

Tucson Fire Department
Joseph A. Roberts — Personal Scrapbook 3



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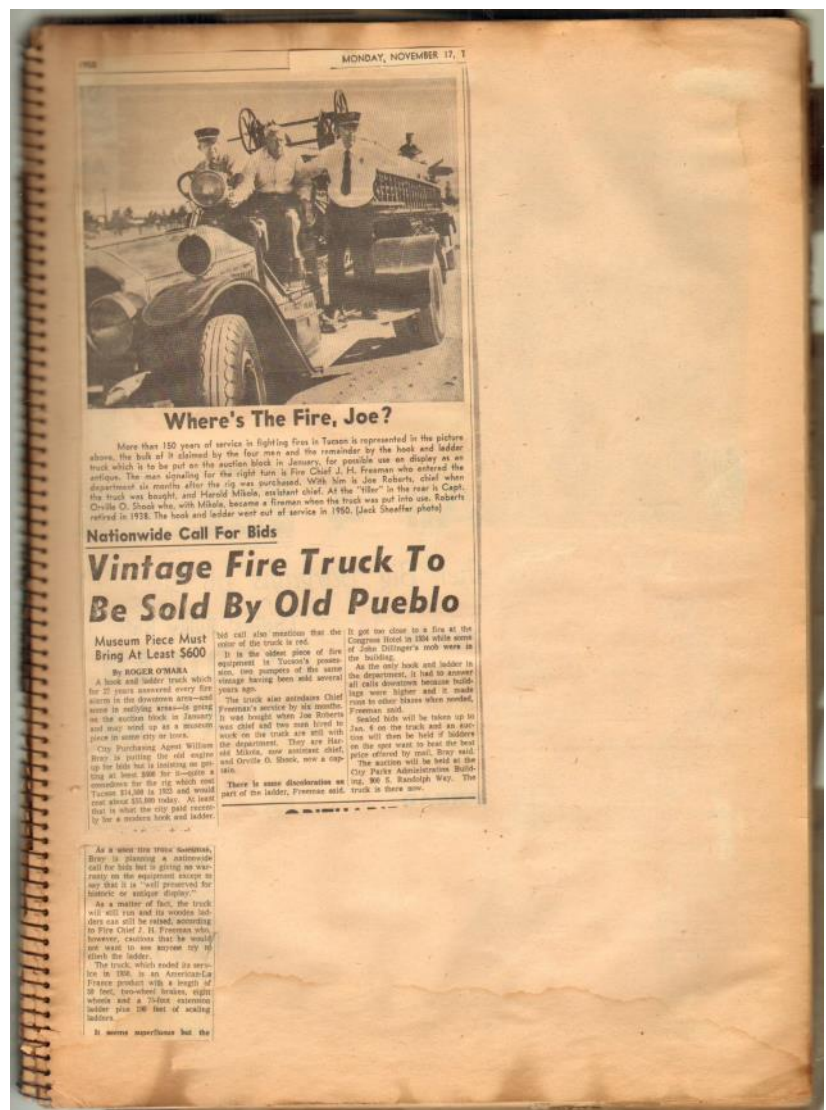
This information came from the collection of Chief Joseph Antonio Roberts (born March 5, 1889—died October 17, 1966) (appointed TVFD January 11, 1913 — end of service June 6, 1938), his son, Battalion Chief James Earl Roberts (born August 10, 1929—died April 1, 1965) (Appointed TFD, May 1, 1951—end of service April 1, 1965). It was passed down to James Earl & Karen Roberts. Collection shown below.



JOSEPH A. ROBERTS
Chief Tucson Fire Department



JAMES E. ROBERTS



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The following is a scrapbook is from the Roberts collection. We have copied the pages the best we can. At the end there are many pages of items that were just stuck here and there in the scrapbook. There was no cover on the scrapbook.

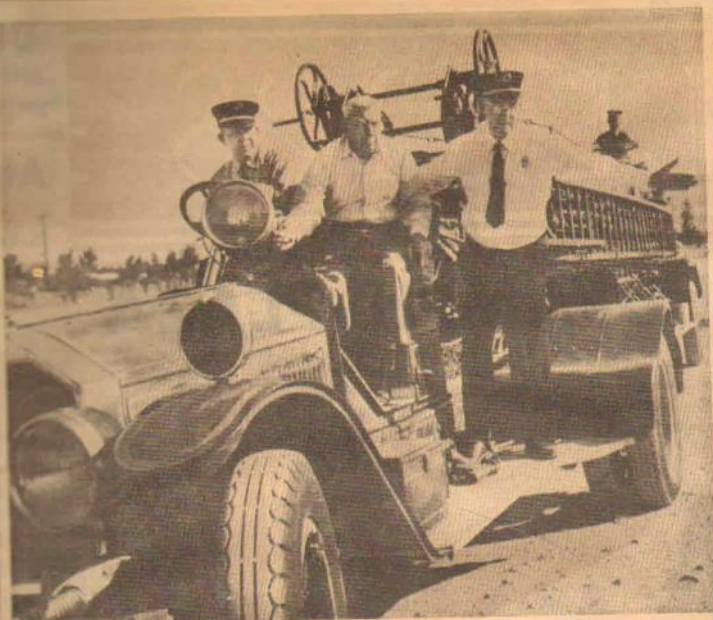
We want to thank James and Karen Roberts for allowing us access to this scrapbook—

James Earl Roberts



James Earl Roberts 62, passed away June 23, 2010. He is survived by the love of his life, Karen Roberts; his three daughters, Tammy Valenzuela (Henry), Sherri Landry (Keith) and Melissa McCormack (Richard) and his grandchildren, Dani, Hailee, Henry, Greyson, David, Yvonne, Stevie, Ritchie, Jimmy and Giana. He is also survived by his brother, Tom Roberts and his sister, Cathy Williamson. He served seven years in the USAF and spent 28 years working as an aircraft mechanic at DMAFB, where he retired as a supervisor. Daddy loved to camp at the lake and be on his boat. He passed his love of the outdoors onto his children and grandchildren. Even though Daddy was only able to serve seven years in the military, he was forever a solider at heart. He was the most patriotic man we knew! Daddy will be deeply missed by all who loved him and remembered by all who knew him. Funeral Service will be held at EAST LAWN PALMS CHAPEL, 5801 E. Grant Rd., on Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Interment and Military Honors to follow at East Lawn

Palms Cemetery.



Where's The Fire, Joe?

More than 150 years of service in fighting fires in Tucson is represented in the picture above, the bulk of it claimed by the four men and the remainder by the hook and ladder truck which is to be put on the auction block in January, for possible use on display as an antique. The man signaling for the right turn is Fire Chief J. H. Freeman who entered the department six months after the rig was purchased. With him is Joe Roberts, chief when the truck was bought, and Harold Mikola, assistant chief. At the "tiller" in the rear is Capt. Orville O. Shook who, with Mikola, became a fireman when the truck was put into use. Roberts retired in 1938. The hook and ladder went out of service in 1950. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Nationwide Call For Bids

Vintage Fire Truck To Be Sold By Old Pueblo

Museum Piece Must Bring At Least \$600

By ROGER O'MARA

A hook and ladder truck which for 27 years answered every fire alarm in the downtown area—and some in outlying areas—is going on the auction block in January and may wind up as a museum piece in some city or town.

City Purchasing Agent William Bray is putting the old engine up for bids but is insisting on getting at least \$600 for it—quite a comedown for the rig which cost Tucson \$14,500 in 1923 and would cost about \$55,000 today. At least that is what the city paid recently for a modern hook and ladder.

bid call also mentions that the color of the truck is red.

It is the oldest piece of fire equipment in Tucson's possession, two pumpers of the same vintage having been sold several years ago.

The truck also antedates Chief Freeman's service by six months. It was bought when Joe Roberts was chief and two men hired to work on the truck are still with the department. They are Harold Mikola, now assistant chief, and Orville O. Shook, now a captain.

There is some discoloration on part of the ladder, Freeman said.

It got too close to a fire at the Congress Hotel in 1934 while some of John Dillinger's mob were in the building.

As the only hook and ladder in the department, it had to answer all calls downtown because buildings were higher and it made runs to other blazes when needed, Freeman said.

Sealed bids will be taken up to Jan. 6 on the truck and an auction will then be held if bidders on the spot want to beat the best price offered by mail, Bray said.

The auction will be held at the City Parks Administration Building, 900 S. Randolph Way. The truck is there now.

As a used fire truck salesman, Bray is planning a nationwide call for bids but is giving no warranty on the equipment except to say that it is "well preserved for historic or antique display."

As a matter of fact, the truck will still run and its wooden ladders can still be raised, according to Fire Chief J. H. Freeman who, however, cautions that he would not want to see anyone try to climb the ladder.

The truck, which ended its service in 1950, is an American-La France product with a length of 50 feet, two-wheel brakes, eight wheels and a 75-foot extension ladder plus 190 feet of scaling ladders.

It seems superfluous but the

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 7, 1958



—Citizen Photo

STUDENT WITH DOLL AND INSTRUCTOR

City Fireman James E. Roberts demonstrates his knowledge of resuscitation on a doll for Mrs. J. Lester Hearn, instructor trainer for the Tucson Red Cross.



PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL



Tucson Fire Dept. sponsors the Tucson Professional
Football Club in their contest

**TUCSON
RATTLERS**

vs.

**SOUTHGATE
SAXTONS**

Sun. Afternoon, Nov. 16, 1958
3:00 P.M. Tucson Rodeo Grounds

DON'T WAIT! Purchase tickets in advance from the
following City Fire Stations; or any City Fireman.

For Reservations and Ticket Delivery Phone EA 6-5862 or MA 3-4031

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| 1. CENTRAL STATION | 142 SOUTH 6th AVENUE |
| 2. STATION #2 | 1030 NORTH 4th AVENUE |
| 3. STATION #3 | 23 SOUTH NORRIS AVENUE |
| 4. STATION #4 | 940 WEST ALAMEDA STREET |
| 5. STATION #5 | 1510 EAST GRANT STREET |
| 6. STATION #6 | 4757 EAST 5th STREET |
| 7. STATION #7 | 1500 EAST 36th STREET
(DOWNTOWN AIRPORT) |

CONTACT FIRE STATIONS AFTER 5:00 P.M.

Support this Community Event — See 13 Former
National Football League Players in Action!!

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1959

City Okays Contracts For 100 Fire Hydrants

Two contracts calling for installation of 100 fire hydrants in the recently-annexed area were approved by the City Council yesterday at a special session.

The meeting was called to get work under way since the city has a deadline to meet in installing hydrants.

If necessary hydrants for fire protection are installed by June 26 (three months after the annexation) the area is given a reduction of approximately 25 per cent in fire insurance rates paid by homeowners and others. This would be retroactive to March 26. In all, the city must install 250 points at which it can take water to fight fires.

Approximately 80 are being installed by city workers. Others are to be installed by contractors to insure getting the job done in time.

Gus's Trenching & Pipe Co. was given a contract for installation of 60 hydrants at a cost of \$12,630 and E. P. Hunziker Construction Co. was awarded a contract to install 40 for \$9,703. Both were low bids on the respective jobs in the east side area.

A contract for the remaining 70

is also to be let to a private firm shortly.

Fourteen of the hydrants covered in yesterday's agreements are for sites served by the Zamost Water Co. The installations will be made only when an agreement is reached by the city with the company owners.

Similar agreements have been made with other private water utilities and several more remain to be completed.

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 18, 1957

Plans For New Fire Station Announced

Plans for a new city fire station at the corner of E. 1st St. and N. Anderson Blvd. were disclosed by City Mgr. Porter W. Homer today.

The agenda for Monday's City Council meeting includes Homer's recommendation that the architectural firm Blanton & Cole be retained to draw plans for the new station.

Homer said the site was acquired by the city for fire station purposes "about three years ago."

Funds for actual construction of the two-company station are not presently available, Homer acknowledged, but he believes the plans and specifications should now be prepared.

At present the city is leasing two fire stations, one just east of Swan road on 5th street, the other at the Downtown Airport for southside coverage.

Homer said the 1st St. and Anderson Ave. location conforms with recommendations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The contract with Blanton & Cole provides for fees of 1½ per cent of the construction cost for preliminary drawings, 2½ per cent for working drawings and 2 per cent for construction supervision.

Contract Drawn On Fire Station Plan

A contract for drawing plans for a new city fire station at 1st St. and Anderson Blvd. will be submitted for City Council approval Monday.

City Mgr. Porter W. Homer said the making of plans does not mean the station will be built immediately. He said the city is making all preparations so that it will be ready to go ahead as soon as money is available for the facility.

The station site was purchased several years ago. The contract for plans will be with Blanton and Cole, engineers, who will also supervise construction when the building is erected.

and Taylor to do the work.

In the other development, Homer announced that the city will shortly have plans and specifications for two firehouses in addition to the two authorized for

Bellevue and Venice Ave. and 1st St. and Anderson.

The two additional stations would serve part of the 21-square mile annexation proposed, Homer said.

He added that if the annexation goes through, three more stations will be necessary, two north of the present city limits and one east.

Exact locations for the stations have not been picked.



Chief Unworried About New Engine

Fire Chief John Freeman, left, seems unconcerned at Mayor Don Hummel's jest to swing the six-pound fire ax into the electronic pumping mechanism of the city's new fire engine. The \$8,721 truck with an additional \$2,000 worth of fire fighting equipment will go in service Monday at Station No. 5 at E. Grant road and N. Vine avenue. The radio-equipped truck pumps 500 gallons of water a minute and carries 1,200 feet of 2½-inch hose and 200 feet of 1½-inch hose. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Tucson Firemen Get New Truck

1956 Model Will Enter Service Monday;
Vehicle, Equipment Worth Over \$10,000

A new 1956 fire engine delivered to the Tucson Fire Department a few days ago has been outfitted and will go into service Monday at Station No. 5 at Grant road and N. Vine avenue.

The Boardman pumper on a Ford chassis cost \$8,721 equipped with ladders and hose. Firemen at the central station have installed an additional \$2,000 worth of equipment including two-way radio, intercom, siren, search and red lights, Scott air-pacs, hose, nozzles, axes and pikes.

Fire Chief John Freeman said the truck would replace a 1928 model Ahrens-Fox pumper, which will be put on reserve status.

The new truck has an enclosed cab, 1,200 feet of 2½ inch hose, 200 feet of 1½ inch hose, 20 feet of suction hose, two-way radio and intercom with an outside

speaker to direct and assist firemen while they are away from the truck.

Captains Alford Jensen and Ken Dirks will be in command of the new unit which has a crew of four men.

One of the outstanding features of the new rig is the latest kind of electromatic pumping mechanism which automatically regulates water being pumped at 500 gallons per minute through the truck's 300 gallon capacity tank when hooked to a fire hydrant.

Chief Freeman said he hopes the new truck will be as satisfactory as the old Ahrens-Fox which is "still as good as the day it was delivered."

ical Size Of Tucson Almost Doubled

Y ANNEXES 20-SQ.-MILE AREA

Population Increased By 70,000

By ROGER O'MARA

Annexation of a 20-square-mile area that will almost double the size of Tucson and will add 70,000 to its population was completed yesterday by the City Council.

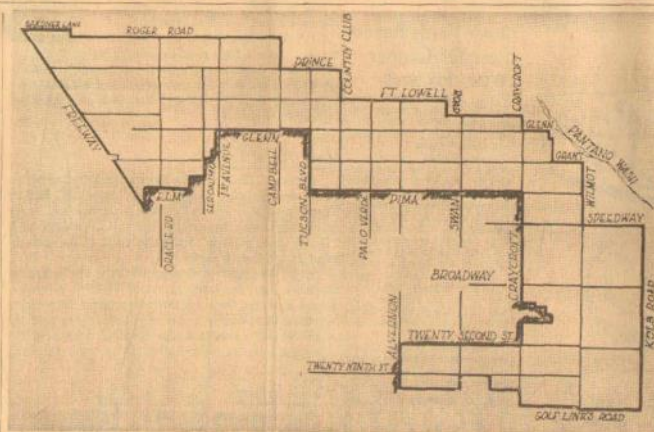
Moving with feverish haste, the Council took in the huge area immediately after the County Board of Supervisors denied three petitions seeking incorporation elections that would have delayed annexation by nearly two years.

The Council, poised for the possible denial by the Supervisors, went into session only seconds after the incorporation moves were denied.

The action took in all but one mile of the area proposed for annexation on Jan. 8 when the city began the most ambitious program in its history.

To insure that it had signatures for more than 50 per cent of property in the district, the Council eliminated the Tucson Gas, Electric Light & Power plant on Grant Rd. and a one mile area north of Roger Rd. and west of Campbell Ave.

City police immediately fanned out into the new city district as the annexation became effective and



How Old Pueblo's New Boundaries Shape Up

The huge new area added to the City of Tucson by yesterday's annexation is shown above. The 20-square-mile annexation pushed the city boundaries almost to the Rillito and Pantano Rivers. The slight indentation on the left, at Grant Rd., resulted from eliminating the plant of Tucson Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., a step taken to put the assessed value

of property signed up for annexation over 50 per cent. A sparsely-settled area north of Roger Rd., west of Campbell Ave., was also eliminated from the 21 square miles originally proposed for annexation. Tucson's population rose to almost 180,000 by adding the approximate 70,000 in the district. All city services were extended into the district immediately.

Protective Services Established At Once For New Addition

By DON CARSON

At 3:56 yesterday afternoon the city of Tucson added approximately 70,000 people to its population.

By 5:10, the 20 square miles encompassed in the annexation were being patrolled by city policemen.

And by midnight the 149 members of the city police department had made the transition from eight-hour work days to 12-hour emergency shifts.

"We'd been expecting the annexation and were ready to roll," Police Chief Bernard L. Garmire explained.

"I think I can say that the increased responsibility and the new chances for advancement have increased the police department's morale considerably."

Even before Garmire's patrol cars headed for their new beats, the city fire department was answering its first call in the new area.

The annexation ordinance was being read at 3:19 when a brush fire at Scarlett and Wilcox was reported and an engine was dispatched.

According to Fire Chief John Freeman, two new fire stations are in operation. One is located at 5941 E. 22nd St. and the other is at 3325 N. Stone Ave.

Equipment for both stations is on hand and bids are out to acquire more necessary apparatus.

Freeman said his men would be working longer hours, until the fire fighting force is augmented. No definite schedule was available last night.

A minimum strength of 250 men is believed necessary by Garmire for complete and normal police

protection of the entire city area.

Until that figure is reached—approximately six months are believed necessary—the present complement will be working a 12-hour, six-day week. Previously, the men put in a 44-hour week. The additional hours required of the force will be compensated on a straight time basis.

As the force increases, Garmire said, the work hours will decrease proportionately.

"I hope that we will be able (Continued on Page 4A, Col. 5)

Utility Denies It Opposed Annexation

J. Luther Davis, president of the Tucson Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. yesterday denied the utility has opposed the city's annexation program.

Davis replied to comments made about the utility in a statement issued by the city which said the company had refused to sign for any of its \$9,800,000 assessed valuation in the annexation area.

He said utility officials had "pointed out on several occasions to city representatives the serious impact inclusion of the entire area would have on the expenses of the company and in turn on our customers."

"Inclusion of the full valuation of the company would have increased our expenses \$233,000 a year," Davis continued.

He went on to say that the annexation, as completed, includes \$5,550,000 of the company's assessed valuation and would add approximately \$161,000 to its costs. This is made up of \$83,000 in property taxes and about \$68,000 in franchise taxes.

The total is more than the 1958 gross in net earnings, Davis said.

The utility president said figures were not made public before because the company policy has been to take no action that would be interpreted as taking sides on the annexation issue or as influencing others to oppose annexation.

★ See Page 3A for garbage collection schedule in new city area.

the fire department answered one call before reading of the ordinance had been completed.

"Tucson's future has now been assured," Mayor Don Hummel declared as the annexation was accomplished at 3:56 p.m., climaxing an intensive drive which ran into pockets of resistance but which was approved by most property owners.

A legal cloud of some proportions hung over the annexation since notices that the Board of Supervisors' action would be taken to court were filed orally by two attorneys.

City heads, however, appeared unconcerned by these notices which were taken in behalf of Flowing Wells and Amphitheater Heights. No mention of an appeal was made with regard to Freehaven, the largest of the three towns that sought incorporation elections.

The three areas comprised roughly half of the annexation district. Their requests for elections were tossed out on the finding that they are not communities under the law and on the ground that the Supervisors lacked jurisdiction.

The decision, made on a motion by Supervisor Dennis Weaver, was heard by approximately 25 residents of the areas involved. They accepted it without public comment—except for the attorneys' oral motions. As the group filed from the Supervisors hearing room, several said, "We expected it."

City administrative heads met last night to settle details connected with their duties in the new area. Included among these are the three garbage collections that will be made weekly in the area.

A prepared city statement declared that the hurried move was made because of the threats of legal maneuvers to delay annexation.

"The city is confident that within a short time it could have secured sufficient signatures to annex the entire originally proposed area. However, in view of these threats, it is evident that a choice must be made immediately between no annexation or partial annexation."

The statement in effect rebuked the Tucson gas and electric utility for its refusal to sign up for any of its property which totaled \$9,800,000 in the proposed area, by assessed valuation.

It said that more than half the signatures of individual property owners had been obtained but that there was not time to get additional names to completely offset the utility valuation.

The city did not announce how much valuation was represented on its petitions except to say that it was in excess of \$25,000,000 of the \$50,000,000 total involved.

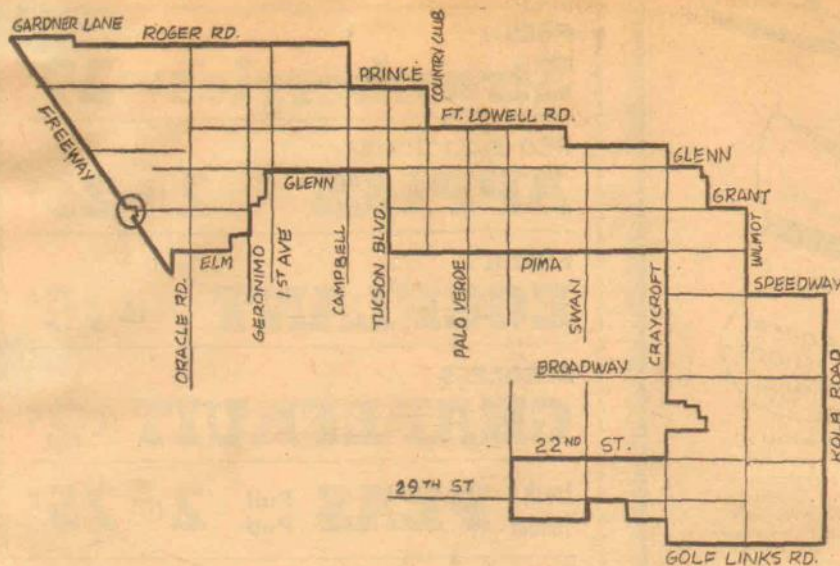
That in itself is \$10,000,000 more than the original estimates of assessed valuation in the gigantic district which increases the city's size from 24 to 44 square miles. City population will rise to nearly 180,000.

One immediate effect will be that residents of the new area who now use city water will get

a reduction in rates. Outside city rates are approximately 40 per cent higher than inside rates.

Two fire stations were established with leased equipment to be used temporarily. Reductions in fire insurance rates will also be granted. The reduction will be announced when water points are established and will be retroactive to the date of annexation.

Trash collections will be made twice monthly on dates to be announced. (Continued on Page 12A, Col. 1)



TUCSON EXPANDS TO NORTH AND EAST

This map shows the new 20-square-mile area annexed by Tucson yesterday afternoon. The notch circled at the left indicates the DeMoss Petrie plant of the Tucson Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. which was not in-

cluded (See Anti-Annexation, Page 6). The new area contains about 70,000 persons—bringing Tucson's present population to more than 180,000. Another area was cut out north of Roger road west of Campbell.

Police, Firemen Take Over

By LARRY LEVY and DON SCHELLIE

Twenty square miles and 70,000 citizens larger, Tucson yesterday faced police and fire problems.

But when the City Council gave the signal, both departments were geared to provide protection for the newly annexed areas.

Even as the councilmen were extending the city limits, firemen answered a brush fire call at Wilmot Rd. and Scarlett St. Later in the evening, when the annexation was official, fire equipment rolled on two other calls—both false alarms.

Firemen believe the residents in the new areas were "just testing." From the hour of annexation until 8 a.m. today, city policemen answered more than 15 calls in newest Tucson.

Ten extra police beats were added to the city's existing 13. Gold and white cruisers were shifted into the new areas while unmarked plainclothes cars—manned by uniformed officers—patrolled older Tucson.

Leaves and days-off were canceled for all patrolmen who yesterday

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FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 27, 1959

TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN

Tucson Takes In 70,000 With Speedy Annexation

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the total assessed valuation figure down.

THE BIG JOB for the city now is to begin putting city services into the 20 square miles annexed.

New police and fire vehicles are being ordered and new men will begin training shortly to staff them. Garbage and trash collection—under city authority—begin in the area today.

Residents already on city water lines will get a water rate cut—a reduction of about 40 per cent. Those getting water from private firms may have to wait up to a year until the city can buy the private systems.

Fire insurance rates will drop by about 24 per cent as the city moves in equipment and installs water points for fire fighting. The rate drop will be retroactive to the annexation, but cannot be gained until the city completes its action. An additional fire insurance rate

drop of about 24 per cent will come later when the city installs water mains and hydrants in the area. This will be done in less than two years.

THE CITY COUNCIL voted unanimously for the annexation ordinance but two Republican councilmen voiced limited reser-

ervations about the methods used in the annexation.

Mayor Don Hummel said the annexation assures Tucson's future.

Still remaining outside the city are about 20,000 residents in pockets to the west and south.

City officials eventually hope to take these in, but no detailed plans have been made.

Police, Firemen Take Over

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day began working 12-hour shifts. A few officers were called back from vacations.

Sunday when things are more settled, officers will begin to get their days off—one a week. They will work 72 hours each week until the strength of the department is increased.

The city will issue purchase orders today for 13 Ford police cars. Yesterday, final purchase arrangements on four fire trucks were made. Three more will be purchased in the near future.

The fire department has enough recruits screened and ready to go into training, Chief John H. Freeman said. Within the next few days 27 men will enter the fire school.

Friday 12 men completed training in the Police Academy. Chief Bernard L. Garmire said another class will be prepared to go into training shortly.

Of the several calls reaching the sheriff's switchboard last night, many were from the newly annexed areas and were referred to city police.

"Looks like we're going to be the city's answering service for a time," joked one deputy.

And there were jokes among city policemen, as well. Quipped one: "Talk about Instant Tucson—pour a little water on the Old Pueblo, stir, and we're double the size."

City personnel officials said 70 to 80 new men will be needed to patrol the new area.

At present there are 128 patrolmen and sergeants in the police department. At the command level are Garmire, four captains and five lieutenants.

During the overtime stint, policemen will receive regular hourly pay. City Mgr. Porter W. Homer said he expected overtime to be cut to 10 hours daily, but that men will remain on some sort of overtime basis for several months.

In the basement of city hall yesterday, police administrators took colored pencils in hand as they mapped boundaries of the bigger city, the new beats.

Officers on the first 12-hour shift arrived in the briefing room chattering like school boys.

"We're pleased with the spirit shown by the men," Capt. Paul Bohardt said.

Garmire told officers to guard against being irritable near the end of their 12-hour shifts. He advised them to be "ambassadors of good will," and to give the newly annexed areas service like they have never seen it before—service with a smile.

With its policing area shrunken, the sheriff's office might've been a morgue last night. "Things were so quiet I'll have to start taking a bed to work with me," one deputy said.

Electric budgets \$11 million this year for utility plant expansion into service, says FIRE PROTECTORS.



Mission Accomplished

The exultant smiles of the four city officials above show their joy in having accomplished in less than three months the most ambitious annexation ever undertaken by the City of Tucson. Looking at the official map which shows the 20-square-mile area north and east of Tucson are, left to right, Police Chief Bernard L. Garmitre, Fire Chief J. H. Freeman, Mayor Don Hummel and City Manager Porter W. Homer. Both policemen and firemen will be on overtime duty until enough recruits are added to protect a city almost double its former size. (Sheaffer photo)

CITY OF TUCSON
DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING
CITY HALL—TUCSON, ARIZONA
NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Tucson, Arizona, until 4:00 p.m. on the day and date hereinafter stated for furnishing the material, supplies, equipment or services, or for supplying the materials and/or doing the work necessary for the repair, construction, or improvement, as the case may be, as indicated by the items hereunder listed and in accordance with the applicable specifications.

Copies of plans and/or specifications and instructions to bidders are available upon request from the office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Tucson, Arizona.

All bids shall be subject to the following:

A. All items contained in the instructions to bidders are applicable to this call for bids.

B. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least sixty (60) days.

C. All bids received at the time set for receipt of bids (4:00 p.m.) will be opened publicly at 4:15 p.m. and read aloud in the City Hall. Any bid received after said closing time (4:00 p.m.) will be returned unopened.

D. Envelope containing the bid shall be marked plainly, "SEALED BID" with MATERIAL or SERVICE DESCRIPTION, bid call number, date, and time of closing written thereon.

E. Each bidder must submit with his bid (unless otherwise stated in instructions to bidders) either a certified check, or a cashier's check on a bank doing business in the City of Tucson, or a bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of his total bid, payable to the City of Tucson, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will supply material and/or services as specified.

F. Provided Arizona Sales Tax, or State Use Tax, is applicable on the material furnished, bidder shall include an amount sufficient to cover said tax in his bid; otherwise it will not be allowed. Federal Excise Tax if there is such a tax involved, shall be excluded in every case. The City Auditor upon request will execute exemption certificates for same.

G. City of Tucson Sales Tax, if applicable, MUST BE LISTED SEPARATELY.

H. Bidder to state City of Tucson Occupational License No. Bid Call No. 14-100.

Bids Due—4 p.m. February 6, 1959.

MATERIAL AND/OR SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Three (3) 800 GPM Pumper Fire Trucks

The City Purchasing Agent for the City of Tucson reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof, or to accept any bid or any part thereof, or to waive any informalities in any bid, deemed to be for the best interest of the City of Tucson.

CITY OF TUCSON

WILLIAM J. BRAY, JR.

City Purchasing Agent

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JAN. 16, 1959

Annexation Reconsidered

The action of the city administration and the validity of its annexation ordinance has been given another mark of approval by the attorney general of Arizona, Wade Church. He now rules that the burden of proof of any invalidity must be borne by those attacking the ordinance.

