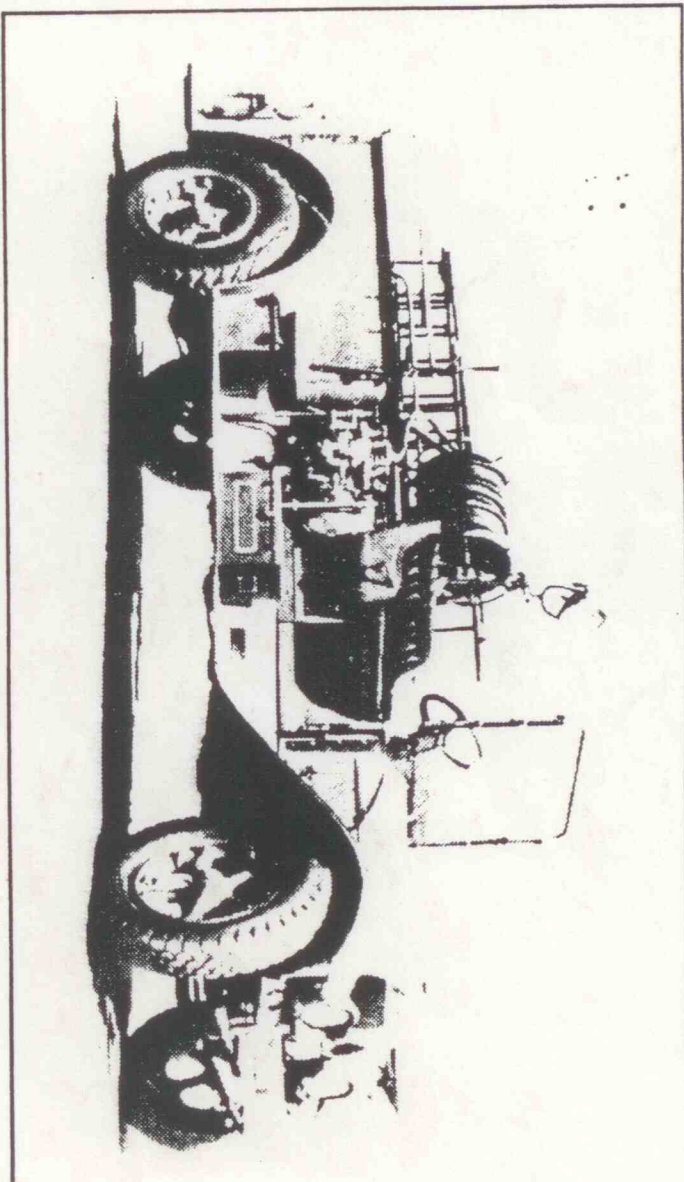


## **Antique Fire Truck Kept Active**

A 1923 Pirsch/White Fire Truck has been purchased and completely restored by Dan Lorenzetti, President of the Superior Block Co. in Houghton. Last year the vehicle was trailered to Lake City for the greatest Fourth in the North Parade. This marked the first time that this vehicle left Houghton County in 69 years. (1993)

The engine is one of only three ever produced and the only one remaining in the northwest. The ground up restoration involved extensive body, frame and engine repair and over 2000 man-hours of labor were required to return the truck to its original luster. The trucks soda/acid tanks are made of copper and brass luster. Nearly 100% of the equipment on the truck is original. The truck came off the Pirsch fire equipment assembly line on September 15, 1923, first purchased by the then Village of Houghton and later sold to the Quincy Mining Co. During World War II the mining company gave it to the Quincy Fire Department volunteers, as the fire apparatus quickly became outdated. The department allowed it to deteriorate which promptly resulted in the Lorenzetti family to purchase it in the early 1970's and several years were used in returning it to its original condition. Recently the Lorenzetti family added a semi-trailer for transporting the 23 vintage fire truck to parades in different areas.

Jim Chappel,  
Fire Chief



1923 Pirsch/White Fire Truck