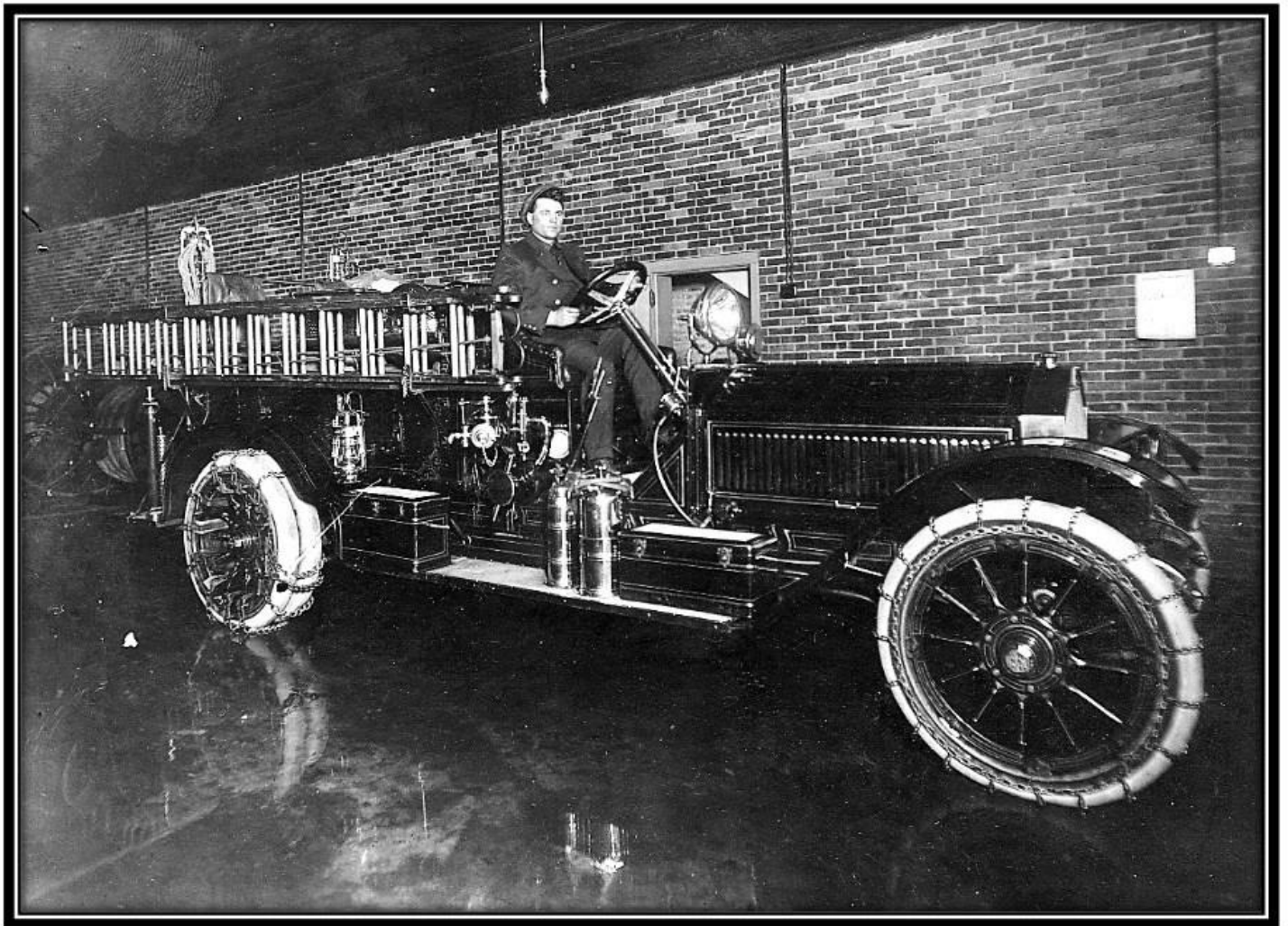


Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

June 19, 1925

Crystal Falls Township has agreed to an increase in the contract for fire protection with the City of Crystal Falls to the annual rate of \$2,250 up from \$1,000 for last year. One of the stipulations of the contract put forward by the Township is that the City purchases another fire truck immediately. In this regard the City of Crystal Falls has purchased another American LaFrance fire truck to join its existing American LaFrance fire truck purchased in 1915. Crystal Falls purchased its first motorized fire truck, a Seagrave Model in October 1914. Before then the firefighting equipment was horse-drawn. The Seagrave was unable to climb the area hills and the City replaced it with an American LaFrance model in March 1915. The new LaFrance has a six-cylinder engine with only a small 60 gallon tank for water storage. The new truck's major advantage is its ability to pump 750 gallon per minute from any available hydrant or natural source of water.



LaFrance Fire Engine, Crystal Falls City Hall, Superior Avenue, Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan, ca. 1920-1925: The LaFrance fire engine, weighing 9,000 pounds, was