days of yard sales. We all contributed. Set up on a table in the hallway, it did a good business. Our children were each given a dollar and they set out to check the 'bargains' there.

Visiting with friends -one of the best features of the day~ I forgot to ask the girls what they had used their money for until we started home. A little voice in the back of the station wagon piped up "I got a pretty hat, mama -it's JUST LIKE YOURS and it only cost me a dime!" (It was clear that I hadn't gotten rid of my old hat that day)...Many good memories...

Our farm called on both the Fire Dept and the Ambulance several times over the years and they could always be counted upon... prompt, efficient, kind and willing. Volunteers all -called from farming, working in town, eating lunch, whatever the chore--when called they came running. We all appreciate their donations of time and talent.

I Thank You as does my Family

Sincerely

Phyllis Saxton

& her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.....