

#### DEVON HOSE COMPANY NO. 4

As this is the last article of 1977, I have decided to do something a little different and special. This article is dedicated to someone who has done something for the company which exceeds expectations concerning the duties of a firefighter.

This dedication is long overdue and it is being written proudly and earnestly. The gentleman to whom this refers resides in the town of Devon. He has held the office of captain before, is presently captain and with no doubt, will be leading us again in the future.

He has been in the company long enough to find a way to touch everyone he has met with his sincerity and honesty. Some of us are proud to call him a friend, some call him dad, and that special woman in his life has the privilege of saying, "He's mine."

The person to whom I refer is Harry H. Mautte, Sr. captain, father, husband and true friend. To find a person with the understanding and gentleness that this man possesses is truly an honor. Yet, as captain, he will be the first one to back up one of his men, whether it be on a hose in a fire or decision making in company business.

Yes, we have much to thank Capt. Mautte for. As a leader, he cannot be beat. Even the people who come into contact with him as owner of Mautte Electric walk away from him smiling and pleased. He enjoys his little hideaway in the hills of Monroe, Mass., or teaching CPR to whomever requests his time.

His smile is evident always, especially, in the presence of his five grandchildren. (Number six on the way).

So, as we close out this year, we extend our thanks to Capt. Harry Mautte, the best captain a company could wish for.