In the case in point a small group of citizens have opposed the annexation of 21 square miles to the north and east of Tucson by the city. They had demanded that the attorney general initiate quo warranto proceedings—in other words, to ask the city "by what warrant" it had conducted its annexation. They charged that the valuations represented by signatures obtained by the city were inadequate and did not constitute a proper per cent of the area involved.

The city, through its employees and those of the county assessor's department, had spent nearly six months carefully gathering and checking the signatures submitted. When the opponents of annexation asked that the attorney general cause the assessor of Pima county to do this whole job over again, the assessor rightfully refused. He had neither the funds nor the personnel for such a task at this time. In addition, he believed, along with the city's legal staff, that any

proof of the invalidity of the ordinance must be provided by the contestants of the annexation, themselves.

The attorney general has now ruled that this is true, basing his ruling on the ruling of the Arizona Supreme Court, which has said, in a Phoenix case, that the "validity of an annexation ordinance being assumed, the one attacking it bears the burden of proving invalidity. . . ."

The attorney general, with that ruling in mind, refused to move into the case.

The people of the annexed areas had a spectacular picture of the value of the annexation to the residents a few days ago when a fire broke out in a home on North Mountain avenue. Despite the fact that the residence was quite a way from the nearest fire hydrant with city pressure, the call was answered by two city department engines, one from Grant and Vine station, the other from 3500 North Stone. The firemen used 1500 feet of hose to reach the blaze and saved a large portion of the property which would have otherwise been totally destroyed.

Now that the attorney general has spoken in favor of the annexation ordinance, the dissident group should be totally discredited and the city can get on with the job of giving more and better services to the annexed areas.

1.	Hummel	8667	General
2.	Abundisburd	8996	Baradwin
3.	Yankie Chipper	9307	
4.	Santa Trailer Sales	9391	Homer
5.	American Leasing	9651	
6.	Vanz-Pelt	9678	
* 7.	Triple A (AAA)	9955	
7.	Sengrave	9908	
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9.	Jokw Benn	10,205	F.M.C.
10.	Horat (Ward Interco)	11,405	

3-500 G.P.M. Pumps

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Water Outlets In New City Area Approved

A system of water point connections designed to give Class B fire insurance status to Tucson's newly annexed area was approved by the City Council yesterday and will be installed in less than 90 days.

In a special meeting yesterday the Council also passed a resolution to maintain a temporary status quo of zoning in the new area until more formal action can be taken.

The water points are simple connections on city lines and the lines of private water companies in the area that can be used for fire fighting. They are not hydrants in the sense that the small firms do not supply the usual hydrant water pressure.

About 200 of these will be installed in the new area.

Along with new fire trucks ordered by the city, the water points will qualify the new area for the Class B insurance rate. The rate will give homeowners a cut of about 24 per cent in their fire insurance. When the points are installed the rate drop becomes retroactive to the date of the annexation.

The zoning issue has been sent the City Planning and Zoning Commission with a hurry-up label attached.

Most of the property will simply be translated into a city zoning classification matching the classification it formerly held in the county. However the city has no multiple-use classification and no provision for trailer courts. These will be developed before a final zoning act is passed.

The council heard a brief debate on a plea to transfer a liquor license to the new El Rancho Market, opening soon at 1930 E. Grant Rd.

Atty. B. G. Thompson Jr., representing the Catalina Drug Store, 2310 E. Grant Rd., argued there already enough liquor licenses in the neighborhood. He said 100 residents had signed a petition against the El Rancho license.

Atty. A. O. Johnson, appearing for El Rancho, said one-stop supermarket shopping is a matter of convenience for the housewife and the store would lose business in general if it could not provide beer and liquor.

Council ruled in favor of El Rancho and recommended to the State Liquor Control Board that the license transfer be approved.

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1959



City Pushes Fire Protection Work

Although the validity of Tucson's annexation is still being questioned, work is going ahead on the fire protection promised for the 22-square mile area that became a part of the city in March. Above, workmen of the water department install a fire hydrant at 1st Ave. and Fort Lowell Rd. This is one of 240 installations of hydrants or "water points" at which taps may be made to be completed in the annexation area. City Manager Porter W. Homer feels confident the full installation will be made in the 90 days allotted if agreements can be negotiated with several private water companies which have still not signed contracts. Contracts with others have been signed. Some installations are on lines which are owned by the city. Property owners will get a reduction in fire insurance rates retroactive to the date of annexation when water points are installed. Shown making this installation are, left to right, C. N. Buch, water system supervisor, Buster Fuller, Gilbert Sanchez, and Foreman Charlie Penites. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Installation of the hydrants and water points for fire protection will cost approximately \$107,500. The mayor said he feels the city will win the court suits and that it must meet its responsibility for providing the protection. Branin said he agreed, but had been worried about the question. The expenditure was approved by the Council.

Bids Face City With Problems

One Offer Baited With Discount

The City Council yesterday opened bids on purchase of four pieces of fire equipment and was immediately faced by two problems.

One concerns a bidder who offered a \$7,405.20 discount if he gets the contract for all four pieces—two pumers and two ladder trucks.

The bidder, Thunderbird Sales Co. of Phoenix, offered to sell all four for \$160,357.78. The firm sells Segrave fire equipment.

On the individual pieces the price quoted was \$33,910.85 for each of two ladder trucks and \$29,979.64 for each of two 1,250-gallon-per-minute pumper trucks.

Heart Fire Equipment Co., which has a Tucson office, bid \$29,832.61 for each pumper. This is slightly less than the Thunderbird bid on the pumers.

However, it would be cheaper because of the discount, for the city to buy all equipment from Thunderbird. The Tucson company did not bid on the ladder trucks.

It is not known if the city can take advantage of the discount offered. Bids are being checked.

The second problem concerned a letter from Peter Pirsch & sons of Los Angeles.

That company contended the city's specifications ruled them and most other competitors from bidding. The letter said one manufacturer has a "terrific advantage" in the specifications.

City officials did not know what the company meant and asked the city manager to get specific information.

Fire Chief J. H. Freeman said might refer to a city specification calling for steel ladders.

He said the Pirsch company has an aluminum ladder but he did not know if they use that type exclusively. Freeman said aluminum ladders lose strength when exposed to great heat.

Except for that possibility, city officials said they are open as to the complaint about the specifications ruling out competitors.

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1959

Council OKs Installing Of 100 Fire Hydrants

The City Council by unanimous vote rushed through two resolutions late yesterday for installing 100 fire hydrants in the newly annexed area. The council is racing against a June 26 deadline.

The special meeting was designed to save a week.

Contracts were let on low bids to Gus's Trenching & Pipe Line Co. Inc., for 60 hydrants for a total of \$12,600 and to E. P. Hunziker Construction Co. for 40 hydrants at \$9,703.

These hydrants will be installed in East Side areas served by private water companies. Agreements have been made with the private water companies, except the Zamost Water Co.

The City Water Department, meanwhile, is installing 80 fire hydrants on its own lines in newly annexed North Side areas.

City Mgr. Porter Homer said bids for 70 more fire hydrants will be received this week, bringing to 250 the total needed in the newly annexed area for Class B fire protection.

If the hydrants are installed

within 90 days of the Mar. 26 annexation of 21 square miles, fire insurance companies will reduce rates about 25 per cent from the unprotected rate, retroactive to the annexation date.

Once larger mains are installed as city water lines replace private water company mains and more hydrants are added so that they stand about 600 to 800 feet apart, the area will be eligible for Class A fire insurance rating. Then another 25 per cent rate reduction will be in order.

The contracts provide for reduction of the bids if an agreement fails with the Zamost Water Co.

The two resolutions were made effective immediately.

City's Action Holds Fate Of Fire Insurance Rates

Adjustments of insurance rates for residents of the recently annexed areas of Tucson depends on what the city does to improve fire protection in these areas, Conde Withers, head of the Arizona State Fire Rating Bureau, told members of the Tucson Assn. of Independent Insurance Agents yesterday.

Mayor Don Hummel said later that the city went into this matter with the fire rating bureau before it undertook the annexation. "We have a commitment from the bureau that when the city provides the necessary fire protection, the entire area will be given a Class B rating," the mayor said.

Withers told the agents that annexations are not new to Arizona cities or to the fire rating bureau, through the present Tucson annexation is unusually large. He described the various classes of insurance rates.

Class A, he said, is for areas which have "a gridiron of water points and sufficient fire stations. Class B includes those areas which have sufficient water points to warrant it plus fire protection."

Withers said the rates could be retroactive to the March 26 annexation date if the city meets the requirements in 90 days and the National Board of Fire Underwriters gave the OK after inspection. It takes sometime to work out the rate structure, he said.

A member of the association, speaking from the floor, said the city has provided protection for the annexed areas with added equipment and stations and will install 200 additional water points.

This statement was borne out by Mayor Hummel in an interview following the meeting. "We are providing fire protection for the annexed areas," he said. "We have rented fire equipment until more can be purchased, and we have rented two fire stations in the new territory."

Asked concerning the additional fire hydrants, Hummel said: "We have a contract for installation of fire hydrants every 1,500 feet throughout the area, and we will have this work done within the 90-day period. A Class B, rating, which the bureau agreed to give if we lived up to the specifications, requires hydrants every 1,500 feet."

Hummel emphasized that the city is providing the fire protection for the entire annexed area now on an expanded basis, that the residents are having their garbage collected at city expense, that police protection is being given, and he added:

"Every resident of the annexed area that is a city water subscriber is getting the city water rate."

Only 2 Firms Offer Bids On Fire Trucks

Only two companies submitted bids yesterday on the sale of four fire trucks to the City of Tucson.

A third sent a bitter complaint against the city's fire engine specifications, but neglected to say which part of the specifications it objects to.

Thunderbird Sales Co. of Phoenix, which handles Seagrave fire equipment, offered the city a package deal. For a total of \$180,375 it will supply the two pumpers and two ladder trucks needed. The package deal is \$7,495 cheaper than the total of the individual prices the firm quoted for each truck.

The other firm to bid was the Heart Fire Equipment Co. which handles Ward La France trucks. Heart has an office in Tucson. The firm bid \$53,910 to supply the two needed pumpers but did not submit a bid on the ladder trucks.

Heart's bid on the pumpers was slightly lower than the individual pumper prices quoted by Thunderbird, but the savings on the package deal may make Thunderbird the low bidder.

Peter Pirsch and Sons of Los Angeles wrote the City Council that the specifications were too restrictive and eliminated them from the bidding. They did not say what part of the specifications they objected to.

Fire Chief John Freeman said the only thing he could think of is that Pirsch uses an aluminum ladder and that the city has specified a steel ladder.

The bids were turned over to City Mgr. Porter W. Homer. He was instructed to find out what Pirsch objects to and to pick the lowest and best bid.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1959

Not For Annexed Area 4 New Fire Trucks Purchased By City

Four new fire trucks were purchased by the city yesterday for a total of \$180,375.

The City Council approved purchasing all four from Thunderbird Sales Corp. of Phoenix, which offered a reduction from its unit prices if given the full contract. This brought their offer below any others.

The two pumpers and two aerial ladders are not for use in the area annexed yesterday.

Temporary equipment, leased for the area, were put into service until equipment is bought.

A protest against the specifications set up by the city for

new fire equipment was dismissed by the Council.

A Los Angeles supplier said the specifications eliminated some bidders.

City Manager Porter Homer said investigation of the complaint revealed that the main objection was to furnishing steel instead of aluminum ladders. He said he was also informed the firm could have filed a bid, had it been so inclined.

Homer said deviations from the specifications as suggested by the company would have resulted in getting inferior machines.

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Fire In Vacant House Blamed On Children

Firemen extinguished a fire that damaged two rear rooms of a vacant house at 1050 N. Columbus last night.

Arson investigators said children probably set the blaze. The investigators found charred papers in a second empty house at 4316 E. Speedway, at the rear of the burned dwelling. The home on Speedway did not catch fire. The two structures are owned by Bob Dixon, 2629 E. Water.

COURT ORDERS PERIL PART OF ANNEXATION

City Halts Services In Amphi Area

By PETER STARRETT

All city services—including police and fire protection—were ordered withdrawn from the Amphitheater district today as the result of a temporary Superior Court injunction.

The injunction extends only to the six-square-mile

Amphi area annexed by the city last week, but two other North Side areas—the proposed towns of Flowing Wells and Freehaven—may take similar action next week.

Judge Raul H. Castro signed the temporary injunction—effective until next Thursday—at the request of Marvin K. Burton, head of the North Side Protective Assn. It orders the city to collect no taxes or take any official actions in the six-square-mile Amphi area, annexed last week.

"We are pulling out. We have no choice," City Mgr. Porter W. Homer explained as he issued orders to all city departments to suspend operations in the area.

"I HOPE PEOPLE will understand that this is not a matter of our choosing. It is a court order initiated by Mr. Burton. We are forced to abandon the area," Homer said.

At the same time Castro signed a second order requiring the County Board of Supervisors to appear and explain its reasons for not calling a township election for the proposed town of Amphitheater Heights.

Both orders are temporary. Next Thursday's hearing will determine whether there will be a full-scale court review of the supervisors' decision in the township election matter and whether the injunction against the city will be permanent.

City Atty. Jack G. Marks said today that the city may not wait until Thursday to act. It may go before the court before that day to ask that the injunction be set aside. No decision has been made.

IN WITHDRAWING services from the area, Homer ordered the Pima County Sheriff's Department notified of the move so deputies can take over the protection of the area. Undersheriff James Wyckoff said deputies would begin immediate patrols in the section.

Private fire companies in the area were also notified and can extend fire protection to customers with whom they still have a fire fighting agreement.

A. W. Estes, the garbage con-

tractor who has been picking up garbage in Amphi under a contract with the city, will stop operations there under city auspices. However, he still has a state franchise for collection in the area and will be able to offer service on a privately paid basis.

Lambert Kautenburger, chairman of the supervisors, was not available for comment on the county part of the case.

The supervisors ruled last Thursday that they did not have the authority to call township elections in the three North Side areas because the areas did not qualify as communities separate and apart from the city of Tucson.

Burton's petitions—filed by Attyr. Nick Knez and Grady Becker—argue that the supervisors exceeded their authority and should have called the township elections.

They further contend that if the elections had been called, Amphi could not have been annexed. This is the basis of their petition for the injunction to stop the city from taking any official actions in the annexed Amphi area until the court has decided who is right in the matter of the township elections.

BURTON said today that his group has raised enough funds to take its fight for a township election to the Arizona Supreme Court if necessary.

Mayor Don Hummel said the city will fight the injunction with "everything we have." He added that he feels Burton represents only a small minority of the property owners in the Amphi area and that his actions will prove a disservice to the entire Tucson area.

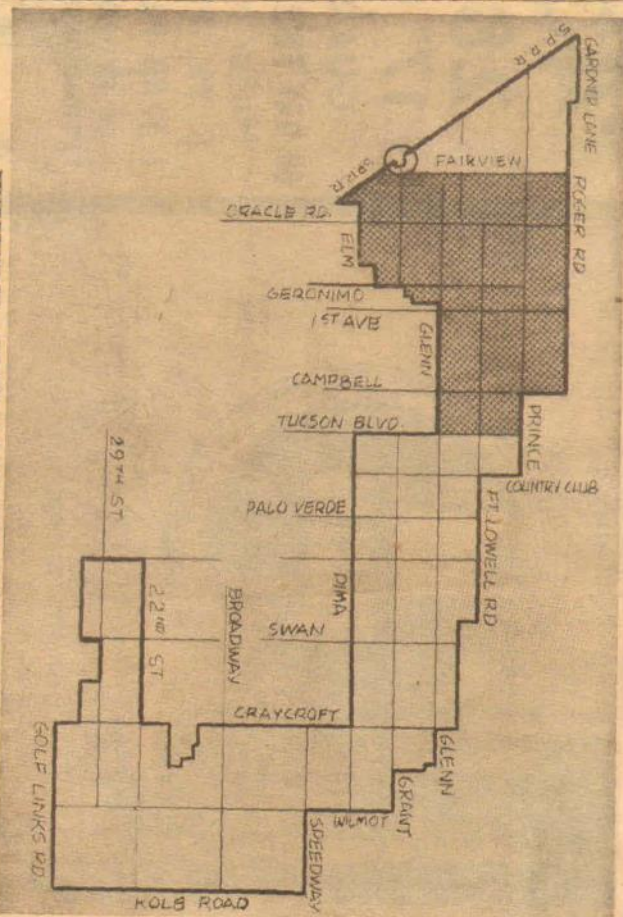
The City manager added that the suspension of services in the area will cause a great deal of confusion and will result in a setback in the city program to integrate the areas into the city.

"I'm especially concerned about fire protection in the section," Homer explained. "We are praying there are no bad fires there before we can get them straightened out."

The dark area on this map of recent annexation shows the Amphitheater Heights proposed township district, where city forces must be withdrawn by order of a temporary injunction issued today in Superior Court.

WHERE CITY MUST PULL OUT

Areas to left (Flowing Wells) and to right as far east as Swan Road (Freehaven) could also request similar injunctions to thwart annexation.



President Against Increase



LOSING FIGHT

—Citizen Photo by Larry Levy

Tucson rescue workers struggled for more than two hours last night in an unsuccessful effort to revive a 16-month-old boy who had fallen into the water in an irrigation ditch on a remote ranch west of Marana. Working part of the time in a speeding ambulance (above), rescuers used artificial respiration and oxygen but could not revive the child.

Marana Child Drowns In Irrigation Ditch

A 16-month-old boy drowned last night despite efforts of rescuers to revive the tot, who had fallen into an irrigation ditch.

Artificial respiration and oxygen were administered for two hours, part of the time during a wild 55 mile ride in a sheriff's car and an ambulance.

The boy, David Quick of Marana, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Mary's Hospital.

He had fallen into an irrigation ditch on the Roy Anaway Ranch, about 30 miles west of Marana. The rushing water had swept the small boy about 100 yards downstream before he was found.

While ranch hands and deputies gave artificial respiration, two Tucson firemen with a resuscitator were being rushed to the scene by a deputy. An ambulance followed.

To save time Sheriff's Lt. Ed Hendricks had the child put in his car and sped to meet the firemen and ambulance.

The car with the boy, the firemen and the ambulance met on Avra Valley Road at Sanders Road. The boy was quickly transferred to the waiting ambulance. In the 30-minute ride from the meeting place to St. Mary's Hospital, Fire Capt. James Roberts and Fireman Ole Solberg administered 4,000 pounds of oxygen to the boy, while the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Quick, watched quietly from the front seat.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Parker-Kerr Mortuary.

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—Citizen Photos by Bill Hopkins

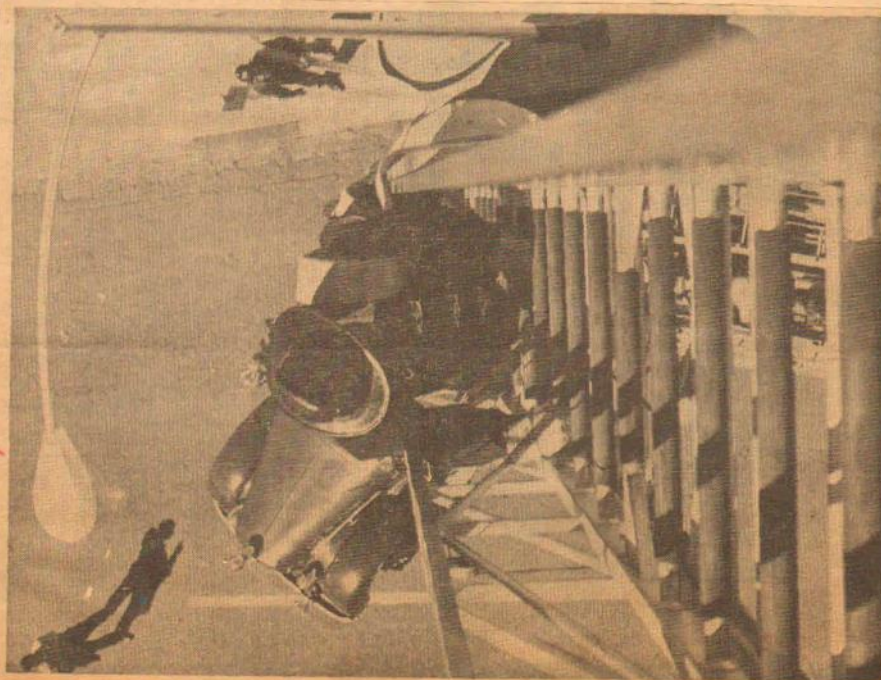
ONE POINT LANDING

Fireman Vincent Marrow shows good form as he demonstrates for rookie firemen the art of landing in a life net. The trick is to kick out from the building and land on the end of the spine. Firemen have

to be confident about this because they might have to talk a trapped fire victim into trying it from a third-story window.

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100 FEET UP

This is a view of Tucson firefighters as seen from the top of one of the fire departments aerial ladder trucks. Recruit firemen are learning how to get a heavy hose to the top safely. The trick is to do it before turning on the water.

Truck 612 To The Rescue 40 Owe Lives To Fire Dept.

Emergency Vehicle Made 455 Calls
During Fiscal 1958-59, Report Shows

Trained personnel of the Fire Department Rescue Truck saved the lives of 40 people last fiscal year, Fire Chief J. H. Freeman reported yesterday.

In his annual report Freeman said the emergency vehicle made 455 calls during the 1958-59 fiscal year, an increase of 116 runs over last year.

The loss from fire damage also showed a decrease over the previous year. Combined totals for both business and residential fire losses were \$225,000 for the last fiscal year compared with \$231,000 for the previous year.

Freeman said all of his men are very proud of the record of saving 40 lives last year. If the men in Truck 612, the rescue truck's official number, found the patient or victim had stopped breathing and he later survived then the department will take credit for saving the person's life, Freeman explained.

Since its inception in 1961, Truck 612 has made a total of 1,547 runs and in the process has saved 170 lives.

The Fire Department's annual report also showed that Tucson ranks 42nd among 560 cities in the United States in the number of building fires. Our rate is 1.7 fires per 1,000 population. The rate is compiled by the National Fire Protective Assn.

Phoenix ranked 133rd with 2.7 fires per 1,000 population.

The annexation last March of approximately 70,000 people to the city of Tucson is reflected in the number of fires reported. Nearly 2,000 alarms were re-

Residents Of Whole Block Seeing Red

Residents around the 4400 block of E. 6th St. saw red yesterday.

They awoke to find outside light globes, mailboxes and a name and address sign sprayed with red paint, Patrolman Thomas Tyler reported. Victims of the vandalism include H. E. Hamel, A. A. Smith, N. Rosentreter, Mrs. Carl Becker and Mrs. Rena Spitzer.

And Mrs. Donna Rowland, 3406 E. Grant, reported that while her auto was parked in the same block on E. 7th St., its windshield, rear view mirror and rear license were sprayed a crimson hue.

coined by the department compared with 1,575 for the 1957-58 fiscal year.

Despite this numerical increase the actual damage was lower, Chief Freeman attributed this mostly to the fine response businessmen and homeowners made during the department's fire prevention program.

The main cause of all building fires were cigarettes and careless smoking. Next in line came heating and cooking appliances. Electrical appliances and children and matches rounded out the top four causes of fires.

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50 Lives A Year Thought Saved By Firemen Here

By THURMAN JOHNS

Phoenix firemen manage to save more than 50 persons from possible death each year although they now respond to fewer "aid" calls.

Fire officials said that since Jan. 1, the fire department's emergency crew has answered 96 calls.

IN MANY cases, particularly those of heart victims, the firemen could not have helped had they been on the scene.

Firemen point out that they no longer make it a policy to roll on heart attack calls unless they are requested to do so by the police department.

They do, however, answer any call where there is a child in distress, an electrocution or drowning victim.

It was explained that most

Phoenix ambulance services now are equipped with resuscitator equipment and can handle heart attack situations.

FIREMEN said it would be difficult to point to individual cases where they could have saved lives because none of them are qualified doctors and could not say a victim would have died had they not treated him.

A recent news story from Tucson indicated that the fire department there answered 433 aid calls this year and was credited with saving 40 lives.

The Phoenix firemen said that the Tucson firemen are sometimes called upon to go to accident scenes and nearly all calls where a "sick" person is reported.

Phoenix police, however, on similar calls either handle the situation themselves or call an ambulance service.

Deadline Near For Fire Eaters

Monday is last day for making application for position of fire fighter with the City of Phoenix.

You must be at least 5 feet 8 and weigh 150 pounds or more, between 21 and 29, live in Maricopa County, and be a graduate of a standard high school.

Current pay ranges from \$315 to \$400 a month.

Says Deputy Chief G. C. Holm-

ner: "Due to the rapid growth of the fire department, more fire fighters are needed to man new stations and equipment. It's a job with a good future and security, and offers many city civil service benefits."

JANUARY 17, 1958

Firemen's Group Re-Elects Slate

Kenneth Regilio was re-elected president of Local 479, International Assn. of Fire Fighters, at a meeting last night in the central fire station.

Also re-elected were Vincent Amar, vice-president, and B. J. Oliver, secretary-treasurer.

Willard McLane was elected a trustee, to serve with holdover trustees Wallace May and Henry Delgado.

Those named to the grievance committee were James Roberts, Harold Houli and Charles Rice.

Luis Carrillo was elected guild and Harry Putney, guardian.

East Side Fire Rates To Decline City Pushing Bond Projects

By PETER STARRETT

East Side residents can expect to have Class A fire insurance rates by the middle of 1959 at the latest.

That was the word from City Hall today as administrative officials moved into action on city projects to be financed by bond issues approved in Tuesday's referendum vote.

City Mgr. Porter W. Homer called a staff meeting today to plan ways in which the bond projects can be carried out in an orderly and economic manner. Although some work will be started right away on all of the seven expenditure categories it will probably be two to three years before all of the work is actually under construction.

Water Supt. Phil Martin said that his department would move forward as rapidly as possible to provide the long-awaited water improvements in the area east of Alvernon way and other small sections of the city.

RESIDENTS of these sections now are paying Class B fire insurance rates because the water pressure is inadequate to provide proper hydrant operation. Some of the sections also have slow running water due to the lack of pressure.

Martin said a system of new pipes and mains—adding up to a total of about 32 miles of pipes of all sizes—would be installed in the area along with about 750 hydrants and a pressure booster plant in the Craycroft, 22nd street area. The project will cost about \$2.25 million. Much of the pipe will be six-inch diameter and some of it will be as wide as 36 inches.

The large mains will be laid in anticipation of future annexation to the east and would be used to provide the rapid installation of Class A water service for these sections following annexation.

The east side project will be the first step in a four-year water expansion program utilizing the \$10 million bond issue authorized by the voters.

THE PROJECT will see the water system eventually spread out over the entire metropolitan area and the tapping of new water sources in the surrounding valleys.

Another factor in bringing Class A fire protection to the east side is the purchase of four new fire trucks and construction of four new stations. Homer says the trucks, which are custom made, will be ordered immediately and can be delivered in six months to a year. The stations will be constructed in that time.

Another priority project is the expansion of the city's overloaded sewage treatment plant. Plans to double its capacity have already been drawn and the city will let a contract within a month, Homer said.



RED-HOT TICKET DRIVE

City firemen have launched ticket sales for the Jan. 2 Optimist Bowl football game to be played here between major college and small college All-Americans. Left to right, showing pasteboards now on sale, are firefighter Harold Rankin, Dean Griffing, general manager of the

Optimist Bowl, and Capt. William Dupont of the fire department. Proceeds from the sale by the firefighters will go into the death and retirement fund of the department.

THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 5, 1959

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The Arizona Republic,

200 Expected To Attend Fire School

Two hundred Arizonans who earn their living by risking their lives for strangers will gather here Oct. 15 to learn how to do the job better.

The seventh annual Arizona State Fire Training School will be held for three days in Phoenix College under auspices of the college, state vocational education department, and Phoenix Fire Department.

BESIDES bringing firemen here from all over the state, this year's session will attract representatives from 50 schools, said Phoenix Fire Chief Jake Sakin, school director.

They were invited to see a spectacular 15-minute color film of the tragic fire at Our Lady of the Angels School in Chicago Dec. 1, 1958. Three nuns and 91 pupils died in the fire.

THE FILM, made by a professional photographer who arrived with the first firemen, will be shown at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in the college auditorium. The public may attend.

Silken said school instructors, experts in their field, will come from California, Illinois, Colorado, and elsewhere.

ONE SESSION in commercial aircraft emergency entry and rescue will be held at Sky Harbor airport. A plane will be used.

Another spectacular subject will be "Crash and Burn," taught by A. Howard Hasbrook, director of aviation crash injury research for Cornell University.

Among other subjects will be the toxicity of fire gases.

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Phoenix Tops U.S. Again In Fire Program

Phoenix has the best year-round municipal fire prevention program of any city in the United States, according to the National Fire Protection Association of Boston.

Phoenix won first place in a contest for fire prevention programs sponsored by the national organization.

THIS CITY also was named, for the second time, as having the best such program for cities in its population class (100,000-250,000); and for the fourth consecutive time for having the best fire prevention program in Arizona.

The national association's grand award plaque will be presented to city officials tomorrow noon at a luncheon of the Phoenix Association of Insurance Agents to be held in the Hotel Westward Ho.

Fire Chief H. H. Dean will present the plaque to City Manager Ray W. Wilson.

HONOR CERTIFICATES for organizations that have assisted in making the award possible will be presented by Mayor Jack Williams and Dean to the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Phoenix Junior Chamber of Commerce, Insurance Women of Phoenix, Downtown Merchants Association, Phoenix Fire Fighters Local No. 493, Firebelles of Phoenix, Arizona Fieldmen's Association, Boy Scouts of America, and the Phoenix Association of Insurance Agents.

Lester M. Jones, fire prevention committee chairman for the sponsoring Phoenix insurance men's group, will be in charge of the meeting.

J. R. Long, executive secretary of the insurance association, said the fact that not a single fatality resulted from a fire in Phoenix during 1957 attests to the program's value.

