Property owners throughout most of Canterbury and the West Coast owe much for their protection from fire to small bands of well-trained men—and in one case women—the volunteer fire brigades.

Fire alarm brings them running

Turn, dive and lacy are among the 92 volunteer women in the Christchurch area. Nancy, Nora and Joyce are volunteer fire-fighters, too.

The three women firefighters live in the West Cretu's borough district, about eight miles from Christchurch. During the 12 months they have been with the brigade they have helped fight about two fires—including three houses and a big timber mill blaze.

Quite rightly, they are the pride of the district. Mrs. Sander, who has two children, always drives the district's fire engine—a converted Land Rover.

Mrs. Sander's sister Joyce Rayburn, who lives with her husband (Mr. Sander), who lives in the district. Mrs. Sander, who is a former nurse, also drives the fire engine.

And as an added touch, two of her children also serve in the brigade. Mrs. Sander, who took over the fire station, is a former nurse.

SACRIFICES

Are there any sacrifices? Yes, there are. The women have to make sacrifices when the alarm calls them during dinner or other times.

However, the women take pride in their work and are happy to be able to help their community.

New Brighton is busiest

By Michael Short

Brighton has 27 fire stations, and the last one is in West Cretu's borough. Staffs there from 3 to 15 in S. Christchurch and Timaru are the only full-time brigades in the district. The downtown is in the suburbs, and the suburbs are in the downtown. The Brighton fire station has a crew of 12, which means that they have to work long hours.

The Brighton fire station is a very busy one. The volunteer fire service is in charge of the station. The firemen are all volunteers, and they take pride in their work.

The first firemen brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot—served the community for 30 years after the fire station was built. They were both active in the volunteer fire service.

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