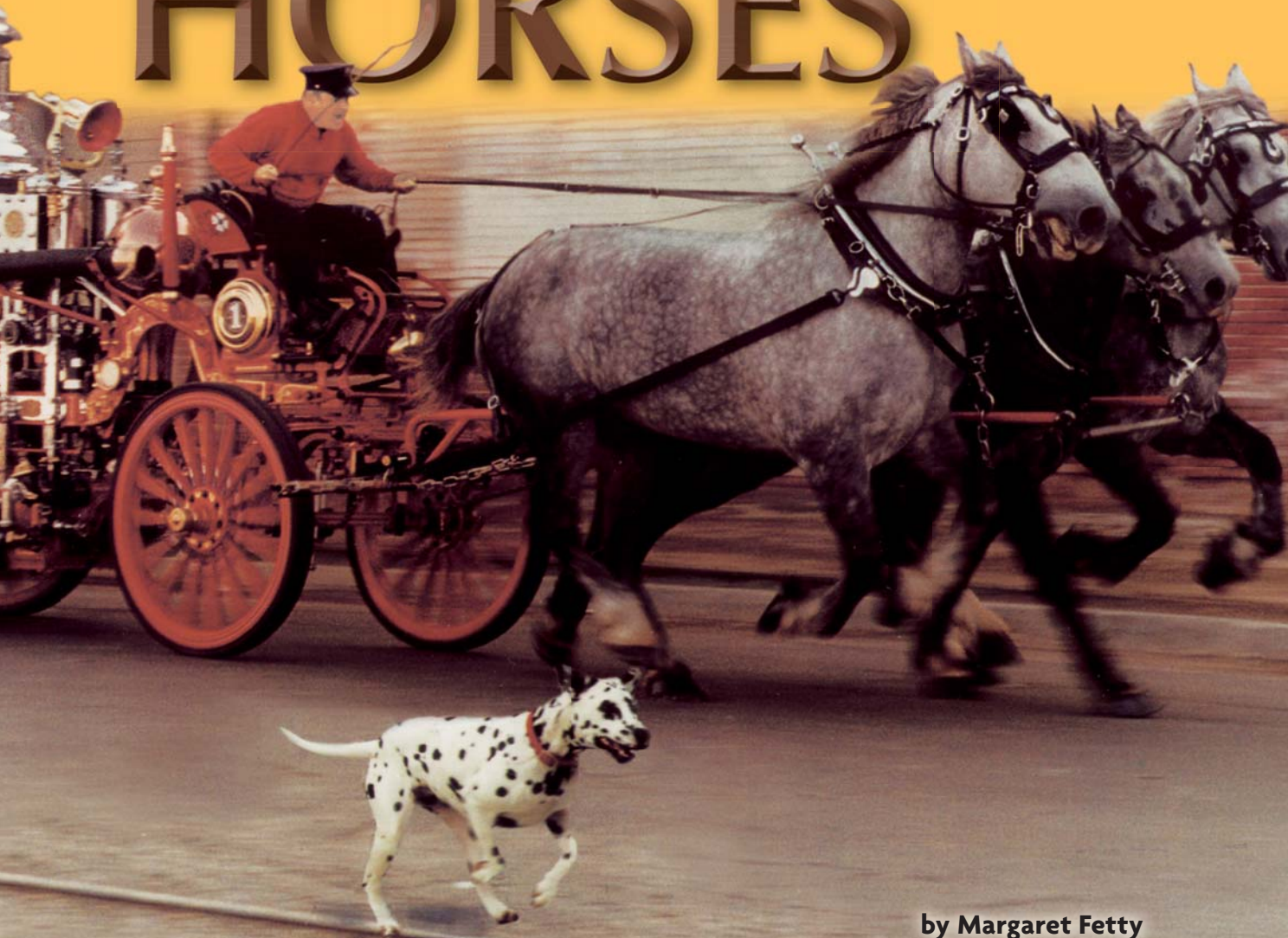


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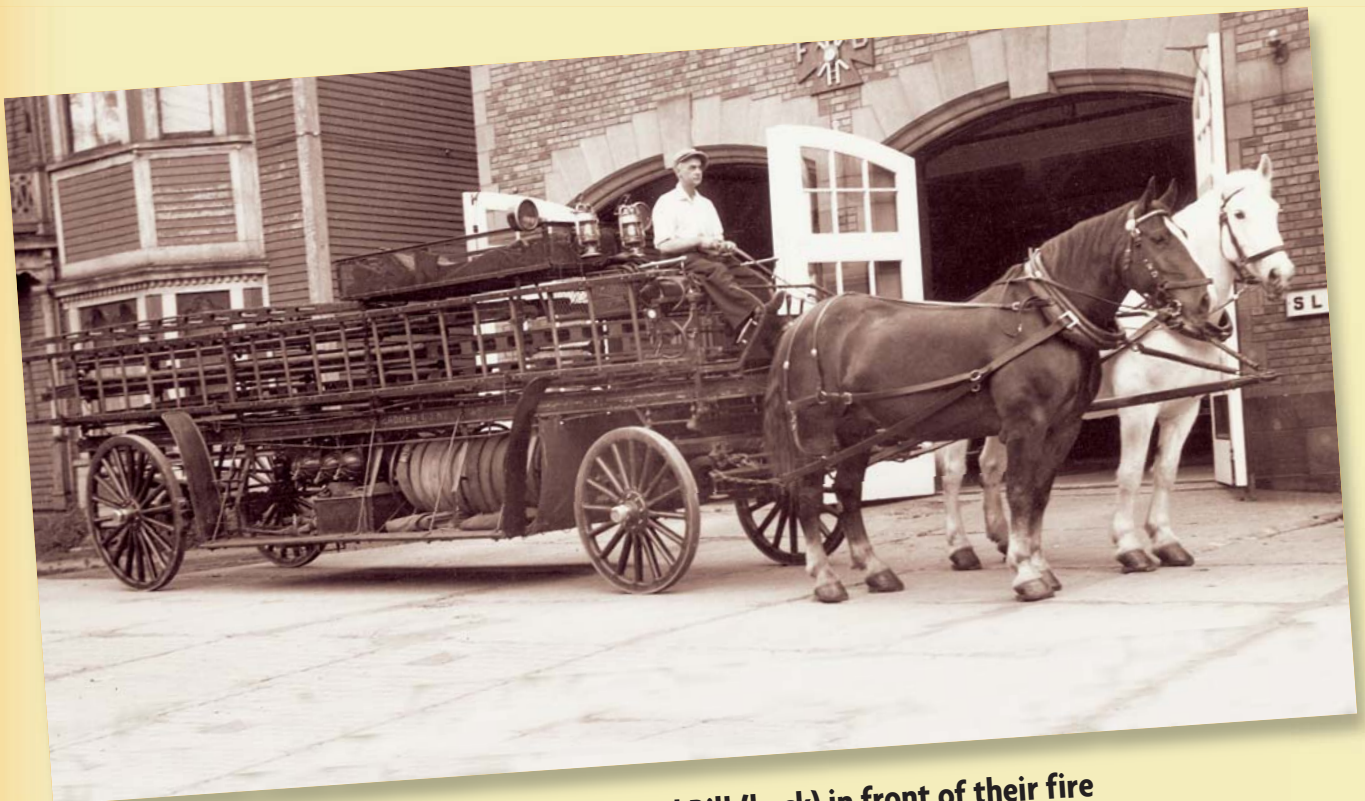
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Fire!

A loud sound broke the silence of the firehouse. It was the fire alarm. A building was on fire in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. The firemen had to hurry!

Hugh O'Neill rushed to the front of the building. He tugged on a metal ring on the floor. It opened the doors to the **stall** at the back of the firehouse. Two fire horses ran out excitedly and stopped in front of the **ladder truck**.



Fire horses Doll (front) and Bill (back) in front of their fire station in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, in 1937

O'Neill **hitched** the animals to the truck and climbed up into the seat. Grabbing the **reins**, O'Neill shouted to the horses, "Let's go, Bill and Doll! We have to stop that fire!" They raced out the front door.



Doll (left) and Bill (right) being harnessed



After the alarm sounded, the firemen and their horses were able to leave the firehouse in less than 30 seconds.

Saving a City

Bill and Doll **galloped** along the city streets. Doll slowed down as they climbed a hill. Bill turned his head and nipped her neck. He wanted her to run faster. Bill knew their job was important. A fire could spread quickly and cause a lot of damage.



Firefighters stand in front of a hose wagon



There were different kinds of fire trucks and wagons. Bill and Doll pulled a truck that held ladders. Some wagons carried water hoses.

Finally, they arrived at the scene. Thanks to Bill and Doll's speed, the fire had not spread too far. The horses bravely pulled the truck near the red-hot flames. Once the ladders were unloaded, a fireman moved Bill and Doll away from the fire. They waited **patiently** as the firemen battled the blaze. At last, the flames were out. The city was safe!



Some trucks carried special ladders that could be raised three stories into the air. They could hold up to five men at a time.

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Fire HORSES

Bill and Doll raced to the fire. When they arrived at the scene, they pulled the fire truck near the red-hot flames. First the ladders were unloaded. Then a fireman moved Bill and Doll away from the fire. They waited patiently as the firemen battled the blaze. At last, the flames were out. The city was safe!

Bill and Doll were no ordinary firefighters. They were fire horses! Look inside to see how these brave four-legged firefighters risked their lives to help save others.



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