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10:00 A.M. Opening Remarks -
Chief Jake Siken, Phoenix
Fire Department, Director of
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Invocation

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Phoenix College
Dr. R.J. Hannelly, Dean, Phoenix
College
Mr. J.R. Cullison, Director, State
Department of Vocational Education
Mr. Jack Williams, Mayor, City of
Phoenix
Chief H.H. Dean, Phoenix Fire
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1. NFPA AIMS AND OBJECTIVES
Mr. Loren S. Bush

12:00 noon - Lunch

1:30 P.M. College Auditorium

2. CRASH AND BURN
Mr. A. Howard Hasbrook

3. WHAT'S NEW IN THE FIRE SERVICE
Mr. Emmett Cox

4. TRENDS IN TRAINING
Mr. Leamon L. Wingo

STAFF

Mr. Loren S. Bush, Chief Engineer,
Board of Fire Underwriters of the
Pacific, San Francisco, California

Mr. Harry C. Bigglestone, District
Engineer, Board of Fire Underwriters
of the Pacific, Phoenix, Arizona

Mr. Emmett Cox, Senior Field
Inspector, Western Actuarial Bureau,
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. A. Howard Hasbrook, Director,
Aviation Crash Injury Research of
Cornell University, Phoenix, Arizona

Mr. Bernard Schwartz, President,
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Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Education Service, State Department
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Mr. John Hayes, Station Manager,
Bonanza Airlines, Phoenix, Arizona

Mr. E.J. Waltenspiel, Engineer,
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Pacific, Phoenix, Arizona

Mr. Frank C. Jones, Chief Engineer,
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Chief H. H. Dean, Phoenix Fire
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1. THE LARGE LOSS FIRES - Mr. Carl
A Weers, Assistant Chief Engineer,
National Board of Fire Underwriters

12:00 Noon - Lunch

2:00 P.M. College Auditorium

2. HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR
TRAINING PROGRAM - Mr. Emmett T.
Cox, Senior Field Inspector,
Western Actuarial Bureau

3. WATER SUPPLY - Mr. Loren S. Bush,
Chief Engineer, Board of Fire
Underwriters of the Pacific

4. THE STORY OF UNDERWRITERS
LABORATORIES - Mr. Henry J. Chateau,
Supervising Inspector, Underwriters
Laboratories, Inc.

COMMITTEE -

Arizona State Department of
Vocational Education
J. R. Cullison, Director
William R. Woodfin, Supervisor

Phoenix College
Bruce K. Moore, Superintendent
Robert J. Hannelly, Dean

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Harold H. Dean, Chief

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ment
Glenn Webb, Casa Grande Fire
Department
Ted Hardy, Yuma Fire Department
Frank Reeves, Tempe Fire Depart-
ment
Ernest Hogan, Flagstaff Fire
Department
Joe Miller, Kingman Fire Depart-
ment
Lloyd Johnson, McNary Fire Depart-
ment
Ivan Allen, Safford Fire Depart-
ment

Notes

DOWNTOWN FIRE HURTS 13; NO DEAD

Store Loss \$500,000

Thirteen persons were injured, none of them critically, when fire swept Cele Peterson's Fashions, Inc., 48 E. Pennington St., late this morning and caused damage estimated at more than \$500,000.

Four of the 13 were treated at St. Mary's Hospital and then released.

MOMENTS AFTER customers and employees had rushed to the street when a sheet of flame broke out through the display windows of the fashion store, more than a thousand spectators crowded into the street.

Fire equipment racing to the scene as smoke poured from the building and clouded nearby rooftops, included four pumping engines and hook and ladder equipment.

Fire rescue squads braved flames to enter the building in search of fitting room employees who were reported trapped upstairs by the smoke and flames.

EMERGENCY CALLS sent out by policemen on the scene brought in ambulances from all local ambulance services. The injured all were taken to St. Mary's Hospital. They included two men and seven women. Two men and two women were treated and then released.

As the intensity of the fire increased spectators continued to crowd onto the scene. Police said they hampered fire and rescue operations in the early stages of the fire.

Police Officer Howard Oliphant, several minutes after rescue squads arrived on the scene, at first reported that police feared several of the employees had been trapped and died inside the building.

SHRIEKS OF hysteria marked the shock which gripped Peterson employees who took refuge in nearby stores after they fled from the building. As police reported that first one, then two and then three and four victims had been removed from the building on stretchers, one of the women, a seamstress at Peterson's, fainted.

Then the calls came tolling out from the crowds in the street as someone saw a fifth and a sixth stretcher bearing the blanketed figures of fire victims toward the ambulances.

Later, however, it was discovered the fears were unfounded as none of those removed from the building had succumbed to their terrifying experience inside the gutted building.

ALL BUT ONE of the persons overcome by smoke were trapped in the old Barrows Furniture Building which is being remodeled for use by Cele Peterson's.

Architect William Wilde, who was redesigning the Barrow's building, said the store had only one exit, in the front, and that there was only one stairway leading down from the second floor.

He said those trapped were probably forced to the rear of the second floor when smoke and flames shot toward the only openings—the stairway, the door and the windows.

HERO OF the upstairs fitting room was the tailor, William Fleischmann.

He tried to lead the hysterical women down the stairs but was driven back by billowing smoke and flames.

Desperate for a means of escape he herded his charges to the front windows. Breaking the glass he helped as many women as he could out onto a wide ledge where

BULLETIN

John Byrnes, representing the machinists on strike, said that a final written list of the demands being made by the union on the unresolved issues was scheduled to be delivered to the Hughes Aircraft Co. at 1:30 p.m. today. The list had been requested by the company. See HUGHES, page 22.

they huddled, waiting for fire ladders.

Fleischmann suffered first and second degree burns about the face and was rushed to the hospital.

THE ONLY fireman injured in fighting the blaze was Robert Rojeski, the first man into the upper story with mask.

Assisted by fireman Laury Gunter, Rojeski saved the lives of six who were trapped in the alterations room.

He was treated for a badly sprained ankle.

R. H. Peck, 826 W. Milton St., a welder, was working in the Barrows building. He said he was outside when the fire occurred and was unable to say how it started.

J. P. Gonzales, a carpenter, Al Lopez, his helper, were in the building. They said fire broke out right beside them but they also were unable to say how it started.

WILDE THEORIZED the fire started among a rack of dresses near a partition between the two stores, spread to a curtain and then jumped to the Peterson shop to the left, where it burst into an inferno with explosion-like force.

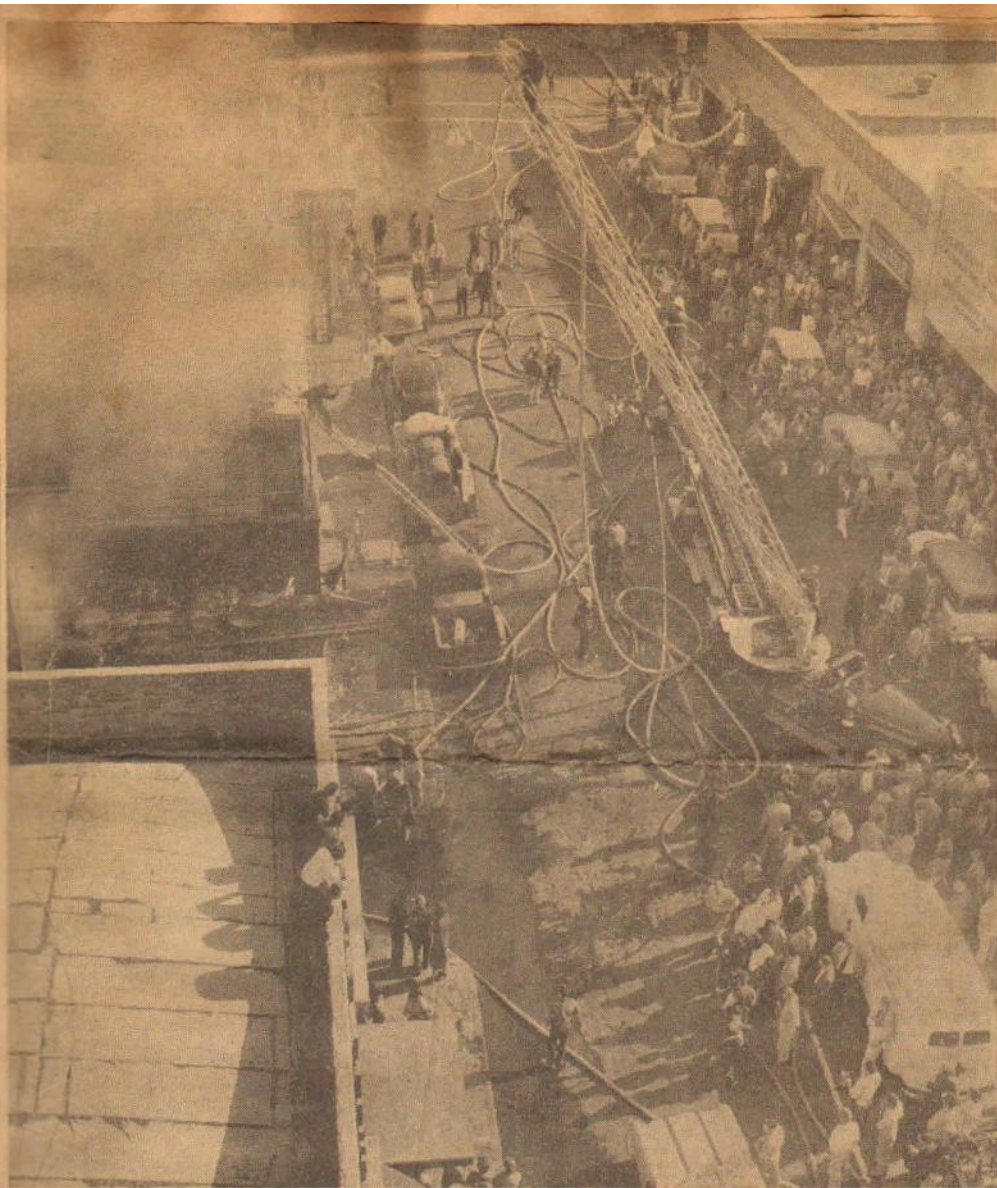
Ritchie Turner, manager of Cele Peterson's, explained that modeling in the store, which had been under way for some time, included construction of a passageway between the main Peterson store and the store immediately east which had been occupied by Barrows.

A LARGE CLOTH curtain had been drawn across the ceiling to cover the opening to prevent fire from spreading.

Continued

More On Fire

Other stories and pictures on the Cele Peterson fire can be found on Pages 11, 32 and 39.



FIRE SCENE FROM TOP OF ADJOINING BUILDING

Paint Cans Burst, Start \$17,000 Fire

PHOENIX, June 6 (AP)—Heat from the sun exploded two cans of paint and started a \$17,000 fire Tuesday at the William E. Johnson metalworking shop on West Sherman, the sheriff's office reported.

The fire spread from the paint cans outside the building to a 55-gallon drum of paint thinner. The drum exploded and the thinner was sprayed all over the building.

The fire was out of control when firemen arrived.

Deputy Lee Dean said the building was valued at \$5,000 and the equipment inside at \$12,000.



LEARNS WIFE WIDE

William Chilikas almost collapsed this morning when he learned that his wife, Cleo, was among the women trapped inside the flaming Cele Peterson's fashion shop. He was hospitalized from shock, but apparently escaped serious injury.

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FIREMEN RESCUE WOMAN



WATCH IN HORROR

Cele Peterson (left) and her daughter, Eve (right), were among the horrified spectators watching from the street this morning as firemen removed the victims of the flash blaze from the fashion store operated by Mrs. Peterson and her husband. Betty Milburn, Citizen Woman's Editor, attempts to comfort them. See story, Page 39.



FASHION CASUALTIES

Dresses strew the floor in Cele Peterson's after flames had burned them off racks in the center of store. They appeared, at first glance, to be human victims of holocaust.

39 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. May 17-56

Applications Taken For Fire Fighters

Applications are being accepted by the Civil Service Commission for participation in the competitive examination for fire fighters.

Closing date for applications is June 1. They may be filed in person at the personnel office, 2nd floor, city hall.

Qualifications include high school diploma, 21 to 32 years old, a minimum of 5 ft. 9 inches in height and 150 pounds, good character and good reputation.

Veterans will receive military preference.

Salary for fire fighters ranges from \$315 to \$380 per month. The jobs also carry sick leave, vacation and pension provisions. Immediate job openings are now reported by the fire department and additional openings are expected to arise during the year.

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Fire Dept. Captaincy Tests Are Scheduled

The city civil service commission has announced a promotional examination for fire captain in the Tucson fire department.

Applications can be filed until April 9 by firemen eligible for the test. Four years' service is required of applicants who are graded on written and oral tests. Service ratings, training and experience are also counted.

CELE PETERSON FIRE HURTS 35



FIREMEN RESCUE WOMAN

—Citizen Photo

No Known Dead Yet

BULLETIN

Six persons trapped in the flaming Cele Peterson store were carried out, unconscious, by City Firemen Larry Gunter and Robert Tojeski. They reported that four of them trapped in the rear of the store were sprawled out as though they had been knocked unconscious by the explosion and the other two were apparently overcome by smoke while trying to get out a front window. The fire was under control and all persons apparently removed from the store at 11 a.m.

Thirty-five persons were hospitalized today after an explosion touched off a fire at Cele Peterson's exclusive women's store in downtown Tucson.

There was a possibility that one woman was dead. All the injured were employees.

Two seamstresses were trapped for a time in the top floor workroom when flames cut off a stairway. C. M. Fruitman, father of the store's owner, was one of the persons injured. He was on the top floor and escaped with several others through a window.

Names of all the injured were not available.

William Fleischmann, 49, of 2325 N. Hampton Ave., alterations supervisor, was one of the most seriously injured.

HUNDREDS of shoppers and downtown office workers jammed sidewalks and constantly pressed against police efforts to keep Pennington street clear for fire hoses.

Traffic was rerouted from Alameda street and Congress, leaving Pennington and parts of North Stone avenue free for movement of fire and police vehicles and emergency ambulances.

FLEISHMANN SAID he was in the alterations department with 12 seamstresses when the telephone rang.

A voice said:

"Come down. There's a fire."

The group ran toward the stairs but were driven back by flames which roared up the stairwell.

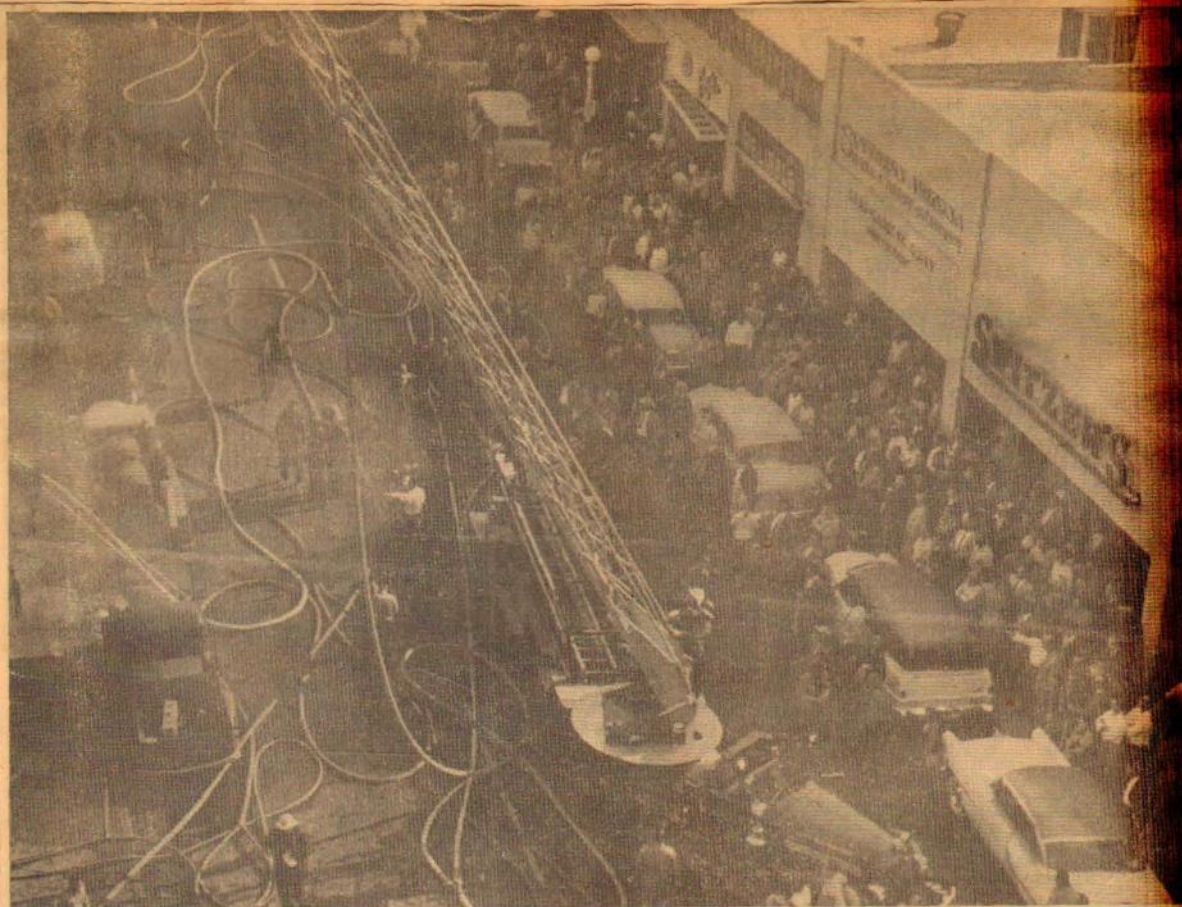
take the 35 employees of the establishment to hospitals.

Most recent spectacular downtown fire was that which destroyed Paulo's Flame Room, restaurant and bar formerly located at Congress and Church Sts. It burned in December, 1954.

The Woolworth store, also in the downtown area, burned in 1941. It was a nighttime fire and attracted less attention.

THEY RETREATED and broke out a window. Most of the group was able to escape, but four women apparently were trapped. Two were rescued by firemen who were on the ground. One of the women who was thought to be dead, Baba Buchner, 15, of 1836 E. 3rd St., a salesgirl, said: "I was working behind the counter when suddenly the curtain in front of me burst into flames. I believe the fire may have been caused by welding work." AN UNIDENTIFIED passerby said he heard an explosion just before he saw the flames break out.

Mrs. Sophia Wachter, manager of a nearby store, said she heard the explosion and saw the front of the Peterson building blown out. The Cele Peterson store is being enlarged and remodeled and the welding operation was part of that project. Among the injured whose names were available were: Jennie Marzano, Daisy Norris, Nellie Amaro, Thelma Wright and Ruth Erickson. All available ambulances in the city were pressed into service to



—Citizen Photo

FIRE EQUIPMENT SNARLS TRAFFIC



Crowd Lines Pennington Street As Rescuers Aid Fire Victims

Police and firemen, foreground, conceal a fire victim, overcome by smoke. They administer oxygen as physician, in bow tie, takes a pulse. Father William McCartin, center, offered consolation to the victims as they regained consciousness before being sent to the hospital. Men in pickup truck, center background,

look as a group of firemen and police carry a victim on a stretcher to an ambulance obscured by fire engine on left. Picture was taken just west of the Celso Peterson store. Fireman W. L. Bierbaum, who brought white rescue truck to scene with resuscitators is at left. (Jack Sheaffer photos)

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DUSANDS SEE SPEEDWAY FIRE

Blaze Destroys Half A Block Of Lumber

Huge Crowd, Lack Of Water Pressure
Hamper City, Catalina, D-M Firemen

By CECIL JAMES

A blazing fire of unknown origin, swept by high northeast winds, destroyed nearly a half of a block of the S & W Lumber Co., 5001 E. Speedway, early last night as 10,000 spectators jammed the area to watch City firemen battle the blaze with four engines and a ladder truck.

Ben J. Wrobel, president of the organization, had no comment to make on the estimated damage which unofficially was reported running into many thousands of dollars.

The milling, gawking and stumbling crowd clogged East Speedway, Broadway, Fifth Street and Swan Road with hundreds of cars—hindering fire and law enforcement units during the early stages of the fire. Only the efforts of the City Police and Sheriff deputies kept the traffic from becoming total chaos.

The fire reportedly broke out around 7:50 p.m. and it was nearly 9 p.m. before firemen brought the blaze under control. The piles of lumber, insulation and roofing materials continued to smolder throughout the night.

No firemen were injured during the battle, although the hard working crew of 22 men choked on the continuous clouds of smoke. Wrobel's wife fainted from shock and excitement while watching the fire but was soon revived and in good condition late last night.

Assistant Fire Chief John F. Steger directed the battle against the fire and was continually hindered by the lack of water power the crews were receiving.

"The water mains out in this area just weren't adequate to take care of our four engines," said Steger. "This area was just recently annexed by the city and the water pressure wasn't strong enough. However, our units did save much material. The four engines are capable of pumping 3,000 gallons a minute, but we didn't get that much out of them."

Fire Chief John H. Freeman had the same opinion about the lack of water pressure. "But I am sure the situation will be remedied," said Chief Freeman. "It takes time and money appropriations to build up adequate water mains in newly annexed areas. "If, for example, a building in the Swanway shopping center had caught on fire, it might have taken the whole area."

One of the first Tucsonans on the scene was Charles Lox, of 5011 E. 1st St. Lox said he heard an explosion and went outside his home to investigate. He saw smoke and fire coming out of the lumber yard.

Assistant Chief Steger agreed an explosion took place but he was of the opinion that the actual fire preceded the explosion.

He also indicated that the fire probably started in the north end of the lumber yard and the winds swept it westward. A row of lumber on the east side of the yard and the business offices on Speedway were not burned.

The home of Glen Robertson, of 1138 Santa Rita, was nearly burned. The house adjoins the north end of the lumber yard. All the furniture in the house was removed but firemen controlled the blaze enough so that Robertson's home was not damaged. The Catalina Fire Department also helped in keeping the blaze from Robertson's home.

A fire unit from Davis-Monthan AFB was also on hand battling the blaze.

A telephone cable adjoining the lumber yard, and carrying 200 phone connections, was burned by the fire. Service should be returned today. Another hazard, a 4,000-volt power line of the Tucson Gas, Electric Light and Power Co., was taken care of when the company cut the circuit in that area until the fire was under control.



Blaze Ravages S & W Lumber Yard

Thousands of board feet of lumber, insulation and roofing materials were destroyed last night as the lumber yard of the S & W Lumber Co., 5001 E. Speedway, caught fire around 7:50 p.m. The blaze was extremely hot and firemen were

plagued by dense clouds of smoke that enveloped them. The lumber continued to smolder throughout the night. A unit from the Catalina Fire Department and Davis-Monthan AFB was also on hand. (Swanee photo)



Tucsonans Flock To Fire

Here's part of the crowd of Tucsonians that flocked to the Speedway lumber yard fire last night. The crowd, estimated at more than 10,000, hampered the early fire fighting by City, Catalina and D-M firemen. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Nuclear Tests Costing Lives, Says Scientist

LOS ANGELES, June 2 (AP)—Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel prize-winning chemist, said Sunday fallout from nuclear tests will cause 200,000 children in each of the next 20 generations to be mentally or physically defective.

In a renewed plea for an international agreement to abandon such tests, Dr. Pauling, an atomic scientist in World War II, also predicted that a million persons throughout the world will lose five to 10 years of life expectancy each if the tests are not stopped.

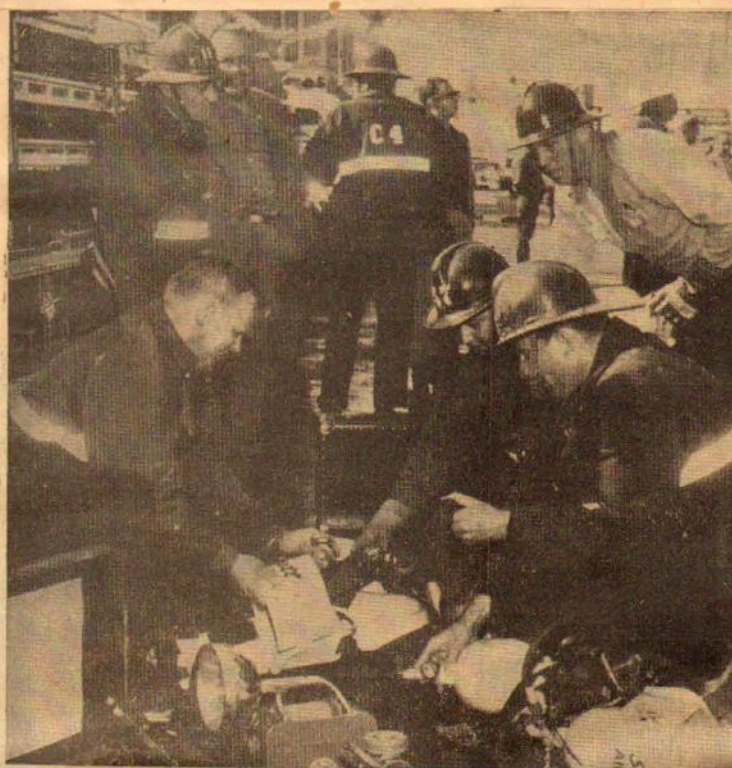
The scientist, in an interview, estimated that a single roentgen of penetrating radiation entering the body can cause a decrease of two weeks of life expectancy. Scientists have said that .15 of a roentgen is the normal lifetime absorption from natural forces.

He said the estimate was based on tests on animals and the death rate among survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the years since



Silent Prayer During Tense Wait

Proprietor Cele Peterson holds her hands in a prayerful position and closes her eyes as another employee was brought from her fire ravaged shop at 48 E. Pennington St. yesterday morning. Sincerely concerned for her 34 employees Mrs. Peterson was almost frantic until she was assured they were all alive and accounted for. She is flanked, left, by her 15-year-old daughter, Eva, and right by Ruth Ybarra, one of her employees.



Key Equipment Helped Save Lives

Tucson firemen sort out the key equipment used in saving the lives of seven persons overcome by smoke in yesterday's fire. Scott Air-Pacs, valued at \$200 apiece, enable firemen to enter smoke filled areas to carry on rescue work as they did in the half a million dollar Cele Peterson fire. Note glove on hand of shirt-sleeved fireman and hose nozzle on pavement foreground. Battery powered light enabled firemen to find their way to the trapped employees.

GOOD MORNING!

How does a woman ever live to be 100 when she stays in her thirties so long?

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Pictorial Highlights Of \$500,000 Fire

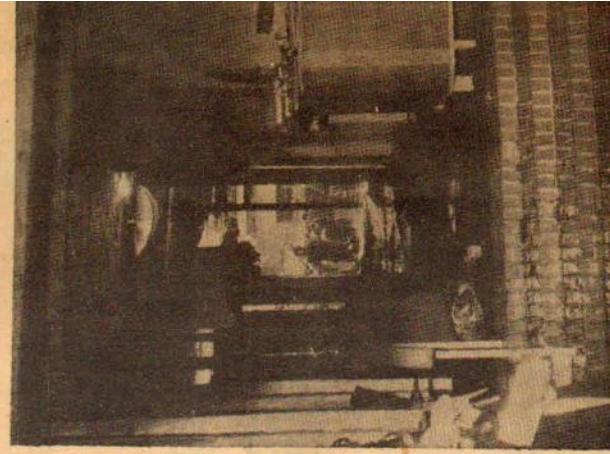
High Working Fireman

Capt. William DuPont directs a stream of water under 250 pounds pressure on the Cele Peterson store as directly beneath the stream a cluster of firemen head towards an ambulance with a woman, overcome by smoke from the fire. Two policemen move in to help. Nine of 13 persons taken to St. Mary's Hospital were suffering from shock, burns and asphyziation. The others were examined and sent home.



Businessmen Rescue Woman

Businessman Fred Stofft helps Cele Peterson's credit manager Essey Burger, of 1711 E. 10th St., from the rear second floor platform of the Peterson store a few minutes before flames spread out the windows just out of picture right. Note smoke top of picture. Just below Stofft is Tom Webb, of the Arizona Ice Co. Behind Mrs. Burger is an unidentified employee waiting to be rescued.



Damaged Interior Of Store

Looking from the rear of the Cele Peterson shop toward Pennington street the least damaged part of the store is visible. Note shattered manikin at left atop stairs. Telephones melted in the heat, their wiring exposed; plastic fixtures bubbled and warped. Smoke alone is believed to have ruined several thousand dollars worth of furs untouched by the flames.



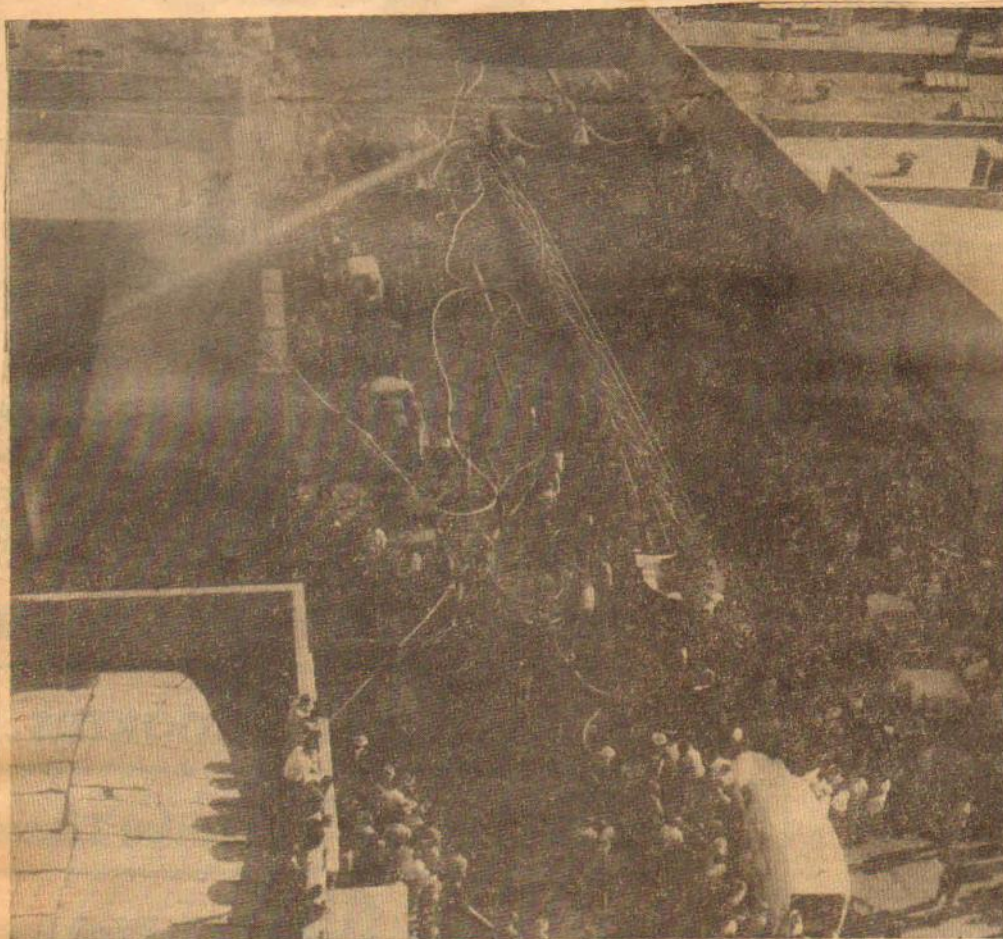
Happy Moment For Mother

Betty, left, and Ruth Ybarra hug their mother, Mrs. Lucia Ybarra, at the scene of yesterday's fire at the Cele Peterson store, 48 E. Pennington St. Betty and Ruth, both employees of the store, rushed out of the crowd to brighten their mother's face as she gazed horrified at the billowing smoke and flames issuing from the store. Neither girl was injured.



Near Tragedy Stirs Deep Emotions

Torment registers on the face of William Chilikas, of 840 E. 8th St. immediately after seeing the apparently lifeless form of his wife, Cleo, 48, brought from the fire by firemen. Cele Peterson, back to camera, tries to comfort him while Mrs. Emma Simons, of 4110 E. Timrod St., shows the concern on her face for her husband, Alex, who was still unaccounted for in the fire. A few moments later Simons was brought unconscious from the building. Both victims were resting well at St. Mary's Hospital last night.



Dramatic Rescue Busy Fire Fighters

Overcome by smoke and shock Mrs. Nellie Amparo is shown being rescued from the second floor of the fire-devastated Cele Peterson Dress shop. Below, a part of the crowd of 2,000, mazes of fire hose, and the fire-fighters in action as seen from the Pennington street roof of the Pioneer Hotel. Mrs. Amparo,

mother of a fireman, was one of seven Peterson employees trapped upstairs, overcome by smoke and rescued. She was one of the most seriously injured in the blaze which the Petersons estimated at \$500,000. For additional stories and photos see Pages 2A and 1B. (Jack Sheaffer photos by Tom Wong)

WEATHER
Forecast for Tucson: Clear today. Windy at times.
Temperatures
Yesterday: HIGH 70 LOW 37
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FIREMEN RESCUE 7 IN BLAZE

Cele Peterson's Shop Is Ruined In Sudden Fire



SOGGY MONEY IN THE TILL

Damage To Store, Adjacent Building Set At \$500,000

By DICK PROUTY

Tucson firemen rescued seven persons overcome by smoke yesterday morning when a lightning-swift \$500,000 fire destroyed the swank Cele Peterson apparel store at 48 E. Pennington St.

The blaze ripped through the building from front to rear in less than five minutes. It was believed started by a spark from a welder's torch, firemen said.

An estimated 2,000 Tucsonans jammed Pennington street to watch the spectacular fire that was dramatically punctuated by oxygen-masked firemen bringing limp, unconscious men and women from the flaming building.

All but one of the 13 employees hurt in the fire worked on the second floor of the shop and the adjacent building, formerly barrows Furniture Co., into which the exclusive women's wear shop was expanding.

Welder Hob Peck, of 826 W. Milton St., had been cutting a steel beam between the stores at the foot of two stairways leading to the second floors of the stores. Firemen believed a spark jumped through a crack in a temporary plywood partition, igniting a curtain backdrop in the front display window.

Almost instantly the whole front of the shop was on fire and the only direct exits from both second floors were blocked by smoke and flame.

★ See pages 2A and 1B for sidebars, full page of fire pictures.

Seamstresses, tailors, fitters, salesladies and office workers were trapped with windows as their only escape route.

Two men and five women in the alterations department, driven by the flames and smoke from the stairway, raced through the black smoke to the rear of the

store in hopes of finding a way out. Others braved smoke and flame by going out the windows facing the street, being helped to the ground by passersby until firemen arrived.

Those fleeing in the darkness entered a large windowless room and became lost. Two found an elevator. It wasn't working. They dropped to the floor unconscious.

Firemen credited a sprinkler system set to go off at 160 degrees with saving their lives. Five of the seven, overcome by smoke, were found directly beneath one of the sprinkler heads in the pitch black, smoke packed room by firemen.

On the other side of the shop four women went out rear windows and were helped to the ground by Fred Stofft, who had placed two ladders from his nearby store at the back of the burning building to help the women down.

More than 30 employees were working in the building when the blaze spread throughout the store in about two minutes, Manager Ritchie Turner said.

"I was standing near the front of the store when a curtain started to burn at the ceiling near where they were cutting into the new store. By the time I got to the wrapping desk, about 20 feet away, flames were all over," he exclaimed.

Eve Peterson, 15, the store owner's daughter, described her reaction: "I just saw that the curtains were on fire and, my God, of course, I just couldn't believe it."

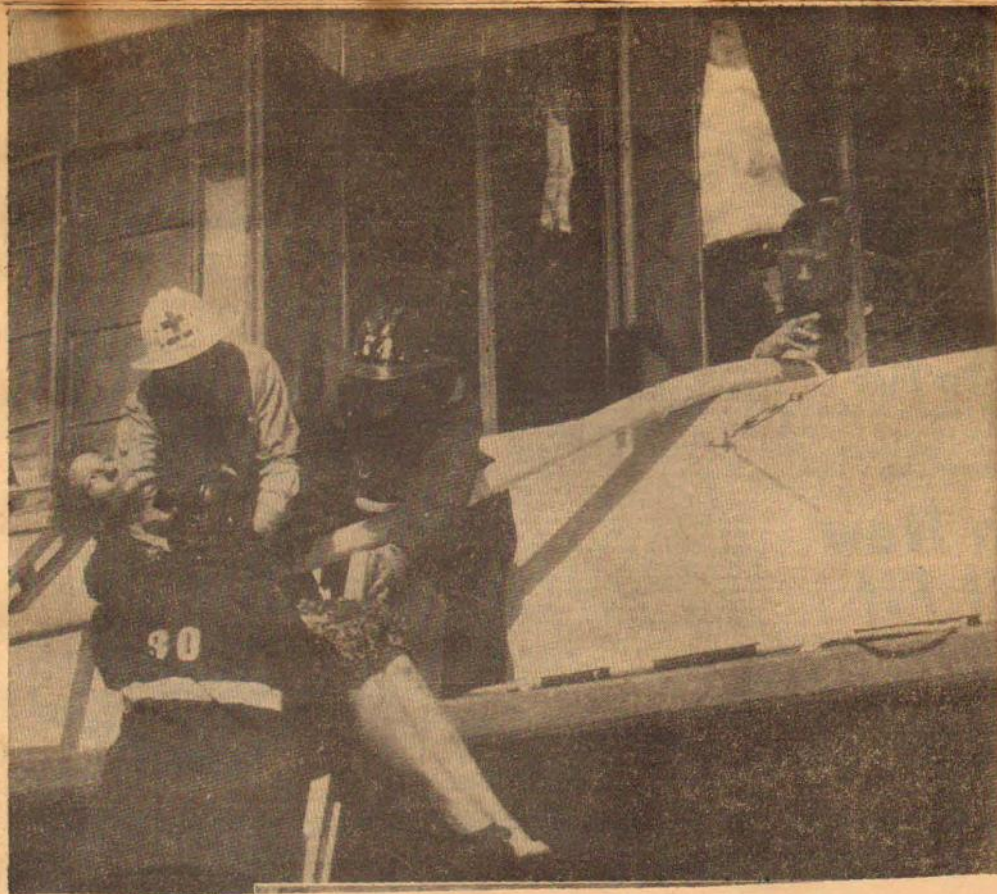
Cele Peterson, who was not at the store when it began to burn, stood near a fire engine, surrounded by friends fretting with soul-searing anxiety about her employees.

"All I want to do is account for my help. As long as they are okay nothing else matters," she said.

As firemen brought a limp, water-soaked man from the burning structure she exclaimed, "No! My God, it's Simons (Alexander Simons.) Later informed Simons would be all right she said, "Thank God," and immediately turned and asked about someone else who was not accounted for.

Using more than 4,700 feet of hose from five fire engines, firemen had the ferocious blaze under control within a few minutes after arriving at the scene. Capt. William Du Pont, atop a 100-foot ladder, directed water on the roof of the building while other firemen entered the build-

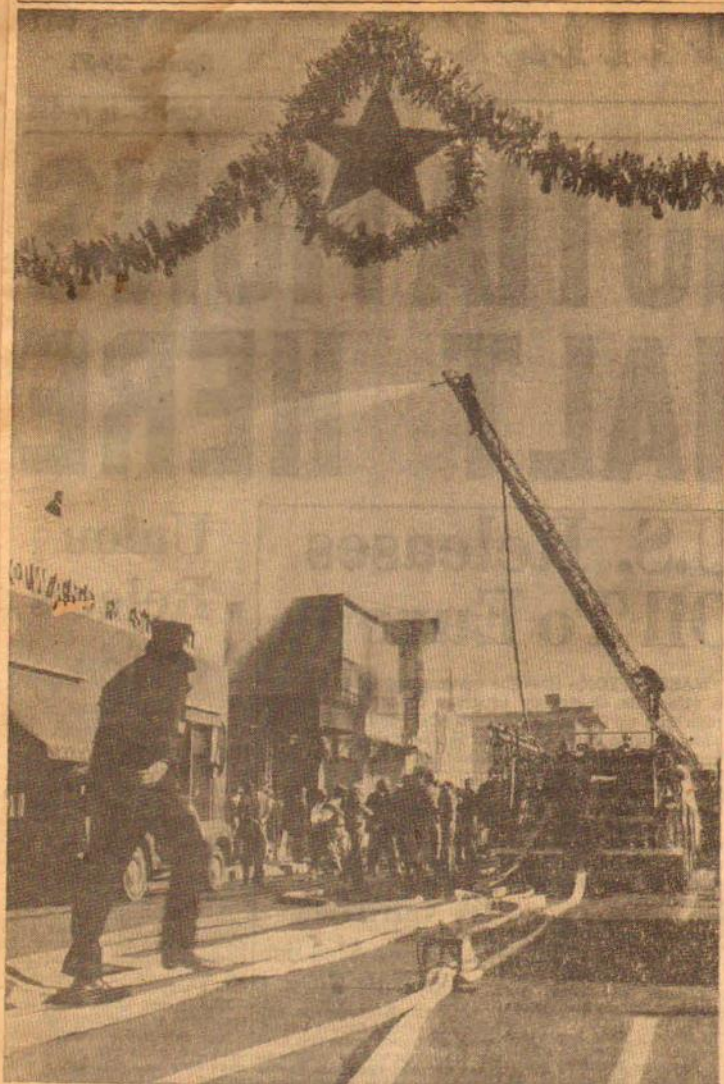
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—Citizen Photo By Bernie Sedler

GONE ARE THE SILKS AND FURS

Yesterday morning this window at Cele Peterson's displayed exclusive fashions to the view of passers-by. Today, after the fire that hospitalized nine employees, only charred carpeting, broken glass and rubbish.



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FRAME FIREMEN FIGHTING BLAZE
CELE PETERSON'S BLACK CHRISTMAS

Q. What causes the so-called "spontaneous" combustion of hay? S.O.L.

A. When hay is stacked in a moist condition, plant-tissue enzymes continue their activities, and microorganisms grow and reproduce. Heat is thereby produced. Highly heat-resistant microbes known as thermophiles carry the temperature still higher. Science has not yet been able to explain the extreme temperatures (as high as 680° F.) sometimes recorded in hay stacks before fire breaks out, but it is undoubtedly some oxidative reaction, in addition to the liberation of heat as explained above.

Fire Runs, Losses Rise In Tucson

Growth due to annexation and an influx of new citizens was reflected today in the annual report of the Tucson Fire Department, covering calendar 1956.

It showed 699 fires inside the city limits, as opposed to 494 in 1955. The total 1956 fire loss was estimated at \$276,928, compared with \$41,791 in the preceding year.

Most of this larger loss last year was in the Cele Peterson Fashions, Inc., blaze, Chief John H. Freeman reported.

Equipment was called for purposes other than fires a total of 756 times last year. In addition to 88 false alarms, these included 152 first aid runs, 264 for autos leaking gasoline and 154 miscellaneous emergencies.

There were 7,338 fires per 1,000 population in 1956, compared with 5,129 in 1955. The estimated per capita fire loss last year was \$2,915; in 1955 it was 49.3 cents.

Equipment was dispatched on more runs, 234, last June than in any other month. The low month was February, with 106.

Cele Peterson Will Rebuild

Nine Fire Victims Still Hospitalized, None Critical

Cele Peterson, owner of the fashionable apparel store in which 13 persons were injured when it was destroyed by fire yesterday, said today she will rebuild at an estimated cost of \$750,000.

Nine of the victims remained in the hospital today, but none was listed as critical.

The lives of two men and five women were saved by dramatic efforts of Tucson firemen braving the flash fire believed touched off by a welder's torch. Only one person was burned. Twelve suffered from smoke inhalation.

Mrs. Peterson, who watched from the street in horror as her employees were carried from the East Pennington buildings yesterday, had words of praise for the fire department and civilian rescuers today.

"I'M JUST so grateful," she said. "We have so much to be thankful for that I just can't tell you how I feel."

Fire Chief John H. Freeman, who supervised fire fighting and the rescue, credited the 28 firemen on the scene for confining the fire to the two Peterson buildings and for saving seven lives.

"I've always said my boys were the best in the world," he said. "Yesterday proved it." Letters of commendation are being sent to the fighters today.

Individual heroisms by civilians were prominent. Of the 35 employees and several customers in

More Photos, Stories

Additional story and picture coverage of the Cele Peterson fire may be found on Pages 2 and 17.

the adjoining buildings, many were assisted in their escape by persons running to the scene.

FRED STOFFT, owner of an office supply store across the alley to the west of Mrs. Peterson's shop, and two others helped a number of employees escape from the second floor in the rear. He was assisted by Tom Webb and William W. Chalmers, a Pioneer Hotel employee.

Several others were helped from the second floor at the front before firemen arrived. Other employees and customers left by the front exit.

Freeman gave the following account of the cause.

The Cele Peterson shop had been sprayed with an anti-insect fog having a petroleum base Wednesday night. Early yesterday, a welder went to work on a three-inch support in the front window of the shop. He was welding a steel pipe supporting structural steel in the Peterson remodeling project which was enlarging the store to extend it into the adjoining building formerly occupied by the Barrows Furniture Co.

FREEMAN SAID the welding operation was protected by a plywood backing which, in turn, had been covered with cloth to shield it from view from the window. Unknown to the welder, Freeman said, a spark touched off the cloth.

Fire, apparently fed by the petroleum film from the spraying, raced up the wall and set the interior ablaze instantly.

Firemen were called at 10:09 a.m. Four pumpers and a ladder truck arrived shortly thereafter.

All but one of the 13 injured were located in the second floor of the shop and the adjoining building. Freeman said the seven persons his men rescued were unable to make their way to windows. They were found on the floor of a windowless section near the elevator, he said.

AN AUTOMATIC sprinkling system was credited by Freeman for keeping the seven alive until firemen could reach them. Spray from the system fell around them, absorbing the heat of the fire.

Firemen, wearing Scott Air-Pacs enabling them to breathe in the smoke, made their way to the victims. They were carried from the second floor down ladders, where waiting ambulances sped them to St. Mary's hospital.

Rescuers reported yesterday that all 35 employees were being taken to the hospital for treatment of shock and burns.

Later, it was decided to give first aid on the scene to all but 13. Four of those were released after treatment and nine were kept overnight.

OF THE SEVEN women and two men admitted to St. Mary's Hospital following the fire, only one—Mrs. Nellie Amaro, 43, of 2034 N. Los Altos Ave.—was "still not too well" today, attendants reported.

Sister Elizabeth Joseph, hospital administrator, said five of the nine employees "are in very good condition and probably would like to go home today." Mrs. Peterson has urged, however, that none be discharged until there is "absolutely no danger," the sister explained.

Except for Mrs. Peterson's father—Charles M. Fruitman, 70, of 123 N. Country Club Rd.—none of the victims suffered burns. Fruitman's head, arm and hand were scathed, but his condition was considered "satisfactory."

MRS. AMARO complained of a severe headache overnight and attendants said she was "being watched very carefully," although there was no evidence of serious injury.

She and the others suffered mainly from shock and smoke congestion in their lungs. There was no instance in which pneumonia was suspected.

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'New' Council, Mayor Hold First Meeting

Membership Unchanged, However; Liquor Issues, PFE Complaint Lead Off Agenda

A new Tucson City Council—whose membership however is not—

Approved agreements for installation of 25 hydrants for fire protection in the newly annexed area. They are part of 152 to be installed on private water lines to qualify the area for reduction of fire insurance rates.

Increased the pay of Enos P. Schaffer, assistant city attorney, from \$525 to \$600 per month.

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Appointed Gordon's Bike Shop and Country Club Bicycle Shop agents for registering bicycles. There are four others.

Declared intention to proceed with Wilshire Heights sewer improvement.

Ordered work started on the N. 16th Ave. sewer improvement.

Approved extending from 60 to 90 days the sick leave city employees may accumulate.

Ordered tabulated bids on the Speedway addition sewers on which the Martin Construction Co. is the apparent low bidder at \$43,483.

WEDSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1959

City Pioneer T. G. Tellez Dies At 81

Trinidad G. Tellez, 81, of 1091 N. Anita Ave., a Tucson pioneer and long-time city employee, died yesterday in a local hospital.

He had retired in 1946 after working for the city for 41 years. He was with the sanitation department and once guided a horse-drawn water sprinkler over city streets.

He was a member of Tucson's volunteer fire department in the days when the fire engines were horse-drawn.

He was born in Los Riales, which at that time was a small village located between Tucson and San Xavier Mission. He often recalled the days of his youth when hostile Indians roamed the outskirts of Tucson.

He is survived by six sons, Trinidad Jr., Marcus, Louis, Nicholas, Henry, and John, all of Tucson; and two daughters, Mrs. Anita Urbina of Tucson; and Mrs. Virginia Ramirez of Oceanside, Calif. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

There will be a Rosary at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Tucson Mortuary chapel and a Mass at 9 a.m. Friday at Holy Family Church. Burial will follow in Holy Hope Cemetery.

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full AUGUST 19, 1959

Ex-Tucson Fire Chief Succumbs

John C. Sievert, retired Tucson Fire Department chief died Monday night in the McNary General Hospital. He had suffered a heart attack Aug. 3 near McNary where he was vacationing. He was thought to be recovering and was planning to return to Tucson when he suffered the second and fatal attack. He was 66 years old.



SIEVERT

Sievert retired from the Tucson Fire Department in 1953 after nearly 32 years of service. He started with the Department in 1922 as a hoseman. By 1939 he had risen to the post of assistant chief, and in 1946 he was appointed chief. He headed the fire fighting force for seven years.

Sievert was born in Janesville, Minn. He first came to Arizona in 1914 and to Tucson six years later.

During World War I he served in France with the 158th Infantry.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter and since his retirement he and his wife had traveled extensively in a trailer.

He was a member of the Arizona Firemen's Association, and of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He was also a member of the Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of 129 N. Melwood Ave., Tucson; a daughter, Mrs. Gene Reid, of Tucson; and three sisters, Mrs. Roy McCall, of Enid, Okla.; and Mrs. Fred Ulm, and Mrs. Hubert Monkres, both of Lahoma, Okla.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Bring's Funeral Home.

WEDSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1957

Prescott To Be Firemen's Host

PRESCOTT, Jan. 16 (Special)—Arizona's oldest volunteer fire department will be host to the 31st annual Arizona State Fireman's Assn. convention in Prescott on June 19-22, Prescott's Fire Chief Jack Custer, general chairman of the 1957 convention, said yesterday.

Hosts will be the members of the Prescott Volunteer Fireman's Assn., headed by Jim Merritt.

Recalling the early days of Prescott's history when the state's first organized fire brigade was operating in 1877, the Prescott firemen are planning to revive the old time hand-drawn hose cart races, once a popular part of each firemen's convention.

CITY OF TUCSON

FACTS ABOUT FIRE FIGHTING AND PREVENTION FACILITIES

1. Fire station #5 is the first new construction of its type in 23 years. It was built to extend city fire protection to residents and businesses within a radius of 1 1/2 miles, and was designed to harmonize with the surrounding homes in the neighborhood.
2. It is manned with a crew of 8 firemen on 2 shifts and equipped with a pumper capable of delivering 1000 gallons of water per minute. Its features include a through driveway and a washdown area and hose drying ramp with a sump. The through driveway permits trucks to be placed in position by entering from the rear which avoid backing into the truck bays from the street, often a traffic stopping operation. Enclosed behind a patio wall, the washdown area and hose ramp is equipped with a sump for carrying off water which makes for a neater and cleaner operation. With its modern design, this station allows for 50% more working space than exists in older stations.
3. Fire Station #5 is linked by telephone and radio to the downtown Central Fire Station as well as all other stations and rolling equipment. In case of a major fire all city equipment can be routed without delay to concentrate on one location. Yet with this complete communication system individual units can be detached to meet the menace of fire 24 hours a day.
4. The city's firefighting forces comprise 85 men which include officers and relief firemen. With continuous drills and instruction periods which simulate actual conditions these men are always ready and competent to protect city residents against loss by fire. A specially equipped rescue truck with a trained detail of men is also kept ready to meet such emergencies as drowning, asphyxiation, electrocution and other fatal accidents which demand prompt action to save life and limb.
5. City firefighting equipment includes 6 pumpers, 1 hook and ladder, and an aerial ladder which reaches a maximum height of 85 feet. Another new station now under construction is located at Norris avenue near Broadway to provide fire protection for the homes and businesses in that area.**
6. Fire prevention is an important part of your city's program to provide maximum fire protection. An inspection detail made up of firemen trained to find and correct fire hazards makes a continuous inspection of homes, businesses and industries to prevent fires before they happen. If you would like to have your property inspected to be sure it is safe against fire you may call 2-3363 and ask for a fire inspector to visit your home or business. There is no charge for this service.
7. With 85 firemen, additional new fire stations as they are needed, modern equipment and continuous inspections for fire hazards, your city fire department works round the clock to protect you against fire. This continuing program for improving our city fire fighting facilities will pay dividends in terms of a lower fire rating by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and, eventually, lower fire insurance rates for city residents.

**Also in reserve 1-750 and 1-500 gallon pumper.

For further details contact Joe Roberts, City Hall 3-6993 Ext 89

Fire Protection—Tucson's first new fire station in 23 years to be opened Sept. 16.

City Gets 3 New Fire Pumpers To Protect Annexed Area

The arrival of three shiny new fire engines this week places the City of Tucson well on the road to completion of Class B fire protection for its newly annexed 21-square-mile area.

All three are 500-gallon-per-minute pumpers. They cost \$8,900 each.

The new engines will replace equipment the city has been renting to give fire protection to the annexed area.

City Mgr. Porter W. Homer predicts the city will have completed the requirements for Class B fire insurance rating in the new area well within the 90 days required.

Here's how the Class B rating is established:

Before annexation the area was rated as Class C. This means unprotected, and results in a high fire insurance rate. With Class B the insurance rates will drop about 25 per cent.

To get Class B rating, the city must install firefighting hose connections on the water systems throughout the area and supply a required amount of men and fire equipment.

If this is done within 90 days after the annexation date the residents of the area get the Class B insurance rates retroactive to the date of annexation.

About 150 water connections must be installed. About half of these will be fire hydrants. The rest are called water points because they do not have the water pressure behind them to qualify technically as hydrants.

About 25 of these connections have already been made and the rest will be done in about a month. Half the area is served by the city water utility and the other half by small private water firms. Three local engineers have been employed to speed up the planning of the system and negotiate agreements for the water points on the private lines.

About 30 new firemen have completed training and are on duty. Since the new engines are here the only thing remaining is to complete the water connections.

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City Receives Offers On Old Fire Trucks

The city has received offers ranging from \$50 to \$500 on three old fire trucks.

A. W. Duvall, of Mammoth, was the high bidder with an offer of \$405 on a 1923 combination pumper and hose cart capable of pumping 750 gallons per minute.

The Pima Merchant Patrol, with offers of \$275 and \$175, was high on a second 750-gallon pumper and a 1917 truck which turns out 900 gallons per minute.

The Tucson Fire Department is composed of 85 men, consisting of: The Chief, Two Assistant Chiefs, a Drill Master, three Inspectors, a Clerk, four Radio Dispatchers, and seventy-three fire fighters. The fire fighters work twenty-four hours and are off duty twenty-four hours. The Chief, Drill Master, Inspectors, Dispatchers, and Clerk work eight hour shifts. The fire fighters eat two meals at the station while on duty and sleep at the station if there are no fires.

At Central Station, there are generally eighteen fire fighters and seven others during the day in space that was adequate 1928 for nine men. Imagine how crowded it is now. You know, our Central Station was built in 1908 to house three horse-drawn pieces of fire equipment. Now there are two pumpers, an aerial ladder truck, a rescue truck, two reserve pumpers, and three cars are there during the day. As with all businesses in the city, the work of the fire department has increased to the point where there is not enough room for the men, equipment, office space, or the efficient operation of the station or equipment.

There are four other fire stations in the city where four men are on duty in each every day.

Because the city has expanded so rapidly, the Fire Department does not have enough fire equipment, stations, or men to adequately protect the city, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the National Fire Protection Association. We would like to keep our good reputation as one of the best fire departments in the West. In order to do so, we need more men, equipment, and stations so that we can protect you as you should be and so we can do good work in extinguishing fires.

Better Pleasure Than More Security

The recent discussion by some municipal officials of the matter of enacting a city ordinance to prohibit smoking in department stores, or in certain areas in such stores, raises the old question of whether it is not better to have more freedom and a bit less security, than more security and less freedom.

Of course, it is true that many fires originate with cigarettes. A few years ago Tucson Newspapers had such a fire, but should that be used as an excuse to forbid smoking everywhere in a newspaper plant! Such a fire can happen again, but rather than forbid the freedom of smoking, it is better to take the risk.

The same principle applies to department stores. Moreover, just why single out a department store, and not apply the

same prohibition to other kinds of stores where the fire risk is just as bad?

As far as the city administration goes, the matter of smoking should be left to the judgment of managers of the individual stores and businesses. If they want to take the risk, that should be their business. If they want to forbid smoking, that should be their business.

Of course, smoking is a bad habit, but it so happens that a large per cent of all people over 16 indulge in it largely because they get pleasure out of it. The happiness so many people get seems to outweigh its bad effects. At least the smokers are willing to take the risk, and that should be their own business. They would rather enjoy a bit more happiness than to have more security.



That Helps A Lot

A workman on the fifth floor of the Arizona Land Title building playfully sends a puny stream of water down upon the flash fire that had already been brought under control by firemen yesterday afternoon.

Spark Ignites Brief Fire At New Building

A brief but spectacular blaze, touched off by a spark from a welder's torch, destroyed a section of a wooden barricade and damaged equipment yesterday afternoon at the Arizona Land Title Building, under construction on N. Stone Ave. and Alameda St.

Total damage was undetermined last night, pending results of an investigation. No one was injured.

The fire, which broke out suddenly and was extinguished in a matter of minutes by the Tucson Fire Department, attracted scores of downtown shoppers and office workers.

Firemen said a spark from an upper story ignited gasoline being transferred from a 50-gallon tank on a compressor to a smaller tank.

Damaged were the compressor, owned by the State Tractor and Equipment Co., and an arc-welding unit owned by the Freeway Rental Agency.

Flames scorched the side of a truck belonging to Winn Mason, a masonry contractor, burned a tire and damaged the truck's cab.

Three trucks from the Tucson Fire Department answered the call.

Police aided firemen by diverting traffic for blocks surrounding the nine-story building.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1957



Gas Blaze Quickly Quenched

Firemen get set to send streams of water toward the blaze that broke out suddenly yesterday at the Arizona Land Title building under construction at Stone and Alameda. The "no help wanted" sign at right apparently served its purpose—firemen had the blaze under control in less than five minutes after arrival. (Photo by Lamont)



FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 1957



BIG SMOKE—SMALL FIRE

—Citizen Photo

Thank You!

I shall never be able to adequately say thanks to all of Tucson for their wonderful showing of kindness. I want to express my thanks publicly to our Fire Department---their quick action, their bravery saved the lives of my employees. I want to say thanks to Fred Stofft, Robert Ison and the other men whose names I do not know, who helped people out of the windows. My special gratitude to Chris Riley and all the ambulance services for their quick response, their equipment and know-how. I want to say thank you to St. Mary's Hospital and to Medical Center, both of whom stood alerted and ready with all their facilities and doctors, for what looked like a nightmare disaster. I want to say thanks too for the excellent care given these men and women; many of them have already been released.

I want to thank the merchants who offered me their establishments and equipment to continue doing business---for the offers of both physical and financial help that poured in from across the nation from friends, customers, business asso-

ciates and manufacturers.

I want to thank the radio, the TV stations and the newspapers for their excellent reporting and for the understanding articles about me. And oh, how I want to thank my friends and customers, one and all, for everything! So many thanks for the flowers, the letters, the telegrams, the phone calls and, most of all, the sincere sympathy, encouragement and prayers in my behalf.

You are the incentive for the new Cele Peterson's, and we shall strive to live up to your expectations.

Sincerely

Cele Peterson

... and now at 2930 E. Broadway MA 4-0441

No More Fire Eating**Urech To Retire After 34 Years****Captain Plans Well Deserved Rest After Serving With Tucson Fire Department**

With 34 years of service with the Tucson Fire Department to his credit, Capt. E. E. Urech may have already answered his last fire alarm. He will retire from service Saturday. Since 1945 he has been at the Menlo Park station, where he is senior captain.

Capt. and Mrs. Urech reside at 1717 E. 8th St., a home they built in 1924. They have two daughters, Mrs. Andrew Buchhauser and Mrs. Sidney Shaffer, both living in Tucson, and seven grandchildren.

Capt. Urech first came to Tucson from Montana in 1919. At the time he joined the fire department in 1923, he was "looking for steady work." The city was at that time a community of about 30,000.

"We had 17 men, including Chief Joe Roberts, in the entire department," Capt. Urech said. "Now there are 119. We were using Sea-grave motor pumps and a Velle chemical and hose truck."

Capt. Urech was promoted to lieutenant in 1930 and was assigned to the Menlo Park station, where he served till 1939. He was pro-

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moted to captain in 1938. At the time he joined the department there were two stations, the central station on S. 6th avenue and the northside station on N. 4th avenue.

In 1939 Capt. Urech was transferred from Menlo Park, but returned there in 1945 to serve out his long career as a fireman. He said yesterday he recalls no particular bad fires in the early days, but he has gone to many blazes in his long years of service. Answering an alarm, he rides on the front seat of the truck.

He has no definite plans for retirement, but likes to hunt and fish and may follow those hobbies occasionally. Doing nothing for awhile, he said, will be in order for him.

**Looking To Future**

After nearly 34 years of riding a fire truck with the Tucson Fire Department, Capt. E. F. Urech will retire from service Saturday. He is seen in his favorite spot on the front seat of the truck at Menlo Park station, ready to speed to a fire. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 25, 1956

**FIRE RAISES DENSE CLOUD OF SMOKE**

Hundreds of spectators were attracted to the area of 98 S. Main Ave. yesterday afternoon as a storage shed belonging to the Copper State Iron & Metal Co. caught fire and sent up heavy black smoke. Four units of the Tucson Fire Department fought the blaze for an hour. Asst. Chief John Steger blamed the fire on spontaneous combustion in oily rags stored in the building. Firemen prevented the blaze from spreading to nearby structures.

MORNING, APRIL 30, 1959

Boy Suffers Broken Foot In Accident

Ten-year-old Richard Robles has a broken foot and a narrow brush with death to prove his classmates' eagerness to go to school.

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Robles, of 719 E. 39th was accidentally shoved into path of a school bus yesterday.

The boy's left leg was run over by the right front wheel of the bus.

According to witnesses, the bus and several other students from Safford School were waiting for the bus on Euclid Ave. just south of 38th St. yesterday morning.

As the bus rolled to a stop, the children crowded forward toward the front door of the bus. Richard was accidentally bumped in the press and fell in front of the bus.

Bus driver George Maple, 40, of 1433 E. Hedrick Dr., said the bus was barely moving at the time.

The boy was treated at the scene by members of the Fire Department Rescue Squad and later taken to St. Mary's Hospital where x-rays disclosed he suffered a broken left foot. His condition was described as satisfactory.



—Citizen Photo

MINISTERS GO TO JAIL

Thirty-two members of the Tucson Ministerial Assn. were given a tour of jail facilities at the police department's tent city and jail annex on Silverbell road yesterday afternoon. Patrolman J. W. Roberts manacles Rev. Charles Ludwig, secretary and treasurer of the association. Rev. Casper Glenn, vice president, looks at the handcuffing from the back of the paddy wagon as does Rev. B. C. Bobbitt (right) president of the Tucson Ministerial Assn. The ministers were also given a tour of the police farm and academy.

C.C. Backs Preventing Of Fires

Special Committee To Push Program

An active fire prevention program will be pushed in Tucson through the co-operation of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce and the city fire department, it was announced yesterday.

First step in the program is the establishment of a Fire Prevention Committee. This group will be formed at a special luncheon sponsored by the Tucson Industries Assn., scheduled Monday at the Chamber of Commerce. William F. R. Griffith is chairman of the group.

T. Seddon Duke, former president of the National Fire Protection Assn., and an ardent leader in fire prevention, will be the main speaker at the luncheon meeting.

Working with Duke, who is assisting the local organization, is Fire Chief John Freeman.

"This is the first fire prevention committee that we've had here," said Freeman, "and I hope everyone throws their support behind the committee."

Duke, who is a regular winter visitor to Tucson, quickly points out that a fire prevention program will not work if there is no co-operation among all groups.

"A successful program of fire prevention needs the total co-operation of all interested groups and the fire department. Usually you will find in a great many cities that the fire department itself spearheads all of the fire prevention activities. It's everybody's job, not just firemen."

Duke cited the remarkable record recently compiled by Phoenix.

The Arizona city won first place for fire prevention among cities of 100,000 to 249,000 population and finished in second place in the over all figure topping such cities as Chicago and Philadelphia.

"The record was achieved," said Duke, "because everybody helped. Don't get the idea that fire prevention is not your business. It's everybody's business."

Duke said he will give details of a fire prevention program at the luncheon. He will also show movies to the business leaders at the meeting.

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Monday, January 24, 1955

Taxpayers To Dissolve Volunteer Fire Company

Taxpayers of the South Park Fire District, completely within the city limits since annexation last August, voted 38 to 2 last night to dissolve the volunteer fire company.

Some 50 persons met at Grace Temple Baptist Church, 1819 E. 31st St., to decide whether they should dissolve the protective unit or maintain it as a taxing entity. City Fire Department services were extended into the area Aug. 20, 1956.

Representing the city last night were City Mgr. Porter W. Homer, Fire Chief John H. Freeman and Alan Hanshaw, assistant city attorney. Atty. W. Edward Morgan appeared for members of the district, recommending dissolution.

Bud Bunch, chief of the South Park company, spoke in favor of retaining it. Property owners in the area, bounded by 25th and 40th streets, Cherry avenue and the Southern Pacific's Nogales

tracks, were assessed \$1.20 per \$100 assessed valuation for 1957.

Homer assured the southside residents the city has no plans to withdraw fire protection. A leased building at the Downtown Airport houses one fire company and Homer said such facilities would remain until a permanent station is erected.

Under the statutory procedure for dissolution of fire districts, the Pima County Board of Supervisors must now accept certification that a majority of the district's tax-paying voters want it dissolved. Upon dissolution, the company's assets, including one used fire truck, become property of the city.

South Phoenix Firemen Tops In Fire Prevention

South Phoenix's 14-man fire department surpassed all others in the state for its fire prevention week program last October.

National Fire Protection Association at Boston placed it first in statewide competition.

IN 1953 the same South Phoenix Fire Department—and almost the same men—placed second.

Judging was based on stimulation of public interest, plus inspections of homes and businesses.

As to public interest, South Phoenix staged a mile-long parade, conducted television shows in its department buildings, and even had an election at the schools, in which pupils voted for the most popular fireman.

Bill Crossley was the firemen's chairman for the 1954 prevention week.

SINCE 1949, when South Phoenix Fire Department was created, it has grown from a one-man, (others, volunteer) company with a single piece of fire-fighting equipment, to a two-station, nine-man department, with six pieces of motorized equipment.

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Fire Guts Warehouse In Tucson

Raging flames silhouette firemen fighting the out-of-control blaze that razed the Phelps Dodge Mercantile Co. warehouse at 1626 E. Factory St. last night. The damage was estimated at \$50,000. Sparks from the fire also caused some damage to the Ryan-Evans building next door. The warehouse was bulging with new stock that had arrived during the past two or three days. The fire also caused disruption of telephone and light service in the area. (Jack Sheaffer photo)



Firemen Battle Blaze

Firemen battle the blaze which destroyed the Mitchell Furniture Store at 704 N. Stone Ave., early last night. The blaze, of undetermined cause, started in some boxes in a shed at the rear of the store. Owner John F. Mitchell last night estimated that building and stock were a total loss. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 18, 1957



—Citizen Photos By Bernie Sedley

FIRE GUTS WAREHOUSE

Flames of undetermined origin destroyed a warehouse on Factory avenue Saturday night and injured one fireman. Three other warehouses adjoining the building were saved by the firemen who were on the scene for almost 10 hours.

Freeman said he had "no idea in the world" as yet as to the cause of the blaze. "But I do want to say that I'm particularly proud of my firemen. About 10 of them are rookies as of this morning, with only 100 hours of training, and I think they've done one of the best damn pieces of firefighting you'll ever see."

There was some seepage of smoke into the Consumer Market, 712 N. Stone Ave., next door to the furniture store. Joe Myerson, whose brother Hymie owns the grocery stock and fixtures, said there would probably be some damage from smoke to certain foods, but that an estimate was not possible last night.

Fire Razes Furniture Store

Loss To Mitchell's Placed At \$235,000

By DAVE SMITH

A quick-spreading blaze of undetermined cause last night destroyed the Mitchell Furniture Store at 704 N. Stone Ave., causing damage estimated by owner John F. Mitchell at about \$235,000.

A force of 27 firemen, with four pumpers and one ladder truck, battled the blaze nearly two hours, bringing it under control about 9:45 p.m. Except for a few firemen who were temporarily overcome by smoke there were no injuries in what Tucson Fire Chief John H. Freeman described as "one of the best damn pieces of firefighting you'll ever see."

The fire was discovered at 8:10 p.m. by City Detective Lonnie Reed. Reed told firemen he saw

two cardboard boxes blazing in a metal shed at the rear of the store.

He ran to a nearby filling station to report the fire and when he returned the entire shed and rear part of the roof of the main building had caught fire, Reed said.

"I've never seen a fire spread so fast in my life," he said. "In just a few minutes the flames and smoke had shot all the way under the roof up to the front of the store."

Freeman said the fire was unchecked after reaching the open space between the ceiling of the store and the roof. "There are no firewalls in that attic, and that's one of the worst kinds of fires you can have. They're almost impossible to control," he said.

Mitchell, who also owns furniture stores at 75 W. Congress St. and 1724 S. 6th Ave., said his stock was a total loss. "Of course I can't be sure, but even smoke and water damage ruins the stuff. And the building is a total loss. I'll be surprised if that roof doesn't fall in." Mitchell added that he had just returned from a buying trip to the east and had recently received several carloads of new furniture.

Mitchell's store manager, Joe Hubbard, said he had locked the building at 6:45 p.m. "I checked every door personally and they were all locked," Hubbard said. "I don't see how a fire could have spread so easily from that rear shed. It was relatively clean — only had a few boxes and packing crates in it, but it wasn't at all cluttered, and there were no oils or liquid inflammables of any kind."

Fire Guts S-W Co.

By JOHN BARNETT

Two big battles raged on East Speedway last night at S & W Lumber Co. — one as firemen fought to halt a blaze that raged through the lumberyard and the other as police fought back the tides of 10,000 thrill-seekers.

The fire at the lumber company began about 8 p.m. and was brought under control shortly after 9 p.m. But it consumed thousands of dollars worth of building materials stacked on the lot at 5001 E. Speedway. An accurate damage estimate was not immediately available.

Main offices of the company, located on the south end of the yard, escaped serious damage.

ONLY CASUALTY of the fire was Mrs. Benjamin J. Wrobel, wife of the company president. Mrs. Wrobel, of 1421 E. Waverly St., collapsed at the scene, apparently from shock and excitement. She was soon revived and was reported in good condition.

Traffic along Speedway was virtually at a standstill from Tucson boulevard eastward as Tucsonians—their curiosity aroused by radio pleas to stay out of the fire area and by the smoke and flames in the sky—flocked to the fire.

Main thoroughfares and side streets alike were cluttered with autos within a two-mile radius of the fire and the area was packed with parked cars and gawking pedestrians.

Police cars and fire engines found it difficult to force their way through the snarled traffic.

Police Sgt. John Lyons estimated the crowd roughly at "at least 10,000—and I wish they'd go home."

Boy Scouts, sheriff's office auxiliaries and bystanders were called on to establish fire lines to keep the milling thousands away and out of danger from the thick smoke and windblown sparks.

To add to the confusion, a corps of amateur photographers was constantly ducking around policemen to get closer to the action.

CAUSE OF THE FIRE has been undetermined.

Charles Lox, 5011 E. 1st St., who reported the fire, told Asst. Chief John F. Steger that he heard an explosion, dashed outside his home and saw a mass of flames in the lumberyard.

Chief John H. Freeman said, however, that he believed the explosion was a result of the fire rather than a cause of it.

A 50-gallon drum was found in the lumberyard, its top blown off. Freeman said he believed the heat of the fire caused the barrel to explode, thus making the blast Lox heard.

Both Freeman and Steger were unhappy about the water supply.

"After we got the thing under control we were okay," said Steger, "but when we first arrived we didn't have near the pressure we should have had."

He attributed the lack of pressure to undersized water mains and insufficient pressure. "As soon as we would use one hydrant, the pressure would sag on another."

Commented Freeman, "This is the sort of thing I've been afraid of ever since this area was annexed. I'm just glad it wasn't any worse—a restaurant or shopping center or something."

"At least nobody was hurt."

Summoned on the first call to the scene were two engine companies and a ladder truck company, followed on a second call

by two more engines. Although the equipment was capable of pumping 3,000 gallons per minute altogether, water pressure allowed only a fraction of that amount.

For a time, it was believed that houses on Santa Rosa boulevard back of the lumberyard were endangered by the blaze, but firemen managed to confine the flames to the lumber area.

One home located in the rear of the lumber company and owned by the family of Glen Robertson, 1138 N. Santa Rosa Blvd., was vacated, with all furnishings moved to a neighboring yard while the occupants soaked the house with garden hose.

Although paint on the rear of the house was blistered by the heat, the house itself was undamaged by the flames.

Telephone and electrical services were disrupted in much of the area as linemen cut wires before the flames burned through them or toppled the poles.

Steger said there is no way at present of telling how the fire began. It apparently started in the north center or northeast corner of the yard, he said, and was fanned by northeasterly winds into the remaining areas of stacked lumber.

Of the company's lumber stock, firemen were able to save only a narrow pile extending along the eastern fence of the lumberyard.

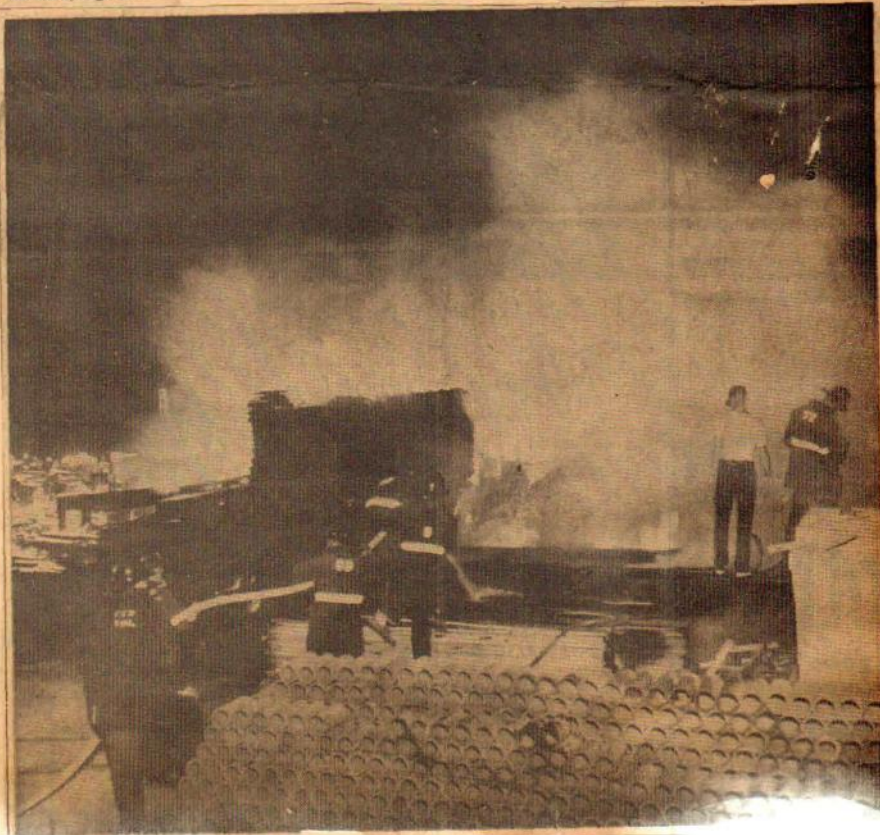
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SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 16, 1957



HOME BURNS—Mrs. Roy Banks of Phoenix breaks down in tears as she arrives from work three blocks away to find home in flames. Fire Capt. Eddie Fisher supports Mrs. Banks, whose husband was away. Fire caused considerable damage.





—Citizen Photos

FIRE LEAVES CHARRED LUMBER

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FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 1959

TUCSON, ARIZ.



County Toll Mounts To 33

Firemen hose down oil and gas from an old model station wagon which almost blew apart when struck by a huge diesel truck yesterday morning at Broadway and Craycroft Rd. A passenger in the car, Louis Ambrosich, 66, of Florence, died

last night in Tucson Medical Center. The car's driver, Mrs. Magdalena Gollob, also 66, of 7501 E. Broadway, was treated and released. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Friday, June 5, 1959

Well-Trained Team Cool In Fire Rescue

TUCSON (AP)—Discipline and training may have saved the lives of six children here yesterday.

The house trailer of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Barry, 1921 E. 34th St., caught fire and was destroyed.

Mrs. Barry was in the yard when the fire started.

THE OLDEST girl, Caroline, 15, screamed the house was on fire. Mrs. Barry rushed in. But by the time she reached the blazing back bedroom, which took only a few seconds, Caroline, Carol, 12, and Dorothy, 9, already were carrying their three little brothers to safety.

The boys are Edmund, 4, Thomas, 2, and Kevin, 8 months.

"Thank goodness for my well-trained children," Mrs. Barry exclaimed.

"We trained them what to do should an emergency arise. It did. They pitched right in, despite the smoke and flames, and managed to get out of the house calmly and quickly. I don't even think about what might have happened if they had panicked."

MRS. BARRY formerly was employed by the Tokyo office of Stars and Stripes. She lost her paintings, short story manuscripts, and other writings.

The trailer recently was given them by friends, and was used as a workroom and storage space behind the main house.

Barry is an electronics engineer at Hughes Aircraft.



—Citizen Photo

FIRE DAMAGES DUPLEX

City firemen move in to fight flames which caused damage estimated at more than \$3,500 to this 10-room duplex at 834 and 841 W. Franklin St. last night. Four persons in the building when the fire was discovered escaped unharmed. They were the owner,

Mrs. Lupe Urbina, and her sons, Arcy, 16, and Albert, 15, and Mrs. Toni Martinez. Asst. Fire Chief John Steger said the blaze apparently started in a chicken pen beside the building. Fire damage to the dwelling was confined mainly to the attic and roof.

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 3, 1957

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—Citizen Photo

FIREMEN WAIT FOR WATER



—Citizen Photo By Bernie Seely

'THE CATECHISM CLASS HAD ENDED . . .'

Father Ignacio Bach tells Asst. Fire Chief Harold Mickola that a group of youngsters had left the community hall of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church shortly before a fire was discovered in the building late yesterday afternoon.

Church Fire Blamed On Children, Matches

A fire that burned out the community room of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church yesterday was kept from spreading to the sanctuary by a thin wooden door and a crew of fast-working city firemen.

The blaze—which did an estimated \$2,100 damage to the church room—was believed started by children playing with matches, according to Fire Chief John H. Freeman.

A catechism class of first and third graders had left the frame building at 831 E. 31st St. a short time before the fire was discovered.

The church hall joins the chapel, forming an L-shaped structure, and the two areas are separated by a wooden door. Firemen confined the blaze to the large community room, although there was slight smoke damage to the sanctuary.

Members of the three fire squads laid 1,400 feet of hose to reach the wooden structure and battled the late afternoon blaze while the faithful carried sacred vessels, sacraments and statues from the sanctuary.

Father Ignacio Bach said the Tucson Diocese carried fire insurance on the church.

APRIL 3, 1959

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1957

City Seeks Talent For Fire Dept.

Chief Cites Liberal Pay While Training

The City of Tucson is looking for young men who are able to measure up to the requirements of being a fireman.

"It's one of the few civilian jobs I know of," Battalion Chief L. F. Peterson said yesterday. "where young men without training are wanted for a job, be schooled for and receive a regular salary at the same time."

"Right now is an especially good time for men interested in a job with a future to join the department," Chief Peterson continued. "Tucson is growing so rapidly now that we have a lot of expanding to do within the department to keep up. This means there will soon be a lot of promotions coming along."

Firemen begin at the basic salary of \$315 a month. It's a Civil Service job which carries all the pension, vacation and sick leave rights and privileges of the commission.

"I think men with no experience as firemen whatsoever have the best chance," Peterson said. "We school them and if they're inexperienced we don't have to break them of bad habits!"

Candidates who pass the examinations will be trained as fire fighting engineers, a skilled profession which many colleges are now offering courses in. Candidates must be 21 years old, but not more than 32. He must pass both a physical and a written examination. There are certain exemptions for veterans. Candidates must be legal residents of Arizona.

Anyone interested in the remunerative and interesting career offered a professional fireman should contact the personnel office on the second floor of City Hall.

ARIZONA, MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 17, 1958

Variety Store Blaze Blamed On Burglars

Fire heavily damaged a Sprouse-Reitz variety store on N. Campbell Ave. near Grant Rd. yesterday and police believed it to be a case of arson caused apparently by a burglar. The blaze charred the rear portion of the store, destroying a loft storeroom and an office.

Two teenage employees of the Catalina Theater, next door to the variety store, discovered the fire at 2:15 p.m. while sweeping a rear theater ramp.

The two, Ray Austin, 16, of 1800 E. Seneca St., and Mark Adelman, 17, of 6401 E. Baylor Dr., said their attention was attracted by a dull explosion and the sound of breaking bottles. They called the fire department.

The first firemen on the scene found the rear door open and flames pouring out. Unable to enter the fiercely burning interior, firemen had to break two glass brick windows about 10 feet from the ground to fight the flames.

Chief Harold Mickola said approximately eight holes had to be

chopped in the roof so water could be poured on the source of the fire.

Police said the fire could have been set by a burglar. A screen door was found slashed and an inner steel fronted door had been pried open.

Investigation was hampered by fire destruction and lack of knowledge of what was missing, police said.

The front of the store was not damaged by the fire but suffered heavy smoke and water damage. The neighboring Time Market, 2340 N. Campbell Ave., and the Catalina Theater escaped damage, firemen said.



School Records Destroyed

Fireman Aurelio Lopez attempts to salvage some of Wakefield Junior High School's permanent records after vandals broke into the school late last night and fired the files in the registrar's office. Preliminary investigations indicate the fire may have been set by juveniles. (Jack Saeffer photo)



Sportsmen-Firemen Send Kid To Camp

These five members of the Tucson Fire Department and others chipped in voluntarily to help Send-A-Kid-To-Camp, the annual project sponsored by the Arizona Daily Star Sportsmen's Fund. Left to right are Capt. W. P. DuPont, former Tucson High athletic star; Mark W. Cox, ex-Illinois High School track star; Aurelio S. Lopez, 1938 marbles champion in Tucson; Robert B. Slagel, ex-gridder for St. Johns, Mich. High School and A. J. Carranza, former Tucson High baseballer. (Jack Saeffer photo)

Fire Guts Office In Jr. High

Juveniles Blamed In Wakefield Blaze

Fire of undisclosed origin gutted the registrar's office of Wakefield Junior High School, at 400 W. 44th St., late last night. Damage was estimated at several hundred dollars.

The fire, which was first reported at 10:47 p.m., brought seven pieces of fire equipment to the scene as city and southside firemen managed to confine the blaze to a storeroom in the registrar's office.

When firemen arrived on the scene smoke was billowing from the roof but city and southside firemen kept the blaze to the storeroom which contained papers, books and miscellaneous materials.

Although smoke filled the entire two-story structure, Assistant Fire Chief Jack Steger said that a thorough airing during the night would make it possible for classes to be held today.

Preliminary investigation disclosed that the blaze may have been set by juveniles. An obscene message on a folder in the principal's office led Steger and investigating city patrolmen to believe that juveniles may have been involved.

Patrolmen determined shortly before midnight that entry to the school was gained by breaking a window in the west wing of the building. Blood was found on shards of the broken glass, leading officers to speculate that the juveniles entered the registrar's office to obtain bandages kept there by the school nurse.

Chief Says Inspection Cuts Fires

The best way to combat a fire is before it starts, Chief J. H. Freeman of the Tucson Fire Department told members of the Tucson Rotary Club yesterday. The chief gave some demonstrations of how easily fires can be started.

A lighted cigarette may start a fire while the car is being filled with gas, he said. Fire prevention by observing rules of caution at all times will greatly reduce the fire loss.

Chief Freeman indicated that regular inspection by firemen trained to spot fire hazards is the best means of fire prevention. By periodic inspection of business buildings and residences, firemen learn the layout of the buildings and the best means of fighting fires in case they start.

Inspections have paid off in Tucson, Chief Freeman told the club members. He quoted figures to show that the number of fires in both residence and business buildings has decreased as the number of inspections has increased.

In 1935-36 there were 105 business fires and 150 residence fires, with only 16,000 home inspections. The next year, with 23,649 home inspections, the residence fires dropped to 139. There were 67 business fires. In 1937-38, with 23,446 home inspections, residence fires dropped to 101. Business fires numbered 62. Meanwhile in the three years the city population had increased from 85,000 to 103,000.

Monday, June 4, 1939

Firemen Open Meet

By THELMA HEATWOLE

KINGMAN (Special) — Smoke eaters from the four corners of Arizona, as well as a contingent from Las Vegas, Nev., yesterday opened the 33rd annual convention of Arizona State Firemen's Association.

The men who stand ready to save life and property took time out for play at a barbecue and dance last night.

This morning, however, firemen will get down to serious business. Top item on the agenda: Discussion of a firemen's relief and pension bill which they hope to have ready to present to the state legislature this fall.

ON THE speaking agenda this afternoon will be Ivan L. Pearsons, chief of the McMinnville, Ore., fire department and president of the Pacific Coast Intermountain Association of Fire Chiefs.

W. R. Woodin, Phoenix, state director of vocational education and superintendent of industrial education, will also speak.

Highlight of tonight's banquet will be the presentation of a trophy to the "fireman of the year."

GOVERNOR Fannin, banquet speaker, will present the award.

Jay Stevens, of San Francisco, secretary of the association of fire chiefs, will speak tomorrow morning.

Drawing special interest tomorrow also will be a life saving type demonstration when a representative from the Colorado Bureau of Mines will asphyxiate white rats and then bring them back to life again through a new technique of resuscitation. Title of the demonstration is "The Air We Breathe."

Allen Safford, association president, will preside over the sessions.

Mrs. William Gardner, Phoenix, is president of the state auxiliary.

Firemen Serve In Many Emergencies

By DONNA JENKINS

The card-playing, cigar-chewing, feet-on-the-table fireman has disappeared . . . at least in Tucson. The Tucson Fire Department is too busy with its many activities for any time out.

Among the most important, and yet little known, facilities of the department is the rescue squad. This group is of special interest to the housewife because most accidents requiring its services occur in the home.

Every man in the department must take an American Red Cross first aid course and be qualified to carry the Red Cross card. Each year he must review the work and renew his card. Instructors are local firemen who have been trained by the Red Cross. A newly added



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course is a class in emergency delivery technique being given by Mrs. Betty Ord, head of the local Red Cross nursing. The men are taught what to do "until the doctor arrives."

Equipment of the rescue squad is carried in a white panel truck, gift of the Oil Information Committee and civic organizations. Much of it was donated by individual citizens. The equipment includes two resuscitators which can care for five persons, a hydraulic jack, portable cutting torch, Scott Air-Pak with portable oxygen tank, four standard first aid kits, board cardboard and wire splints, asbestos blankets, walkie talkie, forceable entry tools, folding ladder, pike pole, carpentry and mechanic tools, fire extinguishers, stretchers, protective clothing and boots for the firemen, helmets, bed-rolls, blankets, sterile sheets for burn cases, rope, and soap to be used as an emetic.

The squad can handle most cases of emergency rescue or first aid nature and will answer all calls within a reasonable distance. There is no charge for the service and the squad answers from 12 to 20 calls per month.

When a call comes in to the department the operator turns on a wire recorder. If the call is an emergency the recorder enables the operator to play back the record and check his information if necessary. Also, as he answers the call, he turns a switch connecting him directly with the police department so the police operator hears the call at the same time and the information need not be repeated. This saves time if the call must be sent to another department and also allows the police to arrive at the scene as soon as the squad does. From the time a call is received until



During a practice session of the rescue squad, Gus Mazon takes the part of an accident victim. Giving him assistance are (from left to right) Capt. Russell Sprung, Ben Landow and Jim Roberts. (Sutton photo).

the rescue squad rolls, between 15 and 30 seconds have elapsed. If the call cannot be handled by the squad, the operator relays the call to police, sheriff, doctor or ambulance.

Capt. Russell Sprung gave the following suggestions to women who may call the department. Phone the fire department and give the operator the address, tell him the rescue squad is needed, give him the nature of the emergency and above all do not hang up until the fireman has all the information. He cited as a case of misunderstanding the woman who called and asked that the fire department send help. When four trucks arrived it was found she needed the rescue squad instead. He suggested that persons with asthma or heart trouble or any illness that may necessitate breathing aids, paste the fire department number on the telephone.

Concerning cases the squad had handled here, he said the most common were children choking or caught in something. For example, a boy got his hand caught in a door by the hinges. The squad removed the hinges and the child was free. Another case was solved by removing

hinges when the department received a call from a sorority house. Someone was caught in the phone booth under the stairwell. When the firemen removed the door 11 gasping girls fell out. They had squeezed in so tightly that they could not open the door which swung inward.

Another call concerned a woman whose hand had been caught in a garbage disposal unit for two hours. After trying every method they knew and failing the squad finally removed the sink and cut away the unit to free her.

Other cases concerning children include hands caught in wringers and children in garbage cans and pipes. Of course, that old stand-by, a child locking himself in the bathroom, is always a headache. One of the men said he had found a fool-proof way to get a child to unlock the door himself if he was able. If the child was a boy he said, "Open the door, little girl, and come out." Eventually the boy is mad enough to open the door and come out to prove he "is not a little girl!"

On the humorous side, a caller from a local swimming pool stated that a man was drowned

and lying on the bottom of the pool. When the squad arrived one of the men jumped in, clothes and all, to pull the victim out. As they surfaced, the 'victim' spluttered that he was cleaning the pool and what was the big idea.

Many cases, of course, are not humorous and sometimes the squad is unable to help. But, it is always ready to try. Particularly, Captain Sprung says, in emergencies involving respiration difficulties, first aid needs and persons caught or trapped in some way.

Captain Sprung said that during the electrical storms last summer the squad aided women caught in almost every elevator in town. One was able to free herself by pressing the emergency button after the squad passed matches to her so she could see. Others were taken from cages through the trap door in the top after ladders were lowered from the floor above.

In any emergency, Captain Sprung says, if in doubt, call the fire department as it can quickly relay the message to another source of help if the rescue squad can't handle the job.

Expert Hopes To Give Tucson Sound Fire Prevention Plan

Leading Authority Offers Services

"Fire prevention is just people."
"Most people aren't interested in fire prevention because nothing ever happened to them—fires always happen to other people."
"One of the most abused words is fireproof. A stove is fireproof, but its purpose is to burn its contents."

Those are just some of the straight-to-the-point observations that brighten the conversation of T. Seddon Duke, one of America's



T. SEDDON DUKE

foremost authorities on fire prevention.

Duke, a self-made industrialist of the old school who worked up to the presidency of the Star Sprinkler Corp. of Philadelphia, is going to give Tucson the benefit of his long years in fire prevention during February. Interested committees of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce will confer with him, and, with fire prevention his prime interest, he hopes an active fire prevention pro-

gram, year-round in nature, might result from the talks.

"Right now he is, as he has been for some years, a winter visitor, getting in a little golf each day at the Tucson Country Club, and visiting with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Miller, 6502 E. Santa Aurelia.

Three months ago Duke completed a two-year term as president of the National Fire Protection Assn., a nationwide organization that maintains a continuing study of fires and the best ways to prevent and extinguish them. The list of other allied organizations to which he belongs, and the honors he has received in his field, is long. Right now, he's most proud of an engraved gold watch the NFPA gave him, and a colonel's commission awarded by the governor of Louisiana for helping whip into shape a new state fire code.

Pending further talks with Tucson officials and businessmen, Duke diplomatically refrains from criticizing the Old Pueblo's fire prevention activities.

He will tell you, however, that to attain a high rating, a city must provide for monthly inspections of business buildings. And he will note that Los Angeles keeps 115 men hard at work in the fire prevention bureau of the fire department—or that a prominent fire chief recommends that a fire department should spend 50 per cent of its time in fire prevention work.

And he does have at his finger-

tips accurate statistics regarding fires.

In 1935 there were 1,977,350 fires of all kinds in the United States, and the damage totaled \$1,140,708,000.

Of business firms hit by severe fires, 43 per cent do not resume operation; 17 per cent are unable to make financial statements after a big loss by fire; 14 per cent suffer severe reductions in credit ratings after a fire; 26 per cent suffer heavy losses in their orders.

In behalf of fire prevention, Duke cites that California residents have saved \$18,000,000 in fire insurance premiums since a vigorous fire prevention program was started in 1948.

Fire prevention, Duke says, is a year-round job—a job that must have the active backing of community leaders, who in turn must sell it to the residents and businessmen. Every store owner must believe in it, and must train his employees how to prevent fires, how to put them out, how to escape in case of a sudden, severe blaze.

Tucson, Duke points out, is in the fourth class of cities as listed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. (First class is almost impossible to attain, and America's best-prepared cities usually rank second class.)

To boost Tucson up to a higher class will take the combined efforts of everyone, Duke believes—and it may be a four or five year job.



Blaze Threatens Hospital

A potentially dangerous fire, carried by flowing molten tar, burned two tar machines and damaged the wall of the new addition to the emergency ward of the Pima County Hospital yesterday morning. Hot tar blazed up in one machine and spread to a second machine 20 feet away. The billowing flames then spread to a bucket of tar on the roof of the addition and heavily damaged the newly constructed brick wall. Workmen at the scene attempted unsuccessfully to fight the fire with sand. Shown here are firemen from Southside, Tucson and South Tucson Fire departments, who finally extinguished the flames. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

The Arizona Republic

Fire Rating Study Set

Phoenix's first fire rating study since 1938 will get under way next week, Fire Chief Harold Dean reported yesterday.

A city's fire rating by the National Board of Fire Underwriters has some effect on fire insurance rates.

Dean said underwriters' engineers will study the water supply, fire department, and structural conditions of buildings. He said the engineers also take into consideration building codes, police, and other factors in arriving at a rating.

Dean said climate is also considered, and that Phoenix is scored low on this count because of its hot, dry, windy weather. Phoenix holds a rating of 4-B. A "perfect" city would be scored 1.

Flaming Robe Severely Burns Girl, 7

A 7-year-old Tucson girl received severe burns this morning when her robe caught fire from a radiant heater in the bathroom.

Maisie Lux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lux of 830 W. Alameda st., was taken to St. Mary's hospital where officials said she was in a "critical con-

dition and shock" from the burns which covered an extensive portion of her body.

The little girl was getting ready for school when her chenille robe ignited. She ran screaming into the living room where the flames from her clothing set fire to a window drapery. A portion of

the wall and a door frame were charred. Engine company No. 4 of the city fire department prevented the fire from further damaging the house.

The child's mother pulled off the flaming bathrobe, but not before the little girl had been severely burned.



—Citizen Photo by S. C. Worman

CHARRED GARMENT TELLS OF MOTHER'S FRANTIC EFFORT

Charred remnants of robe torn flaming off 7-year-old Maisie Lux today by her mother are examined by Fire Capt. Wencie Higuera (left) and Patrolman Charles Machek.

City's 1949 Fire Loss Drops To Lowest Mark in 10 Years

Tucson's fire loss, despite a continuing increase in population and construction, dropped to an almost record low of \$47,600 during 1949. This is the lowest loss recorded since 1939, when it was \$18,468, and the second lowest in the past 14 years.

Last year's loss compared with \$336,200 in 1948, and an all-time high of \$489,576 in 1946. The 1947 loss also was exceptionally high, being \$368,494.

Mark Passed

Tucson's fire losses have passed the \$100,000 mark six times in the past 15 years. Other years in excess of that figure were: 1937, \$112,475; 1941, \$238,574; 1943, \$315,926.

As against these large figures, losses for other years were: 1935, \$24,296; 1936, \$76,770; 1938, \$54,435; 1939, \$18,468; 1940, \$97,900; 1942, \$78,716; 1944, \$97,018; 1945, \$77,318; 1948, \$47,600.

Total loss for the 15-year period was \$2,348,572. This makes the average annual loss \$156,571.

Improvements Cited

Chief J. C. Sievert attributes at least a part of last year's good record to numerous improvements including greater fire prevention work, more training, additional personnel, and additional modern equipment.

Heavier losses during 1946, 1947, and 1948 were caused to a great extent by some large industrial fires which included wholesale grocery houses. A heavy loss from one school fire also contributed.

Three large fires alone, Sievert said, contributed \$252,000 of the \$336,200 loss in 1948.

"Even with these large fires discounted," Sievert said, "the average monthly loss in 1949 was \$3,000 less."

Personnel Listed

Present personnel of the department is 63, including the chief, two assistant chiefs, 15 captains, 14 drivers, 12 firemen first class, and 10 firemen second class. One of the captains temporarily is assigned to maintenance of the city's radio equipment.

Improvement in training includes two drill periods daily plus personnel drill with the apparatus to which each fireman is assigned. All personnel has completed the standard Red Cross course of instruction in first aid, and all have restricted radio-telephone operators' permits.

Radio Equipment

Like the police department, all fire department automobiles and apparatus have been equipped with three-way radio. The apparatus also has been equipped with public address systems.

A fully equipped new fire engine, with 2,400 feet of hose, was purchased during the year. One engine was transferred from active to reserve service, and 1,000 feet of old hose was released to the city shops.

An outline of specifications for a drill tower have been completed, and a suitable site recently was reserved for the building.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1956

Fire Department Seeks Employees

The city fire department, which goes on a 66-hour week Jan. 1, is looking for firefighters among men 21 to 32 years of age.

Albert Hesselberg, city personnel director, announced yesterday that Dec. 27 is the closing date for filing applications for the next test.

Veterans are exempted from the age requirement.

All candidates must be at least 5 feet 9 inches tall and weigh 150 pounds and be graduated from high school or have equivalent education.

The salary range is \$315 to \$380 per month.

Fire Dept. Slates Promotion Exam

A promotion examination for the position of fire captain in the Tucson Fire Dept. was announced yesterday by Albert Hesselberg, personnel director.

Firemen with four years' experience in the Tucson department are eligible.

Candidates must file applications by May 31. They will be given written and oral examinations and will also be rated on experience.



STUDENT WITH DOLL AND INSTRUCTOR

City Fireman James E. Roberts demonstrates his knowledge of resuscitation on a doll for Mrs. J. Lester Hearn, instructor trainer for the Tucson Red Cross.

34 Students Complete First Aid Training Class

A class of 34 has just completed the Red Cross first aid instructor's training and the city firemen made up the bulk of the class by having 25 members.

The course was conducted in the main fire station by Mrs. J. Lester Hearn, instructor trainer for the Tucson Red Cross.

All members of the class are now certified to teach first aid classes for certification. The firemen will now be required to return to their respective stations and give first aid instruction to all personnel at the city's seven fire stations.

Other members of the course represented the city police department, sheriff's department, teachers from St. Joseph's Academy and Salpointe High School, a student from the University of

Arizona who plans to teach in Ajo, an auto mechanic, a seamstress and a federal employee.

The new instructors were introduced to some of the newer techniques of first aid which included infant resuscitation by mouth-to-mouth breathing, hazards in the use of the tourniquet except in extreme emergency, danger of lockjaw associated with all wounds, modification in the care of a victim in shock and use of the universal antidote for oral poisoning.

The Tucson Red Cross now has 95 volunteer first aiders available to give training and classes are available throughout the year without charge.

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Fire Fighter For Schools

Lester Hoffman, representing Tucson FOE Aerie No. 180, presents Sparky the Fireman to Tucson Fire Chief J. H. Freeman, right. Sparky is destined to meet thousands of Tucson school children in a campaign of fire prevention during the next few months. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

But No Ladder-Climbing

New 'Fireman' To Keep Busy

'Sparky' Will Lecture School Children—Via Tape Recorder—On Fire Prevention

Before too long thousands of Tucson school children are going to become acquainted with Sparky the Fireman.

Sparky is the newest addition to the Tucson Fire Department. And, according to John H. Freeman, fire chief, he's a most welcome one.

"We hope to accomplish a lot with Sparky," Freeman said. "In fact, he'll probably be a busy little fireman for the next few months."

Sparky's job won't be fighting fires. He'll be preventing them. Sparky wears the face of a Dalmatian dog. He wears a bright red fireman's helmet with his name written across the shield and he's a pretty impressive looking little guy.

He speaks through a hidden tape recorder behind his fireman boots.

"We don't know exactly what story Sparky will tell yet," said Freeman, "but it will be on fire prevention. We've had Sparky only a short while and still haven't made up a complete schedule for him. But he's really going to work for us."

Sparky will be taken to schools in the city and county system where he will do his bit to get children to practice safe habits and to watch for fire hazards.

"He really wows the youngsters," said Freeman.

Sparky was donated to the Fire Department by the Tucson Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 180, as a community service.

"Sparky costs over \$300 and I think the Eagles have done a real community service in making him available to us—he'll be worth a million," said Chief Freeman.



Muscular Dystrophy Drive To Start

Members of five fire departments in the Tucson area prepare to distribute posters telling of the Fire Fighters of America fund drive to combat muscular dystrophy. Firemen have asked that Tucsonans march on the various stations the night of Dec. 16 to make contributions to fight the disease. Examining one of the posters are Chief Earl Clayton, Catalina Fire department; Engineer L. R. Keyes, south side department; Jim Roberts, Tucson; Chief Sterling Johnson, Davis-Monthan and L. K. Hammond, Pima, left to right. (Wong-Sutton photo)

Tucson's Fire Fighters Back Dystrophy Push

Tucson's fire fighters will join firemen throughout the nation Thursday in a march to collect funds to fight muscular dystrophy, a fatal disease for which there is no known cure.

In Tucson, the International Association for Fire Fighters, local No. 478, has reversed the procedure and asked Tucsonans wishing to contribute to march on all fire houses in the area.

Lights in all of the stations will be left on that night. Persons bringing contributions to the stations will be shown the station's facilities.

A few days before the march, the fire fighters will mail approximately 40,000 letters to Tucson residents. Enclosed with the letters will be envelopes in which contributions can be returned.

Contributions can be made directly to the Muscular Dystrophy association of America, incorporated, by sending a letter to that organization in care of the Tucson postmaster.

There are at least 200,000 victims of muscular dystrophy in this country. Approximately 130,000 children have been struck down. Eleven persons in Pima county are suffering from this disease.

Muscular dystrophy is incurable, non-contagious, progressive and always fatal to children. It generally strikes children between the ages of three and 13. The muscles of the body gradually waste away.

Sidney Osborne, former governor of Arizona, died of this disease as did Lou Gehrig, famed first baseman of the New York Yankees.

The support of Americans to this cause in 1953 has led to the establishment of 64 research projects, a patient service program and a chain of clinics. Twenty-five per cent of all funds collected in the Tucson area will be set aside for a local chapter when it is organized.

Jim Roberts of the Tucson fire department is chairman for the Tucson area.

All fire-fighting units in the valley, both public and private, will participate in the drive sponsored by the Fire Fighters of America.

Local units joining in the drive are South Tucson fire department, Tucson fire department, South Park fire department, Davis-Monthan air force base fire

department, Pima, South Side, South Park volunteer and Catalina fire departments.

Airmen and their families living in the Wherry housing district at the air base can take donations to the base fire station.

The 13 stations in the Tucson area, excluding the air base station, can be found at the following addresses: 1810 South Sixth avenue; 241 West Ajo Way; 1800 South Park; 3030 East Blackledge; 1915 South Norris and 4719 East Fifth street.

Other addresses are 25 East Blackledge; 5832 South Sixth avenue; 142 South Sixth avenue; 1050 North Fourth avenue; Broadway and Norris; 940 West Alameda and Grant and Vine.

Arizona Law

You're Guilty Of Arson If You Burn Own Home

Fire scares us. We don't like fires when they are out of control. They're like death in that they destroy and you can't replace the loss.

But some folks are fascinated by fires, and a few of them go around starting them. They're called arsonists.

Under the old law rule, arson is the malicious and voluntary burning of the house of another, but our laws of today prohibit the burning of a dwelling house or other real or personal property.

IT USED to be that the burning of a vacant dwelling was not arson, but that's been changed, and the law now expressly covers a dwelling house, "either oc-

cupied or unoccupied."

"Burn" is defined as meaning setting fire to, or doing any act which results in the starting of a fire, or aiding, counseling, inducing, persuading or procuring another to do such act or acts.

And, the person that figures to collect insurance by burning his own property is out of luck too.

THE LAW specifically prohibits the willful burning of any building or personal property which shall be at the time insured against loss or damage by fire with intent to injure and defraud the insurer, by the owner of the property, or any other person; and further provides that such a person is guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned for as long as five years.

Every year, millions of dollars of damage is done by fire and it isn't all by accident.

(This legal column is issued under supervision of the State Bar of Arizona, and is written to inform, not to advise.)

Monday, March 25, 1957

'Fireproof' Abused Word, Says Promoter Of Tucson Committee

TUCSON (Special)—One of the most abused words in the English language is "fireproof," says T. Seddon Duke, Philadelphia manufacturer, who has spent 30 years in fire prevention programs.

Duke, a regular Arizona winter visitor, has been promoting the newly-formed Fire Prevention Committee of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, the Tucson Industries, and the city fire department.

"When you think of your home, business or club, think of a stove," Duke cautions.

"The stove is fireproof, but built to burn its contents."

"Too many fires occur because its victims substitute insurance for safety," he continued.

"They may well be insured, although too many aren't," said Duke.

"But there is no insurance to cover the loss of intangibles—lives, productivity and purchasing power of employees, canceled contracts, loss of profits from sales, prolonged shutdown, loss of records, and relocation of plant."

A longtime top official in the

volunteer National Fire Protection Association, Duke just completed a two-year term as president of the nation-wide fire prevention study group.

PRESIDENT of the Star Sprinkler Corporation of Philadelphia, Duke annually writes a series of fire safety columns for the Chamber of Commerce News of Greater Philadelphia.

Though he often speaks in statistics, Duke regards fires as personal offenses. He approaches fire fighting in the positive. He will not criticize existing standards.

But he constantly praises the cities . . . Where parents can be prosecuted for leaving children alone . . . Where half of the fire-

department's efforts are in the prevention area . . . Where there are monthly inspections of business buildings . . . Where there are enthusiastic school and public education programs.

DUKE commended Phoenix for close cooperation between its fire department and public in winning first place for fire prevention among cities of 100,000 to 249,000 population last year.

Among the worst offenders, Duke believes are parents who leave children alone in the home.

"Six hundred children between the ages of five to 14, and more than 1,000 children under five die in home fires each year," Duke quoted national statistics.



Duke

Warehouse Swept By Fire Will Be Rebuilt At Once

By BILL KIMMEY

Construction will be started immediately to replace the large East Factory avenue warehouse of the Phelps-Dodge hardware jobbing division which was gutted by an \$80,000 fire Saturday night.

D. W. (Doc) Ingram, owner of the warehouse and three others adjoining it in the single building unit, said his loss was partially covered by insurance.

ONE FIREFIGHTER, Capt. Fred R. Sprung, suffered first degree arm and shoulder burns in attempting to control the fire which raged undetected until smoke started pouring through the roof. Sprung was released after treatment at St. Mary's Hospital.

He was one of 22 men with five units from the Tucson fire department who responded to the two-alarm call at about 8:15 p.m. The fire fighters, seeing the blaze was too far advanced to save the Phelps-Dodge warehouse, concentrated their efforts in keeping it from spreading to the adjacent warehouses.

Sparks ignited the roofs of warehouses occupied by the Ryan-Evans Drug Co. and Alfred M. Lewis, Inc., but the small fires were quickly extinguished with little damage. There was slight water damage to stock stored in the Ryan-Evans warehouse.

WORK OF the fire fighters in controlling the flames was lauded yesterday by Robert Large, branch manager in charge of the Phelps-Dodge warehouse which was located at 1636 E. Factory Ave.

"They certainly did a magnificent job in controlling the fire," Large commented. "The flames could have easily spread and destroyed the other warehouses in the building." Cause of the fire has not been determined, according to Asst. Fire Chief Harold Michols. "It's possible that a cigarette was left in there to smolder, but we don't know for sure what caused it," he explained.

Content of the razed warehouse was mostly Celotex building materials, Large said. The division is the wholesaler for Celotex products in the Tucson area and the warehouse was full at the time fire broke out.

ALSO IN the building and destroyed by the flames were roof coatings, corrugated steel, stucco

materials, nuts and bolts, and a lift truck.

Large could not estimate the value of the contents since all bookkeeping for the division is handled at the main office in Douglas. "I wouldn't even attempt to estimate our loss, but it's my understanding that the stock was insured."

The total value of stock in warehouses damaged by fire or water has been estimated by others as "around \$40,000," Ingram said the value of the warehouse was also \$40,000.

UNTIL ARRANGEMENTS can be made here to resume operation, Large said his customers in the Tucson area will be serviced by the Douglas main warehouse.

C. Ward is at

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1957

Fire Chief Will Attend Instruction Conference

Battalion Chief L. F. Peterson, training officer for the Tucson Fire Department, leaves Monday for a fire department instructors' conference in Memphis, Tenn.

Chief Peterson created a minor sensation when he attended the annual affair two years ago. It seems he was the first person from the Southwest to attend the conference.

When other firemen saw Tucson listed as having a representative to the national affair, they made a point of looking the westerner up. He has been asked to be a member of a question box panel which will be one of the highlights of the conference.

"It's a great chance to exchange ideas," Chief Peterson said.

"No matter how hard we study, we can't solve all our problems just by sitting in our offices. This conference is designed so that firemen from all over America can get together and find out what the other guy has learned the hard way."

While at the conference, Chief Peterson will preview new training films and hear reports on tests of new fire-fighting and fire-prevention equipment.

Firemen from many parts of the United States will be present to hear experts tell of the latest developments in the training of firemen and on fire fighting. The conference is from Feb. 19 through the 22nd.

FIRE GUTS WAREHOUSE

—Citizen Photos By Bernis Reddy

Flames of undetermined origin destroyed a warehouse on Factory avenue Saturday night and injured one fireman. Three other warehouses adjoining the building were saved by the firemen who were on the scene for almost 10 hours.





Firemen's Fast Work Saves Paulos Building

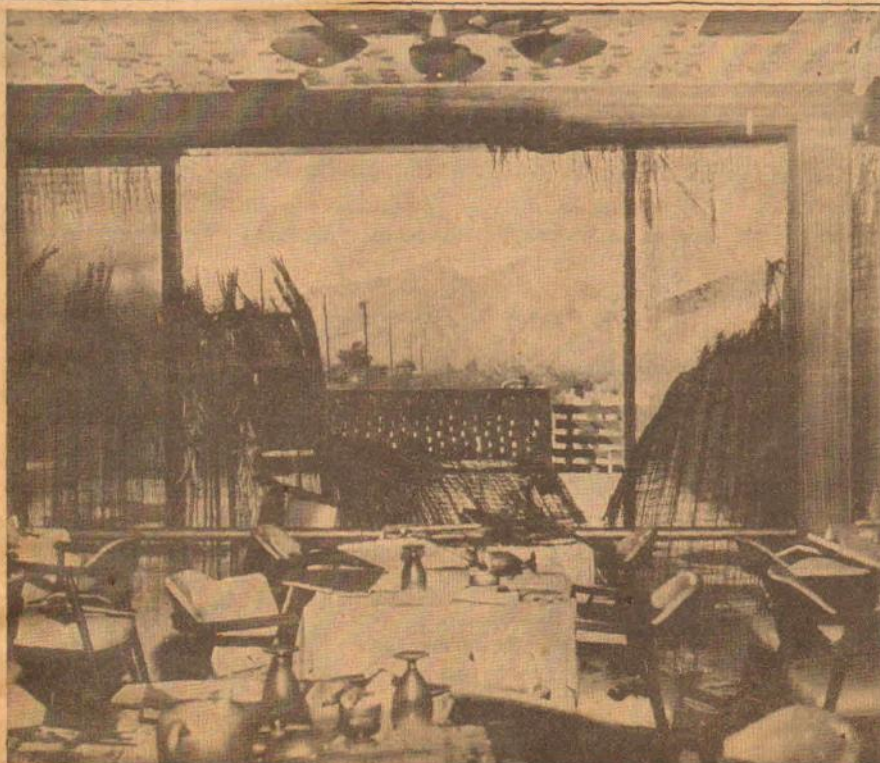
City firemen were on the job minutes after flames from a broiler touched off a flash fire yesterday at Paulos Steak and Chop House, 4915 E. Speedway. Although the fire spread

rapidly and caused heavy damage estimated as high as \$125,000, the firemen extinguished it before it could completely gut the plush dining establishment. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

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FLASH FIRE HITS RESTAURANT

The Paulos restaurant on East Speedway was heavily damaged yesterday afternoon when a small fire

started above one of the broilers and flames raced through the dining room and bar.

—Citizen Photo

Other large fires Chini remembers include the blaze which destroyed the Arizona Daily Star's plant on Congress street in 1933.

\$125,000 Fire Sweeps Through Paulos Restaurant

By GORDON EVANS

A fire started by a charcoal broiler in the kitchen of Paulos Steak and Chop House, 4915 E. Speedway, yesterday afternoon spread rapidly throughout the building, gutting most of its interior, and causing an estimated \$125,000 damage.

Approximately 20 persons, including employees, were in the building when the fire started. None was injured. Capt. Russell Sprung, 29, fire department training officer, suffered minor burns on the face from the heat.

The kitchen, bar and main dining room area of the building were extensively burned. Furniture and equipment were damaged, although some of the furniture in the rear of the building was salvaged.

According to one of the cooks, Bob Daniel, the flames of the broiler ignited the grease in a vent above the broiler and then began to spread.

"We tried to use a hand extinguisher at first, but realized that it wasn't doing any good so I yelled for someone to call the fire department," Daniel said.

Four fire department units, three pumps and a ladder truck, responded to the fire, which broke out about 3:33 p.m. City police directed traffic in front of the building as an estimated 2,000 spectators watched the action.

Fire Chief John Freeman said his men had to chop holes in the roof to get at the flames because the false ceiling in the kitchen hindered them.

"The split-bamboo curtains in the dining room really helped feed the flames and sent the intense heat through the building," Freeman said. The interior of the building was gutted within 20 minutes.

Owner John Paulos, obviously shaken by the loss, arrived at the scene just as firemen were putting out the last flames. He shook his head, repeating over and over, "It couldn't happen again . . . what have we done to deserve this . . . it was my pride, my life. . . ."

He was referring to a \$500,000 fire the night of Dec. 26, 1954, which destroyed a half-block business section on the corner of Congress St. and Church Ave. In that fire, caused by an unexplained explosion, the Paulos Flame Room, a dining club owned by Paulos and his partner, John Gekas, suffered \$160,000 damage.

Paulos said contractor Frank Putter would begin work on rebuilding the East Speedway establishment today. He hopes to reopen within 45 days.

The building was originally a garden and patio pottery shop, but Putter remodeled it for Paulos in 1955-56 at a cost of \$89,000. The Steak and Chop House opened Mar. 3 of last year.

Seven persons, including bartender Gordon Hastings, of 5557 E. 24th St., were in the bar when the fire broke out. "Some of the people left in such a hurry that they left their drinks and change lying on the counter," Hastings said.

In the dining room, eight women in a luncheon group were playing

cards and a couple had entered to order something to eat. They, too, departed quickly.

Two of the more disappointed and shocked persons viewing the damage were Elsie Moore, of 6077 E. Beverly Blvd., and Lillian Boyd, of 5707 E. 2nd. They arrived on the scene at 4:30 p.m., ready to go to work at 5 p.m. Mrs. Moore is a waitress and Mrs.

Boyd a hostess. They pitched in and helped Paulos and others salvage what little equipment there was left.

The fire was the second in a little over two months to destroy a well-known Tucson business establishment. The Hula Hut, a South 6th avenue night club, was gutted by a fire June 1. It reopened for business this week.

A GAME OF TAG

Boy, 8, Drowns In Local Pool

A children's game of water tag ended in tragedy yesterday with the drowning of Stephen J. Boreyko, 8, at the Sierra Vista Lodge swimming pool.

Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Boreyko, of 2541 E. Glenn St., was pronounced dead at the E. Grant road lodge's pool side after the pool operator, two doctors and a fire department rescue crew worked on him more than 30 minutes.

According to Deputy Sheriff John Walter, Stephen and several of his buddies were playing water tag in which the person who got out of the water was "it." When the others first noticed Stephen was missing, they thought he was hiding in some bushes near the pool.

After awhile, however, someone noticed his body at the bottom of the 21-by-44-ft. pool. Allen Chesser, 10, and his brother, Chris, 8, sons of Dr. Ian M. Chesser, and John Haraldsen, 9, dived in and pulled Stephen out of the water.

The lifeguard, Patricia Gene Binnion, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Binnion, owners of the lodge, ran and got her mother.

Mrs. Binnion began applying artificial respiration until the fire department rescue truck arrived with a resuscitator.

Chesser and Dr. Edward L. Kettenbach arrived on the scene within minutes and aided in the operation, but Stephen could not be revived.

Patricia said she had been watching the boys in the pool at had gone over to the soft drink machine when one of them came running up to her and said, "Stephen is still under water."

Patricia has a junior lifesaving certificate, her mother said.

Stephen was born Aug. 30, 1948, in Brooklyn, N. Y. The family moved to Tucson three years ago from Brooklyn. Stephen was a student at Gertrude Cragin Elementary School.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a sister, Vanessa.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Bring's Funeral Home.

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Southside Volunteer Department Answers 10 Calls in January

The Southside Volunteer Fire department answered 10 fire calls during the month of January, William Owens, engineer, announced yesterday. An average of 11 firemen answered each call, and total damage for the fires was held to about \$100.

The Southside Volunteers, located at 119 Indian School road, cover a five square mile area, bounded by Irvington road, 14th avenue, 29th street and the railroad tracks that go to Nogales.

Owens said that 11 of the fire calls had been relayed to the Volunteers by the Tucson Fire department, and expressed gratitude for the cooperation. He added that fires in the area his group serves could be handled better if people would remember the phone number, which is 5288. He also warned that fire hazards in homes and business should be eliminated and care should be exercised with cigarettes and electrical appliances.

Owens and James Roberts are full time engineers with the group. All others are volunteer firemen.

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Target Of Criticism

Demotion Given Hesselberg At Own Request

City Personnel Director Will Be Named Assistant At Same Pay; Reason Veiled

By ROGER O'MARA

Albert S. Hesselberg yesterday asked that he be allowed to step down as city personnel director, a job in which he has been the target of criticism from several sources.

He asked that a new title, assistant director, be established for him. The City Civil Service Commission approved his request and will

hold a hearing on the question of establishing the new job.

Commission members also indicated they will approve Hesselberg's request that he be retained at his present \$500 per month salary, according to the chairman, E. C. Monro.

Hesselberg gave no specific reason in his letter for asking demotion from the job he has held more than 13 years but he said, he has been considering stepping down for some time.

He said the unusual growth of Tucson has increased the workload in the office tremendously and that in the new capacity Hesselberg feels he can continue to use his training and experience to the advantage of the city.

Asked if there had been any pressure on him to seek the demotion, Hesselberg said, "No, I thought it would be the best thing."

He said he has not received complaints from employees or the City Council.

However, City Manager Porter W. Homer, when asked about the unusual step, said there has been dissatisfaction with the personnel director and that complaints have been made at various levels—both from elected officials and city employees.

Monro, who said that his Commission did not request that Hesselberg step down, was asked if there had been criticism of the director.

He replied that "anybody doing any job gets criticized."

Hesselberg, 38, became personnel director in January, 1944, transferring from the police department, where he held the rank of captain.

A native of Denmark, he was graduated from the University of Arizona and holds a law degree.

Although other city employees have been given pay raises in recent years, Hesselberg had had none since 1933.

Asked if the failure to increase his pay had anything to do with his request, he said "No comment."

The personnel director is a classified civil service employee under the Tucson charter and the position will therefore have to be filled by examination. The Commission will appoint the next director from the top three candidates.

No salary has been set but it is expected to be more than Hesselberg has been paid. His range was \$460 to \$550 per month. Increases up to \$500 were mandatory, above that they were discretionary.

No funds have been budgeted for the additional job. Homer said the salary for a new director will have to come from the city's contingency fund for the current fiscal year which ends June 30.

Monro said that the Commission has seen asking for additions to the personnel office staff for two years.



ALBERT HESSELBERG



Fire-Fighting Days Over

H. E. (Chili) Francis ended a colorful career with the Tucson Fire Department yesterday with his retirement. Francis has served the department for almost 25 years. A familiar scene at Tucson fires, he is also well known to Tucson baseball fans first as a player and later as an assistant to J. F. (Pop) McKale at the University of Arizona.

After 25 Years

Fireman Closes Colorful Career

Chili Francis Tried Fling At Pro Baseball Prior To Joining City's Fire Department

By BERNIE ROTH

Herbert E. (Chili) Francis retired from the Tucson Fire Department yesterday after almost 25 years of service to the city. And Chili—as he'd much rather be called—spent his last day in the department as he did on the first day, in school.

Capt. Francis came to the Tucson fire department on March 13, 1933, after taking a serious fling at professional baseball.

And Chili is just as familiar a figure to baseball fans as he is to people who have spotted him fighting fire in Tucson during his colorful career.

He was born in Tucson on Sept. 12, 1897, and is the first native son to retire from the department—a fact which makes him mighty proud.

After high school, Chili went out after a professional baseball career. He stayed with this from 1921 until two years after he became a fireman. He played his last professional baseball game in 1933 with Tucson in the Arizona State League.

Chili began his pro ball career as a catcher with Louisville in the American Association. In the spring of 1924 he had a tryout with the Cincinnati Reds. He also played baseball in the Southern Assn., Florida State League, Sally League and the Cotton State League.

He was always torn between two loves. His love for baseball was always strong and at the same time he enjoyed his work as a fireman.

"One of my greatest associations in baseball was with Pop (J. F.) McKale," said Chili. "He was my ancient history teacher at Tucson high school in 1912 and a great guy. He coached our baseball team that year and we won the state championship. You know Pop retired this June, so remember that he's older than I am."

the Congress Hotel fire in 1934, the Woolworth fire and the James A. Dick Warehouse blaze.

"Those were the biggest and were the hardest to fight. But actually all fires must be treated as dangerous."

Yesterday Chili was in the classroom—a strange place to be for a man who is retiring.

"I'm working right up until my retirement time," he said. "There's a doctor in there explaining a new piece of equipment, and I want to learn all about it. You never know, I might need that information some day."

Chili's plans for the future are rather indefinite. He's just going to loaf around his home at 382 N. Court Ave.—where he's lived for 58 years—and take it easy.

"You might say that instead of loafing just every other day," said Chili, "that I'm just going to loaf every day. Maybe when I hear the fire sirens I'll run, but it'll be hard to just watch a fire after so many years of fighting them."

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FRANCIS

Chili's association with McKale was a big one and the burly catcher helped McKale coach University of Arizona baseball teams for almost 30 years.

He also took a crack at being a baseball umpire, but Chili gives you the impression he'd rather forget about that phase of his career. He passed it off with a quick "I retired from that racket six years ago."

Twenty-five years of fire fighting have given Chili a lot of memories. All of them are good.

"We had 33 men and four stations in the department when I started to work," he said yesterday, "and now there are seven stations and 120 men. We have one of the greatest fire fighting forces in the country."

He recalled that the worst work he has ever done as a fireman was a blaze at Arizona Flour Mills in the mid 30's.

"Boy, I can still remember dragging the hoses up to the fourth floor of that building. Those grain bins were really smoking. Everything was hand-pumped then and it was a lot of work."

Other large fires Chili remembers include the blaze which destroyed the Arizona Daily Star's plant on Congress street in 1933.



W. LYNN BIERBAUM

Fireman To End 21-Yr. Career

Bierbaum Plans On 'Taking It Easy'

W. Lynn Bierbaum, 53-year-old veteran of the Tucson Fire Dept., will officially retire June 28 after 21 years of service. He was presented with a check for \$500 last night by Local 479, International Association of Firefighters.

The veteran fireman, who has been off-duty since March 28 on accumulated sick leave and vacation time, has definite plans on how he is going to make use of the gift.

"I'm going to apply it toward buying a trailer and spend the summers in the northern part of the state," Bierbaum said.

Bierbaum, a native of Hot Springs, Ark., came to Tucson in 1925 and joined the fire department on June 1, 1936.

During World War II he served with the Sea Corps in New Guinea and Australia. He was on military leave then and didn't lose any time toward his retirement with the department, Bierbaum said.

The retiring firefighter, who was appointed captain in February, 1946, and served in that capacity until he suffered a stroke in 1963, said there were 32 members in the department when he joined and 5 pieces of equipment.

"Now there are 118 members and 12 fire engines," Bierbaum said.

He recalls the Woolworth Building fire in 1941 as the toughest he had to fight. Bierbaum said he had been on duty all night when the fire broke out early in the morning.

"We worked all day confining the fire to the Woolworth building, on Congress street, and finally got breakfast at 6 p.m. that evening," he reflected.

Bierbaum has been serving as departmental clerk since May of 1953. He said he volunteered for the job after his illness so that he could "remain with the department."

His doctor has ordered him to retire, Bierbaum said.

The ex-Arkansian has no plans for the present except to "take it easy."

Bierbaum lives at 1206 E. Lester St. with his wife, Lottie. The Bierbaums have one daughter, Mrs. Sandra Johnson, and two grandchildren.

A member of the American Legion, 4043, and the Elks, Bierbaum also retired last night as secretary of the local firefighters' association.

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\$500,000 Over 1957-58

Record Budget Of \$6 Million Recommended

Homer Warns All City Departments Must Economize; \$3.10 Tax Rate May Be Kept

A city budget calling for expenditure of \$6,150,128 in the fiscal year starting July 1 was recommended to the City Council yesterday by City Manager Porter W. Homer.

The record-high budget—which Homer characterized as "extremely tight"—is more than one half year's, but calls for spending about \$400,000 less than was used in the year ending June 30.

The difference arises because the city was authorized to exceed last year's budget by \$963,000 to meet emergencies.

Homer said it is expected no extra funds will be needed in the new year unless areas are annexed. In that case, emergency expenditure authorization may be sought.

While the budget is the largest in Tucson's history, it is also drawn to serve the largest population. Homer estimated the population will increase from 103,000 to 110,000 by next year without annexation.

He proposed the budget with a \$3.10 tax rate in mind—the same one now in effect.

However, that rate is to be dropped to \$1.75 per \$100 assessed valuation by imposition of a one-half per cent city sales tax. This will not affect the proposed budget totals.

The Council, after going over Homer's recommendations, will adopt a tentative budget on July 21 and a final one on Aug. 11.

The manager's recommendations spell disappointment for city policeman and firemen who have sought reduction in the number of hours worked each week.

Homer said reducing police hours from 44 to 40 and firemen from 66 to 62 would cost \$100,000.

He included these as "special requests impossible to grant" without increasing taxes or reducing services.

The manager also said there have been informal indications of a request for across-the-board salary increases for other employees.

These would cost \$180,000 and were also turned down.

Salaries and wages will take \$3,826,272 of the budget or 62 per cent. They are up \$692,470 from the prior year.

A request by the Sunshine Climate Club to get an increase from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for promotional work was denied.

"It was felt necessary that taxes not be increased if Tucson is to be promotable," Homer wrote.

Pointing out that operating expenses would take about 85 per cent of his budget (compared with 75 per cent in the prior year) the manager said it contemplates "continuation of present services with very little in the way of additions to plant facilities."

(Some additions to plant facilities are proposed in a bond pro-

gram to be offered this summer which, however, do not affect this year's budget.)

The manager pointed out that about 50 cents of the proposed taxes will go toward paying off the budget excess expenditures of the current year.

He said that the need to finance the budget with that deficit to be made up requires:

No additional personnel, except that considered highly essential.

No capital outlays, except those most essential or for which commitments have been made.

No public works reserve, although a total of \$157,700 is to be carried over from the current year.

A token contingency reserve of only \$25,000.

The absolute minimum for building maintenance which will have to be raised next year to provide for two years maintenance work.

The total for capital outlays is \$186,682, as compared with \$360,247 in the current budget. No new motor vehicles except for police are included.

Traffic signal installations are limited to those needed for the Broadway improvement and for the downtown opening and widening.

Street sealing will be limited to 10 miles compared with the usual 35 or 40 miles.

Pointing out that problems of overcrowding at the sewage plant, inadequate working space, expansion of fire and police facilities and the problems of traffic congestion are covered in the bond program, Homer said four other programs must be left until next year.

These include the need for more policemen, fire dispatchers, street maintenance and replacement of motor vehicles.

He also suggested the Council consider commercial garbage and trash collections next year and improvement of clerical procedures.

The budget, he continued, will require the use of "no" more than ever and will require the finest possible management of city affairs. He called it a "challenge to the management staff."

The budget indicates intention to proceed with annexation by setting up \$10,000 for help in circulating petitions and compiling assessment valuation "in possible large-scale annexation attempts."

Departmental estimates of needs amounted to \$9,089,850, which was cut roughly by one-third in the manager's recommendations.

Better Fire Protection Sought by Three Cities

PHOENIX, April 21 — Three Arizona cities are taking steps toward better fire protection. Glendale is to have a professional fire department instead of the present volunteer group. Prescott is putting its department under a full-time chief. Flagstaff is buying a \$25,000 truck.

Glendale's City Councilmen don't know exactly where they are going to raise the \$100,000 necessary to put their program into effect, but they have officially obligated themselves.

Crackdown Avoided

This was done in order to avoid a threatened crackdown by the Pacific Fire Underwriters. The underwriters had announced that Glendale would be moved from the No. 6 to No. 7 rate classification unless greatly improved protection were provided by May 9.

The new Glendale department will consist of five trained men under a chief, making six in all. Among the equipment to be bought are two 1000-gallon high-pressure pumps. The central station is to be remodeled at a cost of \$15,000.

At their city election on May 28, Flagstaff taxpayers will pass on a \$25,000 bond issue.

New Truck Sought

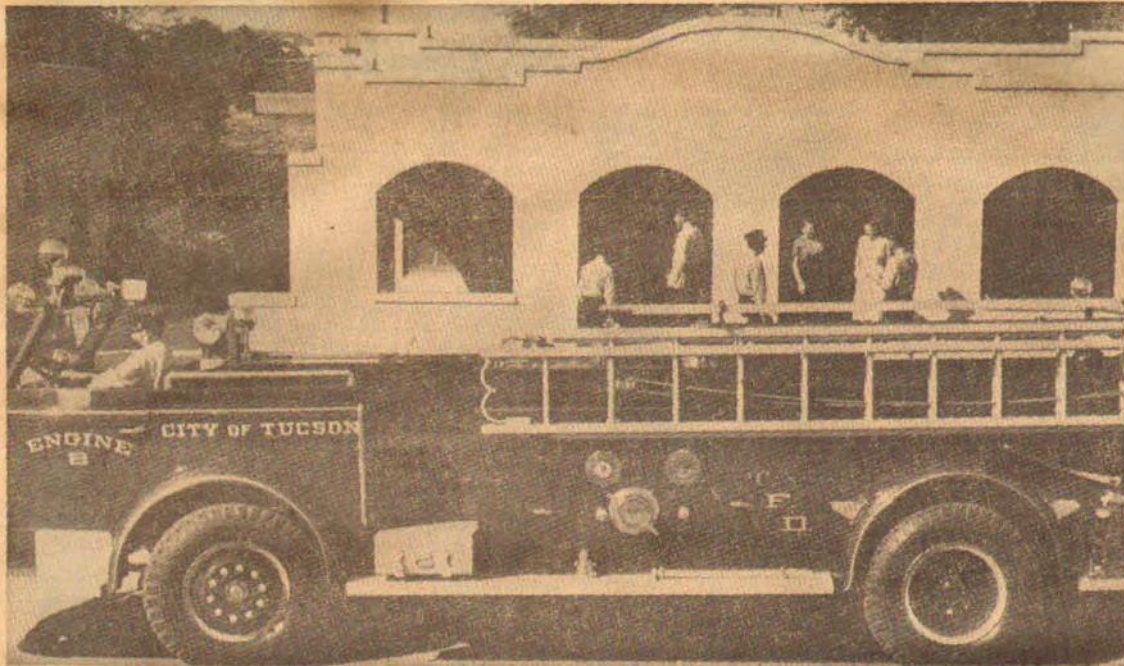
The proceeds, plus \$12,000 on hand, will be invested in a fully-equipped fire truck similar to one purchased three years ago. Chief Ernest Hogan says this is the only modern truck he has. Next best is one acquired in 1921.

Prescott has never had a full-time fire chief but the Council has voted to put one on the payroll July 1, after competitive examinations in May. The present chief is Art Hawke, paint dealer, who directs three paid firemen and 28 volunteers.

Proposed City Budget

Amounts proposed for various city departments and sources of revenues listed in the city manager's proposed budget are shown below in comparison to the 1957-58 budget.

EXPENDITURES		
	Budgeted 1957-58	Proposed for 1958-59
General Government	\$ 494,022	\$ 519,145
Public Safety:		
Police	843,231	896,026
Fire	682,805	700,464
Communications	31,133	31,216
Inspections	148,830	157,860
Public Works	385,430	379,092
Streets & Highways	234,144	176,568
Sewers & Treatment Plant	154,954	163,914
Sanitation Collection and Disposal	410,120	641,658
Public Health	5,195	5,009
Recreation	598,926	747,315
Miscellaneous	450,434	545,327
Contingency Reserve	97,500	25,000
Emergency Liabilities	423,442	432,347
Library	214,755	223,241
Gasoline Tax Fund	330,000	361,500
Public Works Reserve	511,611	157,700
Debt Service	58,157	57,532
TOTAL	\$5,882,753	\$6,150,128
REVENUES		
	Budgeted 1957-58	Proposed for 1958-59
General Property Taxes	\$1,626,754	\$2,220,292
Other Local Taxes	135,000	155,230
Licenses & Permits	441,800	481,800
Fines and Forfeitures	371,800	426,500
Revenue from use of property	8,900	13,100
Revenue from other agencies	1,001,500	1,057,200
Public Works Service Charges	124,424	143,500
Public Health Service Charges	42,000	36,200
Recreation	77,000	97,000
Airport	7,000	7,000
Water System		
Non-revenue Receipts	203,400	236,675
Emergency Fund	423,442	432,347
Library Fund	214,755	223,241
Gasoline Tax Fund	330,000	361,500
Public Works Reserve	511,611	157,700
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A fire engine and crew from the Tucson Fire Department makes an inspection call. Widespread checking of home fire

hazards helps keep the city's loss from fires each year well under the national average.

To Prevent Fire Losses...

Stop That Fire Before It Starts

By BARBARA SEARS

Is your home safe from fire? Even if you're pretty sure it is, you should check frequently for possible fire hazards, according to Battalion Chief Howard Danielson of the Tucson Fire Department who is in charge of fire prevention activities of the department.

Today marks the beginning of Fire Prevention Week and very shortly residents of the city will see bright red fire engines parked on residential streets while their crews are busy, not with hoses but with pencils and notebooks. Their very important job will be to complete the department's annual inspection of as many of the city's more than 25,000 homes as possible.

Department officials are convinced that the inspection program pays off. The 1957-58 of-

and are immediately recognizable, with or without their colors.

Restaurants feature flags, too, as decorations on walls, pianos, and tables. Those along the water fly naval signaling flags, thus competing colorfully with the hundreds of ships in the Oslo harbor and fjords. Inside, you find tiny Scandinavian flags and, for the benefit of tourists who are still roaming around in this part of the world, flags from America, England, France, and sometimes other nations. The waiter determining the nationality of patrons at his table by listening to them talk for a minute or two, often places their own flag there.

Official Tucson Fire Department report shows that while the number of residences jumped from 23,649 the previous year to 25,446, the number of residential fires dropped from 139 to 101 during the same period. Mr. Danielson gives inspection most of the credit for the substantially better record.

What do inspectors look for? Their checklist of the causes of last year's fires includes eight categories. In order of the frequency of their occurrence they are:

1. Combustibles too close to a heater or furnace.
2. Defective wiring.
3. Flammable liquids not properly stored.
4. Miscellaneous.
5. Fuse boxes improperly fused.
6. Hazardous condition of dry vegetation.
7. Rubbish not properly cared for.
8. Oily rags or mops not in proper containers.

Are many homemakers unaware of the hazards with which they live? Indeed they are. Mr. Danielson recalls one woman

whose house was inspected last year. When asked if she had any extension cords concealed under rugs, she replied, "Why, yes," and pointed to a wire which disappeared under the carpet on one side of a doorway and emerged on the other side to connect a floor lamp to an electrical outlet. A fireman lifted the rug revealing a badly worn cord, bare of insulation in spots. As he twisted it in his hands, it sparked. The housewife was convinced of the danger of something she had accepted as a matter of course.

Mr. Danielson cites national statistics which indicate that although only 10% of property loss by fire in the United States each year is attributed to home fires, 90% of loss of life from fire results from home fires. This shocking fact is paired with a firm belief among fire experts that 90% of all fires go back originally to someone's carelessness. The remaining 10% are caused by lightning.

Locally, careless use of matches and thoughtless smoking habits plague the fire department most. Mr. Danielson feels there is no question about this being Tucson's greatest fire hazard.

In advising home owners, he points out that the storing of combustibles too close to a heater or furnace is by far the most frequent cause of home fires here . . . and one very

easily eliminated by good house-keeping. The department is especially concerned this year about Item 6 on the inspectors' list. A very rainy summer resulted in a far larger crop of weeds than usual; these weeds are now dry enough to create a real fire problem.

And progress brings with it problems. The recent popularity of power lawn mowers means that many families who would never have had on hand any gasoline other than that in the tank of their car now regularly keep some on hand in the carport or garage. The fire department warns that this useful but dangerous fuel should always be stored in a can, preferably a specially designed one. Never keep gasoline in a glass jar.

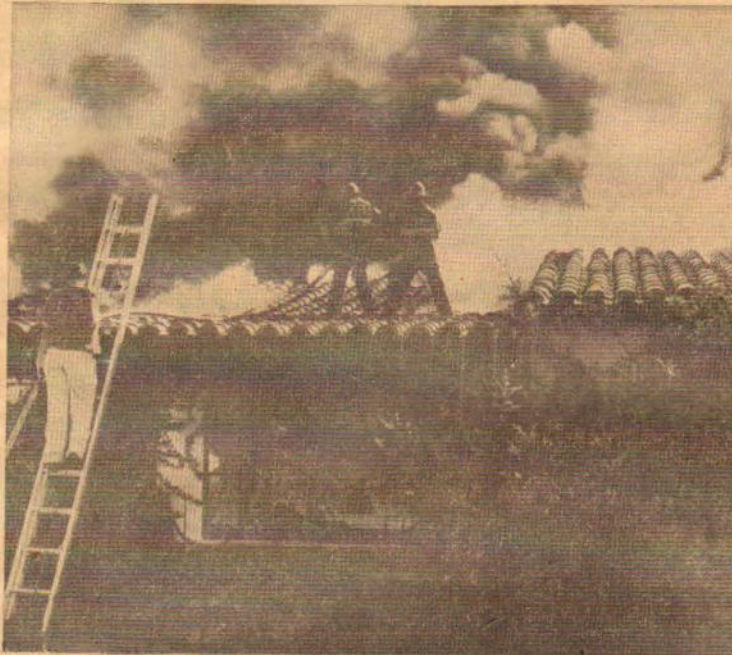
Remember, firemen would rather prevent a fire than put one out.

Fashion Show Slated By UNICO Auxiliary

UNICO ladies auxiliary will present a style show of "fashions for busy living" at the University of Arizona Student Union Bldg. Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Clothes from the College Shop will be modeled.

Proceeds will go to the Asthmatic Foundation; tickets may be purchased at the door.

Flames Destroy House; Damage Is \$75,000



Blaze Takes Toll Of Residence

Two firemen on the roof, assisted by a passerby on the ladder, combat the flames that yesterday destroyed the luxurious home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Laramour, 205 S. Eucalyptus Blvd., after the firefighters ran out of water. Two hoses lead through the window, which later was blown out, to where other firemen wearing breathing apparatus in the thick smoke, fought the blaze. Loss in the fire was believed to be in excess of \$75,000. (Ray Manley photo by Mickey Prim)



Roof Collapses As Fire Rages On

Firemen pour water into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Laramour a few moments after the heavy tile roof collapsed. The mid afternoon fire apparently originated in a furnace room and spread, to the rest of the sprawling ranch type home by racing between the ceiling and the roof. Firemen almost had the flames under control in the east wing of the expensive home when they ran out of water and had to wait helplessly for more to arrive while the flames spread. All but one room on the west wing of the house was destroyed. (Sutton photo)

Water Supply Almost Exhausted At Times

Flames yesterday afternoon destroyed the elaborate ranch style home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Laramour, 205 S. Eucalyptus Blvd., after the water supply became nearly exhausted as firemen fought the blaze.

All but one room in the west wing of the rambling home in the exclusive Williams Addition south of E. Broadway near Craycroft road was destroyed. The damage was estimated unofficially at more than \$75,000.

Neither the fire department nor Laramour would venture an estimate of the total damage. The home and some of its furnishings were partially insured.

Firemen believe the fire was caused by a faulty furnace as the fire began in or above the furnace room on the east end of the house. It reached up to the air space between the ceiling and the tile roof, spreading rapidly over the building.

First to arrive at the scene was Engine 6 commanded by Capt. Charles Rice from the station at Swan road and E. 5th street. Rice said flames were rising 20 feet above the roof as he arrived at the scene about 1:45 p.m.

Engine 6 carried 1,000 gallons of water to the scene, firemen said, and dropped a hose to a standpipe a few yards from the home to supply the truck's tank with water to be pumped through the four hoses leading from the engine.

"The water from the 2½ inch standpipe wasn't enough to supply our pump and we immediately radioed for more help," Rice said.

Engine 6 can pump 1,000 gallons a minute and firemen said the supply from the standpipes was about 200 gallons a minute under pressure.

Engine 3 with a 600 gallon tank arrived at the fire several minutes after the water supply was virtually exhausted and began working on the other side of the house.

Eventually four pumps were working against the fire, which had gone out of control while the water supply had been cut off. About 2,500 feet of hose was used to bring water more than a half mile from a city well, but only at a rate of less than 500 gallons a minute, firemen said. More than 4,000 feet of hose were used altogether.

Workmen from San Xavier Rock & Sand Co. voluntarily drove to the fire with a tank truck loaded with 2,000 gallons of water from the E. Broadway road expansion. But it was too late, although firemen drained the tank.

Capt. Rice said the fire could have been cut off on the east half of the house if his men had not run out of water.

Laramour, who phoned firemen immediately after discovering the smoke about 1:30 p.m., said he was driving up Broadway on his way home when he first noticed the smoke in the sky.

TUCSON TODAY

Luncheon Clubs, Meetings:
Downtown Antiques Club 7:15



ON A HOT TAR ROOF

A hot piece of metal—possibly a bearing—probably caused a spontaneous explosion of barley dust shortly after quitting time yesterday at the Arizona Flour Mills, 177 E. Toole Ave. Heat from the fire that followed the blast warmed up the roof. The fire was contained in a grain grinder, firemen said, with damage totaling less than \$300. Firemen had an unscheduled drill as they dragged hoses up the towering ladders to the smoking, but not burning, roof.

—Citizen Photo

Kantz Ranch, \$375; Milky Way Ranch, a senior calf to Bench S. Farms, Marana, \$440. and death in a New town. It is stored under the direction of J. C. Grakes.

Fire Dept. Sends 'Stopgap' Company To Annexed Area

At 8 a.m. Monday a regular Tucson Fire Department pumper company will take its station at E. 5th street and Swan road to render annexed residents "stopgap" service until permanent fire stations are built. The company will be equipped with a 1,000-gallon pumper truck.

Chief John Freeman said that the department will use the premises formerly occupied by the Pima Merchant Fire Patrol for several months.

Late this year several fire stations will be completed at strategic points throughout the an-

nexed area.

He said the Swan-5th station is ideally situated in the center of the area added to the city last January. A company from the station at Norris and Broadway will be shifted to the new quarters.

THERE OUGHTA BE A LAW!

Mar-10-58

Greatest Since 1953-54

Loss By Fires Is Increased

Damage From Blazes At 67 Businesses, 139 Residences Amounts To \$355,722

Fire losses in the City of Tucson amounted to \$355,722 in the 12 months ending June 30, according to an annual report released yesterday by J. H. Freeman, fire chief.

The losses were the greatest since 1953-54 but represent losses for a city that has grown from 14 to 23 square miles in the past year.

The greatest loss for a single month was the \$135,410 in November, when the Cele Peterson store was destroyed by flames.

There were 139 fires in residences and 67 in business buildings during the 12-month period but the losses in homes were \$40,304 compared with \$279,239 in business and other buildings.

The report shows that residence fires decreased by 7.2 per cent compared with the previous year and terms this a graphic illustration of the value of home inspections.

Home inspections were the department's largest project of the year in fire prevention work. There were 23,649 homes visited but no one was home at 9,088. Only 878—about three per cent—declined to permit the inspection, the report states.

Hazards were found in 5,095 of the 13,683 homes inspected with "combustibles too close to a heater or furnace" topping the list, followed by 1,114 hazards in defective wiring. Wiring faults headed the list in the prior year, the first in which mass inspections were made.

Flammable liquids not properly stored, fuse boxes improperly fused, rubbish not properly cared for, hazardous condition of dry vegetation, oily rags or mops not in metal containers and miscellaneous hazards complete the list.

Of the 762 fires in the city, 189 were incendiary—usually trash fires—while cigars and cigarettes accounted for 131 blazes.

The combination of children and matches started 105 fires and electric wires were the cause of 43. There were 10 cases of arson, seven of which were solved and one is pending.

Once again the department completed a year without a Christmas tree fire, a statistic that is felt due to the program under which children gather up trees after the holiday season and get a theater ticket for each three turned in. With the aid of other fire departments, 21,000 trees were gathered for supervised burning.

Pointing out that the growth of the city will mean an increase in both fires and fire losses, the report stresses the need for increased fire prevention work.

It also states that the fire alarm system is essentially the same as that of 1924 and that expansion of the city has taxed communications facilities to the limit.

Sparky Replaces Chief In Hearts Of Children

The place that Fire Chief J. H. Freeman occupied in the eyes of children visiting the city fire department has been taken over by a dog—a mechanical dog at that.

The department's annual report reveals that children for years wrote "thank you" notes for their visit to the chief. Now the notes go to "Sparky" a mechanical, talking dog donated for fire prevention work by Aerie 180 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Sparky "lectures" to them at the station but a few of the older children have found that he is wired to a microphone and that a fireman does the talking.



Plenty Of Smoke, But Where's Fire?

Where there's smoke there's fire, the saying goes although it was hard to find the fire for all the smoke yesterday at 1033 N. Perry Ave. where a burning mattress touched off

a blaze causing \$3,000 damage to an apartment. (Jack Sheaffer photo by Tom Wong)

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Chief Of Volunteers At Safford Given Fireman Of Year Award

KINGMAN (Special) — The Fireman of the Year award, always a surprise feature of the Arizona State Firemen's convention, went this year to Irvin

Talley, chief of the volunteer fire department of Safford.

The award was presented by Governor Fannin at a banquet last night, as firemen wound up the second day of their annual four-day convention here.

Talley received the award for outstanding service in bringing Safford from a Class 7 to a Class 5 city, according to standards of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Safford has the only volunteer fire department Class 5 rating in Arizona.

The rating is based on such things as fire equipment, manpower, turnout of volunteers at fires, building inspection program, and water supply and systems.

A volunteer fireman for 14 years, Talley became chief in 1955 when Safford had a No. 7 classification. He receives no pay as chief, other than the same fee his volunteers are given for answering alarms. The Safford department has 25 volunteers.

Today, firemen will leave

business and instructional meetings at the convention hall for an afternoon of exhibitions and contests.

Heralded by sirens, a parade of old and new fire-fighting equipment will make its way through downtown streets at 1 p.m. Out-of-town firemen and wives will make up the balance of the parade.

The parade will stop at Fourth and Beale streets to extinguish a fire at the intersection where a "crew of experts" from Tempe and Prescott will go into action.

Tomorrow, new officers and a convention site for next year will be selected.

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Fire Figure Low For Tucson

City Average Nearly One-Third U.S. Norm

Tucson established this past fiscal year a record in fire department activities that may well be the envy of many cities of the nation.

The National Fire Protective Assn. shows in a recent report that in Tucson the average of building fires per 1,000 population in 1957-58 was 1.61.

The national average of building fires per 1,000 population during that period was 4.63, almost three times higher than local losses.

The report covered 700 cities throughout the United States with populations exceeding 20,000.

"Naturally we of the fire department are very pleased with our showing," said Fire Chief John H. Freeman. "The part of the fire prevention program that improved most was the number of house inspections. This fiscal year they numbered 14,187. Last year the figure was 13,683."

Homes contacted this past year numbered 23,446. Last year the figure was 23,000.

The two most disastrous fires this fiscal year, Tucson Fire Department's annual report showed, were Paulus Steak and Chop House, 4915 E. Speedway Blvd., and a residence at 442 N. Court Ave.

Flames from a broiler at the steak and chop house touched off a flash fire Aug. 7 that did damages estimated as high as \$125,000.

An explosion occurred at the residence at 442 N. Court Ave. when sleeping gas ignited.

The total alarms received by the department this past year totaled 1,575. Of them, 103 were termed needless. False alarms numbered 72.

Building fires in Tucson held top billing insofar as any one category was concerned. Heading the list at 163, it is followed by 103 vehicle fires, by 361 miscellaneous fires.

On a nationwide level, careless smoking leads as the No. 1 cause of fire alarms. Not so in Tucson, however. Incendiarism is the chief cause here, with 282 fire alarms this past year.

"Incendiarism" includes arson but consists largely of such alarms as trash fires, many of which may have been started deliberately, although the deliberateness is never verified.

Following are: Careless smoking, 86; children with matches, 79; electric wiring, 6; stoves, 40; gasoline, misuse or spilled, 34.

August, 1957, was the peak month in fire damage this fiscal year with a figure of \$112,470. Total loss for the year was \$231,780, compared to \$355,722 the year before.

Total loss per capita was \$2.28, compared with \$3.52 the year before.

Room Guttled By Flaming Mattress

A smoldering mattress fire erupted a second time yesterday and gutted one room of an apartment at 1033 N. Perry Ave., Tucson firemen said.

The tenant, James Ross, said a mattress in the southwest bedroom caught on fire about 10 a.m. He said he thought he put it out with a pitcher of water. He left without notifying the fire department and when he returned about 2:15 p.m. he found the mattress had reignited.

He again tried to fight the fire himself but was unable to extinguish it. Firemen were called at 2:29 p.m.

The apartment, owned by Bar-num Horikbeak, received an estimated \$3,000 damages. Ross said he lost between \$800 and \$1,000 in belongings in the fire.

There are no such things as "fire" months, said Freeman. "We cannot predict when they will come, or how. However, if every person in an inspected house would read the one-page bulletin we hand out, and abide by it, there would be no house fires."

Some 339 calls were answered the past year by the rescue and first aid squad. Seventeen lives were saved on these rescue responses.

"This is a record we are particularly proud of," Freeman said. "Most of the calls had to do with heart or asthmatic victims."

Of the accomplishments of the fire department, one worthy note is the fact that of 63 commercial building fires, only 2 suffered loss of over \$10,000.

Sparky, the talking dog, has enabled the department to reach school children. Over 3,200 children from the three primary grades visited the fire stations the past year. Sparky explained the work of the firemen and the importance of safety and fire prevention.

Baby Burns To Death; Neighbor Saves Brother



—Citizen Photo by Lew Raish

'MY BABY, MY BABY'

Helen Williams sobs as she tells police she left home last evening to get milk for her 18-day-old baby. She returned to her Sabino Alley apartment to find the infant boy dead, the victim of a fire.

An 18-day-old baby, left locked in a Sabino Alley apartment with a 4-year-old boy while his mother was shopping, burned to death yesterday evening when flames gutted the apartment. The 4-year-old escaped unharmed.

Dead is Bobby Lee Davis, infant son of Helen Williams, of 34 Sabino Alley.

Police credited quick action by a neighbor, Mrs. Myrtle Alejandra, of 36 Sabino Alley, with saving the life of Billy Dan Davis, 4. They said she kicked open the locked rear door to let the youngster out as the flames roared through the building.

The baby's mother told officers she had locked both doors to keep Billy Dan from wandering off while she went to the store to get some milk for the baby and a pair of shoes for the older boy.

Firemen said the baby was lying on a bed in the front part of the two-room apartment. The fire is believed to have started in the bedding of a smaller bed at the back of the room, but firemen were unable to determine exactly how it began. However, the older boy admitted to firemen he had lit some matches.

The fire apparently spread from the bed to clothing hanging nearby, and within minutes the entire apartment was in flames.

Patrolmen Louis Gomez and John Rock said they had driven by the area not more than five minutes before the alarm was turned in about 5:25 p.m. and had not seen any smoke.

Three engine crews and the ladder crew from Tucson Fire Department kept the flames from spreading to other buildings in the closely packed area.

The body was removed to People's Mortuary where funeral arrangements are pending.

Proposed City Budget

Below are the amounts proposed for various city functions and sources of revenue in the record 1959-60 city budget proposed yesterday. Figures are shown in comparison with last year's budget.

EXPENDITURES		
	Budgeted 1958-59	Proposed 1959-60
General Government	\$ 538,195	\$ 582,044
Public Safety		
Police	885,279	1,464,886
Fire	694,934	1,042,139
Communications	30,896	29,730
Inspections	156,570	191,569
Public Works	344,477	435,653
Streets & Highways	527,636	668,533
Sewerage	163,349	289,190
Refuse collection & disposal	625,088	829,865
Public Health	5,009	2,613
Recreation	731,381	966,289
Miscellaneous	430,216	911,135
Contingency reserve	25,000	50,049
Emergency fund	549,972	640,000
Library	228,686	245,981
Debt service	57,332	142,000
Public Works reserve	217,238	104,500
Total	\$6,211,378	\$8,696,196
REVENUE		
	Budgeted 1958-59	Proposed 1959-60
General property taxes	\$1,478,058	\$2,450,000
Other local taxes	1,628,230	2,232,000
Licenses & permits	249,300	398,400
Fines & forfeitures	461,500	501,500
From use of property	13,100	15,100
From other agencies	1,527,524	2,084,194
Public works service charges	145,500	258,800
Public health service charges	41,400	70,000
Recreation	97,000	179,000
Non-revenue receipts	273,023	309,988
Surpluses from prior year		
General fund	24,602	None
Emergency fund	5,836	None
Gasoline tax fund	26,866	45,714
Public works reserve fund	217,238	104,500
Debt service fund	532	None
Library fund	21,577	17,000
Total	\$6,211,378	\$8,696,196



—Citizen Photo

FIREMEN! FIREMEN! SAVED MY CHILD!

Tucson firemen turned on the water in 2600 block on East Eastland yesterday

The Old Pueblo

Clues To Tucson's Name Varied As Its Spelling

'Authorities' Also Differ On 'Arizona'

By AUDREY HUNTER
Time was in the Old Pueblo when Tucson was known by many names and spellings throughout its long and varied history. In 1776 it was known as the Pueblo de San Augustin del Tucson, or simply San Augustin del Tucson.

Several of the names were derived from the language of the Pima Indians. For instance, we read that it was known to some as "Stuyeson" meaning "Black Creek" and also "Stichukson" which meant a dark or brown spring. The Papagos, too, had their versions—"Tjukson" (at foot of Black Hills) and "Tu-uk-so-on" (Spring of water by the black rock) which was interpreted to mean Elysian Grove.

Other Papagos said that the name Tucson meant "burned stump." Another spelling given in 1829 was "Toison," meaning "Golden Fleece," which led some people to say that Tucson was entitled to use the Coat of Arms of the Golden Fleece. A map in 1842 and another in 1845 spelled it "Tucson." On a map of 1850 it appeared with its present spelling.

A newspaper in 1875 printed an interesting version of how Tucson got its name. A Papago woman said that the name was not Indian but Spanish and that it meant young colt under two years old. The reason for the name was that one of the first missionaries here brought some beautiful horses and cattle to the area, among them a colt of great beauty and worth. After a time the colt was stolen. A reward was offered and an extensive search was started. At last the colt was found in some tall tulles that grew close to the settlement. The man who had stolen the animal was discovered, tried and sentenced to hard labor.

The story goes that in carrying out the sentence the man was put to work on the town's first church building which was being erected

at the time. Some began calling it the "Church of the Colt." As more buildings were built, the town took the name of the colt and so it has been ever since except for the spelling. A colt less than 2 years old was called and spelled "Tucson." The newspaper went on to evaluate the name with conditions in Tucson of 1875:

"Tucson started its career less than a two-year old colt but already has assumed the proportion of a full grown horse, and a race horse at that. It bids fair to keep on at race horse speed until it becomes the largest inland town west of the Rocky Mts."

The name Arizona, too, has many versions. Sylvester Mowry, a pioneer mining operator of the 1860's, said that the name meant "silver bearing." Others said it came from the Spanish with Ariz meaning arid and zona for zone or belt. One version originated in Sonora, saying that the name came from the word "Ari-sonac" which meant "place of chastisement." Bancroft, the historian, believed that the name came from "Narizona" meaning "Large-nosed woman." The Aztecs have a word "Arizuma" which means "silver or rocky country." A Papago version gives "Arizonac" which broken down means Ari- (small) Zonac (everflowing spring). Others point out that the name could have come from the Indian word "Aleh-Zon" meaning "young spring."

It is believed that the first time the name Arizona was used was in 1853 when Wm. Claude Jones wrote a petition to Congress asking that a territorial government be organized between the Rio Grande and Colorado Rivers and giving the area the name Arizona. It was not until February of 1863 that Congress passed the act creating the Territory of Arizona.

In the beginning, Pima County included all of Arizona east of Yuma County, south of the Gila River and north of the Mexican

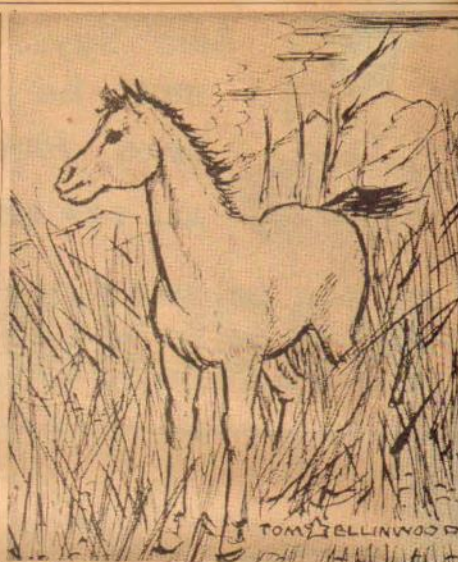
border. In fact, it included nearly all of the Gadsden Purchase. At that time Arizona was made up of but four counties—Mojave, Yuma, Yavapai, and Pima. A part of Pima went to Maricopa and Pinal in 1873 and 1877. Graham and Cochise split off to become counties in 1881 and Santa Cruz followed in 1889 to form the present boundaries. Even so, Pima was left with an area of 9,505 square miles.

Tucson has always been the county seat and at one time was the capital of the Territory. At first, county business was conducted from rented buildings. In 1868 a courthouse and jail was built of stone and adobe. A new building took its place in 1881 and in 1925 the present courthouse was built.

Tucson's first city government began with the appointment of city officials by John N. Goodwin, governor of the territory, in 1884. William S. Oury was named mayor and Mark Aldrich became councillor. The first legal election day was held July 18, 1884, with everyone coming by horse, mule, oxen, or on foot, to vote.

Tucson's coat of arms, adopted by the City Council in February of 1929, shows a town with a varied and interesting background for which her citizens were justly proud. The design was the work of several Tucson citizens. It was drawn by Capt. Donald W. Page, assisted by Chief Joseph A. Roberts of the Tucson Fire Department and the Rev. Father Victor Stoner of the San Augustin Cathedral. The Mexican consul praised the design and offered to have a Mexican artist paint it.

The coat of arms symbolizes Tucson during four major and minor epochs. The major epochs were the Spanish conquest, depicted by the Pillars of Hercules which represented Spain. Then came the period of Mexican domination shown by the Mexican



Colt Theft Commemorated?

There are many versions of the origin of the name Tucson, one version says the Old Pueblo became known as Tucson after a colt-stealing incident in which the culprit was apprehended and sentenced to hard labor. The thief served his sentence working on the town's first church building and it was sometimes called the Church of the Colt. The Spanish word for a colt under two years old is "Tucson"—the story says the name stuck, a "c" was added and the frontier settlement became known as Tucson.

By the American eagle, and the present era of statehood under the Star of Arizona. The four minor epochs were the period of Christianizing under the Jesuits (the arms of Jesus against a blue background of hope), the development of the region under the Franciscans (the arms of the order of St. Francis of Assisi against a green background—the agricultural development), the presidial period (the wall topped by the black hill against red which typified Apache warfare), and the period of the Confederacy (the battle flag of the Confederacy against white—typical of the peace after the Civil War).

Even the colors had significance. Blue denoted the high hopes of

Christianity; white, the peace after the Civil War; green, the agricultural development; and red, Apache wars. The use of red, white, and blue together were, of course, symbols of the United States, while red, white, and green honored Mexican history.

Beneath the coat of arms appears the motto,

"Dieu defend de droit"—
"God defends the right."

The American Eagle is depicted holding an olive branch.

We know of no other city in the U.S. which can boast of such a long and varied history. We should not forget the many pioneer citizens who had the courage, loyalty, and foresight to build Tucson into the fine city of today.

After Week In Hospital

Jose Colunga, Mayor Of Nogales, Dies

NOGALES, March 26 (AP)—Mayor Jose S. Colunga of Nogales died in a local hospital Thursday at the age of 81. He had been admitted to St. Joseph's hospital a week ago. Colunga had recently announced he would seek a third term as mayor and only two weeks ago accompanied members of the Arizona Pharmaceutical Assn. to Hermosillo and Guaymas on an annual goodwill tour.

Operator of the Modern Pharmacy, he founded in 1938, he started the international goodwill trips while serving as president of the drugists group. Funeral prayers will be said Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial in the family plot in the Nogales Cemetery. Rosary will be said Friday night.

Born in Guadalupe, Mexico, Colunga had lived in Nogales since 1934. He spent the 10 previous years as a druggist in Tucson. He was a full fellow in the American College of Apothecaries and a member of the legislative committee of the National Association of Retail Druggists.

Active in community affairs, he served two terms as a member of the board of aldermen before becoming mayor. He was a director of the Nogales Chamber of Commerce for many years. Each Christmas he gave candy

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—Citizen Photo

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At opening ceremonies, Mayor Don Hummel noted that the stations represent a big step toward bringing Class A fire protection and low insurance rates to the entire city. When the new system of high pressure water mains is completed in the area, it will qualify for the top rating.

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patch rooms, kitchens, lounges complete with television, and outdoor patios, as well as sleeping quarters.

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DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Fire Station No. 7 - City of Tucson

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4:30 p.m.

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Equipment and Manpower:
Pumper No. 7 - 4 man crew
Ladder No. 2 - 6 man crew

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies:

City Attorney Jack G. Marks

Introductions -

1. Architect Mr. F. P. Cole
2. Contractor Mr. D. A. Williams
(Frontier Construction Company)
3. Mr. Frank Drachman, Chairman of
Citizens Civic Improvement Committee
 - a. Remarks
 - b. Introduce Chairman of the Fire
Sub-committee (Fruchthendler)
4. Mr. Jacob Fruchthendler
 - a. Remarks
 - b. Introduce the other three members
of the Fire Sub-committee.
5. Ex-Fire Chief Mr. Joe Roberts who retired
from the department in 1938.
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6. Councilman Brannin
Councilman Gibbings
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7. Mayor Don Hummel
 - a. Speech of welcome and dedication.
 - b. Presentation of Station No. 7
keys to Fire Chief John Freeman.
8. Chief Freeman
 - a. Acceptance of keys for Department.
 - b. Explanation of station lay-out by
means of large posted floor plan to
illustrate room arrangement.
 - c. Read names of men stationed at No. 7.
 - d. Invitation to inspect all rooms and
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Mr. Marks reminding all present that following the inspection of this station, the Mayor and Councilmen will proceed to Fire Station No. 6 for the formal inspection and opening of that station. All present are invited to join them at No. 6 if convenient to do so.

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Key City Team Kept Move Close Secret

City Mgr. Porter W. Homer and a select team of top city officials played the annexation game close to the vest until they were ready to pick up the pot yesterday.

The possibility that the city could complete the annexation on the signatures it already had, rather than wait for a court restraining order to be fought out, was a well kept secret known by less than a half dozen top officials.

No hint of it leaked out. The opposition had been waiting for a legal maneuver from City Atty. Jack Marks and was caught completely off balance when the council convened and swiftly passed the annexation ordinance taking in the entire annexation district except for about 7 of a mile of open farm land.

The figuring was close, but state law says the city may annex when it has consent signatures of the owners of more than half of the assessed valuation in the district — but doesn't say how much more than half.

The city apparently made it with about 50.08 per cent.

HERE'S A RUNDOWN of the complex mathematics involved:

The city originally had estimated the entire area had an assessed valuation of about \$20 million. This figure was produced by examining the books of the county assessor to determine assessments of residential and small business properties and making an educated guess at the valuation of the large utilities in the area.

The county assessor does not have figures on the utilities. These have to be requested from the Arizona Tax Commission and are slow in coming.

When the city finally got all the figures together about a week ago officials realized the area was worth only \$17,455,708. This reduction in the total made the job of getting more than half that much easier.

The annexation was launched Feb. 27 and was entering its third

week of signature-gathering when the Superior Court restraining order issued Tuesday night, commanded the city to stop spending tax funds to promote annexation.

Homer called off the petition passers, but at the same time declared himself, City Urban Renewal Director William Bray Jr., an eighth other top administrative officials, on vacation. This was so they could legally continue work on the annexation on their own time without violating the court order.

WHEN THINGS were shut down the city had announced it had about \$4.25 million worth of signatures.

But this was a conservative figure. Many of the petition passers had not turned in their latest signatures and there were completed petitions in the annexation office that had not been processed. There also were petitions that were being questioned for one reason or another and needed to be ruled on.

While the officials were working on this some property owners in the area came in voluntarily to sign up and this boosted the total higher.

When everything was in, the team found it had a total of \$5,558,996.

Four major utilities in the area had declared that they would hold themselves neutral in the annexation and would sign for it only after a majority of the home owners and small businessmen in the area had signed. This meant that their valuation could be subtracted from the total and the city needed to get more than half of what was left.

THE UTILITIES, Tucson Gas and Electric, assessed at \$3,108,000; Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$821,048; Southern Pacific Railroad, \$308,600; and the Southern Pacific Pipeline, \$66,600, have a combined valuation of \$4,303,148 in the annexation area.

Subtracting this from the total valuation, the city came up with \$11,154,960. It needed signatures for more than half of this. Half is \$5,577,280. The city had \$5,558,996 so it was \$18,284 worth of signatures over half. This is 50.08 per cent of the total valuation exclusive of the major utilities.

With these figures in hand the city officials contacted the management of the utilities and all signed in accordance with their agreements.

This tipped the scales in favor

of the city to a fat and comfortable \$11,888,044.

President Luther Davis of Tucson Gas & Electric inked the annexation petition at 11:50 a.m. yesterday.

The City Council was called into immediate session and given the facts, Homer and Marks urged quick action to forestall any additional legal fights.

The council left its conference room and went downstairs to the open council chambers to begin immediate reading of the long annexation ordinance. It was passed by a unanimous vote about 12:50 p.m. and the annexation became an accomplished fact.

New Area City's Most Protected

The 25.3 square-mile area annexed yesterday is currently the most-protected section in the city. Police have divided the area into six patrol districts and have six cars cruising the area. And five cars from the sheriff's office still are patrolling the same section.

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The sheriff said he had conferred with Supervisor Dennis Weaver, the only member of the board who was in town yesterday. Weaver also reported that he had not received official notification of the annexation.

First Fire Call Received

A brush fire in a vacant lot at Chiricahua and Waverly Sts. was the first call received by the Tucson Fire Department from the newly annexed area yesterday.

The call came in at 6:42 p.m., nearly six hours after the area became a part of the city. An engine from the Alameda Grande Station was sent to extinguish the blaze. No damage was reported.

Within Minutes

City Delivers Fast Service To New Area

Police, Firemen Move In Immediately; Both Being Assigned Longer Work Week

By JERRY SMOTHERS

The city's sudden annexation of 25 square miles and 22,000 additional people yesterday gave police and firemen immediate new duties and longer hours.

Within minutes after the surprise announcement of the annexation, six police cars swung into six newly created patrol districts. They were followed by other police cars containing sergeants and lieutenants. Traffic officers also moved in.

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They will work five 12-hour shifts each week. Previously, they worked 8-hour shifts.

The long police work week will be in effect until more officers can be recruited. Asst. City Mgr. Roger O'Mara said 30 to 35 additional policemen will be authorized.

Fire Chief John Freeman said he has been authorized to hire 41 new firemen because of the annexation. He said about 70 recruits took tests yesterday afternoon.

Freeman said he is meeting the new manpower demand by having all firemen work, on straight overtime pay, on a day off each 11 days.

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Co. 13 at 241 W. Ajo Way, taking over the quarters and equipment of the Southside Volunteer Fire Co.

Co. 14 at 3832 S. 6th Ave., moving into the Mission Park Volunteer Fire Co. facilities.

Co. 15, moving into City Fire Station No. 4 at 940 W. Alameda. A city fire truck, a captain driver and two firemen will be added to each new company. Freeman said fire hydrants will be installed within 90 days and that tanker fire trucks will carry water to fires meanwhile.

The Highway Patrol announced it will discontinue serving sections in the annexed area.

Garmire said the city's new residents will receive "the same amount of police attention" as any other part of town.

Herman Danforth, director of public works, said workers will begin moving city limits signs on Monday and that street repairs will begin next week.

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The area south of Ajo Way and east of the Santa Cruz River will receive pick-ups on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while the remainder of the annexed section will get garbage service on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

A general trash collection was to begin at 7 this morning, Price said. Trash collection calendars will be distributed as soon as possible.

City Expanding At Expense Of Sanitary Dist.

Yesterday's annexation of some 25 square miles to the City of Tucson cut another large slice of territory from the Pima County Sanitary District. Kenneth Scharman, district manager, said he estimated that the annexation would shave another \$10,000,000 from the district's already depleted assessed valuation.

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okay had been given by owners with property valued at \$11,888,044, or 68.1 per cent; and that 4,435 owners out of 8,412, or 51.7 per cent, had also chosen a city way of life.

Only last Tuesday, it had appeared that the annexation might not be consummated. A court order had stopped the city from using public funds to promote the drive.

At that time, Marks and two of his assistants, Sidney L. Kain and Thomas J. Torney, began research on how to fight the order and thus enable the city to expand before its April 1 deadline, when federal census takers begin their decennial count.

Thursday, after signatures of persons favoring annexation had been re-checked, it was determined that the expansion could be achieved if a few large property owners came in.

Firstly, it was found that the area contained property with an assessed valuation of only \$17,455,708. Earlier estimates had pegged the total at about 20 million. This reduced the signature need to \$8,727,855.

And the Tucson Gas, Electric Light and Power Co. had said it would sign when the more than 50 per cent total, excluding its own property valued at \$3,108,000, was reached. This cut the figure down to \$6,173,855.

The city had stopped its petition-passing with an announced figure of 4.25 million, but when outstanding signatures had been checked, the goal loomed closer.

Satisfied that the will of the people had been expressed, several large utilities, including Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph (\$821,000 valuation) and the Southern Pacific Railroad (\$305,000 valuation) gave their approval and the city was over the hump.

Tucson Gas added its signature and the job was done.

The council convened at 12:25 p.m. The ordinance was read and two questions posed.

Councilman James L. Kirk asked Marks if the action would be legal.

"Yes," the attorney answered. Councilman Charles E. Branin then requested Homer to read the valuation figures into the record. This was done.

Councilman William Wisdom moved for adoption, there was a second and then six straight "ayes" followed as City Clerk Mary Fields called roll.

At 12:52 p.m. the area became a part of Tucson.

Grand Slam Scored

Tucson Officials Cheer Huge Annexation Coup

Mayor, Councilmen Thank All Workers

Tucson annexed a whopping 26 square miles and 22,000 people yesterday.

And when city ordinance No. 2014 had been recorded just a few minutes shy of 1 p.m., mild

cheers arose from the City Council chambers.

Mayor Don Hummel called the success "reassuring."

He said it was gratifying to "have so many people show their confidence in the city program."

Hummel also expressed the city's thanks to the people who offered

their assistance — by personal service, offers of money, or to solicit funds — to help the city when it appeared the annexation might not meet its deadline April 1.

"Particular thanks should go to the city manager (Porter Homer), the attorney (Jack Marks) and the whole administrative staff for their unselfish, lo and tiring work," he said.

"The community should be proud of employees who went to the utmost length to help the program succeed."

Comments of the councilmen:

F. T. GIBBINGS: "This is a real step forward for the city. We are extremely pleased by the response of the people in the area. The city administrative staff should be highly congratulated."

WARREN WALKER: "The majority of the people in the area wanted to come into the city and we are glad to have them. Even with a protest meeting that urged people to rescind their pro-annexation signatures, only three such letters have been received. The city manager, attorney and the whole staff did an excellent job."

RAY O. WEAVER: "We're all very happy. The people who live in the city are more than glad to welcome the new citizens. And it's doubly joyous because they feel that way, too. The administrative staff did a marvelous job."

WILLIAM WISDOM: "It's very evident that these new residents want to help put Tucson on the map. I admire anyone who feels that way. These are people who work for the good of the entire community. The city employees should be praised for their fine work."

CHARLES E. BRANIN: "This is a good thing. It was needed to keep Tucson in the running with Phoenix for its share of state taxes. However, I disapprove of the method of waiting and then hurrying-up for the annexation."

JAMES L. KIRK: "This necessary, ingredients of an annexation are that it be advantageous to both the city and the area being annexed. This one fits that description. If there is any unbalancing of the advantages, it is to the benefit of our new citizens. I concur 100 per cent with the mayor's remarks about the administrative staff."

Annexation Foe Criticizes City

Paul Robinson, Water Firm President, Threatens Further Legal Opposition

Paul A. Robinson, president of the Southwest Water Co., which serves the Mission Manor district, strongly criticized the city following yesterday's annexation.

Robinson has been a foe of the annexation since it was announced Feb. 26. He was one of 13 businessmen who distributed an anti-annexation letter.

And it was one of his employees, Grover A. Heuer, who filed a civil complaint charging the city with illegally using public funds to promote the drive.

Robinson said yesterday he would pursue his opposition in other legal ways, if possible.

He also issued this statement:

"The surprise action of the city administration in annexing the major part of the proposed area, in the face of a pending suit to determine the legality of the move, is consistent with previous methods employed. However, it seems to me that thoughtful taxpayers,

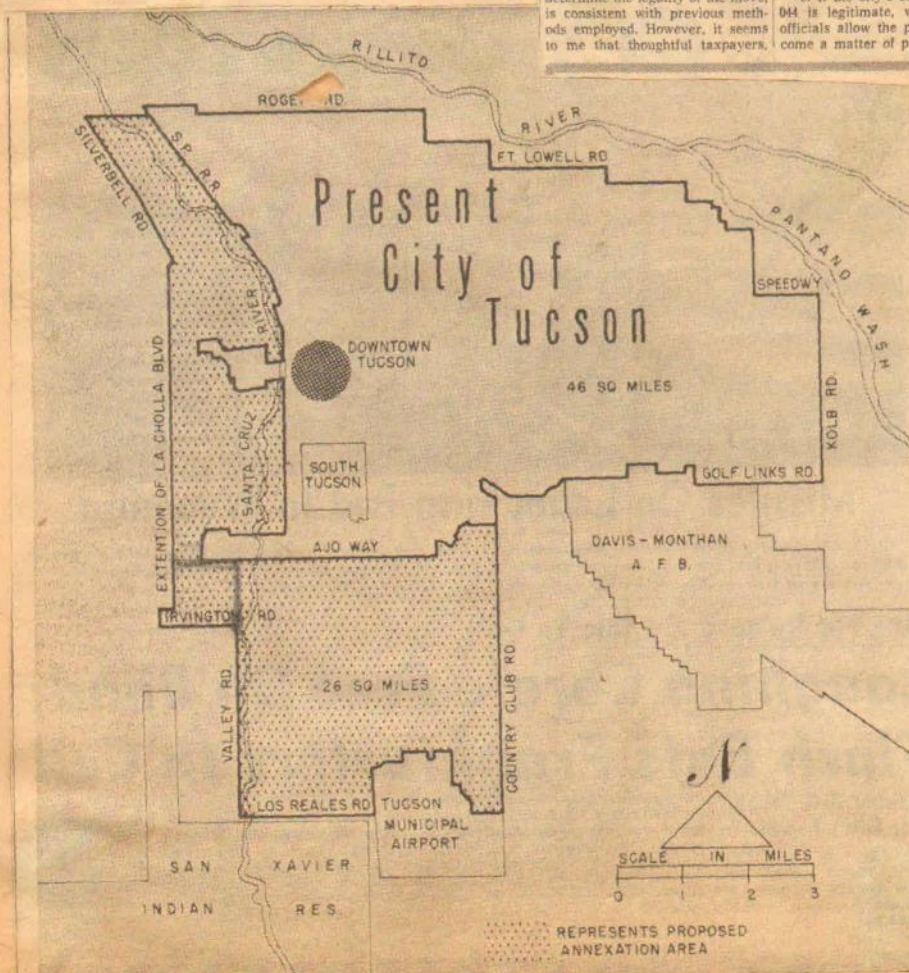
whether in favor or opposed to annexation, should ask three questions:

"1. Why did the announced figure of total assessed valuation of \$20 million suddenly drop to \$17,455,708?

"2. Where did the city get \$1,338,440 of signatures (exclusive of utility properties), which amount was needed to get over the requirement between Thursday afternoon and Friday morning?

"3. If the city's claim of \$6,780,044 is legitimate, why won't the officials allow the petitions to become a matter of public record?"

TUCSON, ARIZONA, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 19, 1960





Tower School In Operation

These rookie firemen of the Tucson Fire Department are combining physical conditioning exercises with rope sliding practice, using the 60-foot hose tower behind the main station at 142 S. 6th Ave. An intensive two-week training program for 20 rookies ended Friday, and the department's regular firemen went back on a 66-hour week yesterday as the newly trained rookies began active duty. The firemen have been on duty 78 hours a week since annexation went into effect March 26. Seven trainees for the Davis-Monthan AFB fire department also took the training under a cooperative arrangement between the city and D-M. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Two New Stations To Open

Fireladdies Back On 66-Hr. Week

20 Rookies Complete Intensive Training Program In Physical Skills, Procedure

By ART EHRENSTROM

Tucson firemen, who have been on duty 78 hours a week since annexation went into effect March 26, went back on a 66-hour week yesterday—thanks to an intensive training program for 20 rookie firemen being completed in two weeks instead of the normal eight or more.

The 20 rookies—in addition to seven trainees for the Davis-Monthan

AFB fire department—were trained under Battalion Chief L. F. Peterson, training supervisor, in such physical skills as scaling ladders, fire-fighting procedures, rope sliding, net jumping, use of gas masks, hose layout, what have you, so they'll be ready to join their fellow firemen as helpers at fires.

All except the D-M airmen were recruited by the city to enable the fire department to man two new stations opened since annexation—one in the 3300 block of N. Stone Ave., the other in the 5900 block of E. 22nd St. Both formerly were private residences, which have been leased to the city.

Chief Peterson says two other stations are about to be built—a two-company station at 1st St. and Anderson Ave. (one block east of Country Club Rd.) and a one-company station at Bellevue Ave. and Venice Ave.—but these will take about 120 days to complete.

Meanwhile, he added, more recruits are needed and will have to be trained. To qualify, applicants must be between 21 and 32 years of age, at least 5-9 and in good physical condition.

"It used to be just a job," Chief Peterson said of the work firemen do. "Now it has become a profession requiring intensive training and highly specialized knowledge. Normally, we need eight to ten weeks to train our rookies adequately, and with all the men giving up their days off to keep us up to full strength 24 hours a day, we had to train these men in a hurry in the basic fundamentals of structural fire fighting."

Chief Peterson said while the department didn't have time to teach the rookies about hydraulics and mathematics during the concentrated two-week training period, they will learn during the department's continuing in-service training program.

"We figured the book learning could wait," Chief Peterson said. "That they can learn on the job. The important thing was to train them in the physical skills needed to be good helpers at fire—like advancing a hose up an 85-foot aerial ladder."

The men have been practicing the "latter" skill on the city's

100-foot water tower at Elm St. and 3rd Ave.; they've been using the hose tower behind the department's main station at 142 S. 6th Ave. for climbing practice, physical conditioning and rope sliding practice. (The hose tower is normally used for drying hoses after they've been cleaned.)

They also have been spending about an hour a day in classroom being oriented in inner department operations, including the duties of administrative personnel such as the dispatcher, so they'll know everything they can about it. "This is strictly a teamwork operation," Chief Peterson said. "Every man has a job to do but he can't do it effectively if he doesn't know everything about how the department operates."

Chief Peterson said there are now 141 men in the department, including 18 who do administrative work only.

"Even the administrative workers are trained firemen," he added. "The chief (Chief John Freeman) doesn't even have a secretary and heaven knows he needs one."

Chief Peterson said half the rookies will go on duty today, the other half on Sunday.

Fire Station Forces Blow Bugle; It's A Lively War Before Council

The north and the south almost hooked up in a repeat of the Civil War yesterday during a City Council meeting.

The description was provided by one of the participants in a public hearing on the proposed location of a fire station in the vicinity of Randolph Park.

In the end, the Council decided to investigate the feasibility of placing the firehouse in the park, but not until the south had its say.

Originally, the city had purchased a \$5,000 site at the corner of Timrod and Irving in San Clemente subdivision.

But the south-of-Broadway forces, led by Mrs. Harold C. Wayne Jr., arose and demanded that the station be removed because it would disrupt the peace and quiet of the neighborhood and be a hazard to school children.

City Manager Porter W. Homer explained that the station had to be located within a certain area in order to comply with fire rating bureau standards; and that the only other proper place would be on a major thoroughfare (Broadway and Irving). Randolph Park would not fulfill the requirements.

The rebel forces convinced the Council, however, and a public hearing on the Broadway location was set yesterday.

The first northerner had hardly spoken, when Councilman Warren Walker interrupted to say he thought the station could be placed in nearby Randolph Park. This brought forth a burst of applause from the southerners.

Dr. Andrew Wilson, a resident of San Clemente and a planning consultant in the past in Albuquerque and Flagstaff, arose to oppose this and uphold Homer's first selection for his own neighborhood.

This brought Mrs. Wayne forward to tell her neighbor just where he stood.

Then Dave Sirota, who said his real estate firm was handling the Broadway property, stepped up.

"We've never offered the property to the city and we don't intend to," he said frankly. "We will be difficult to deal with, so you'd better put it in the park."

Finally, Councilman Charles E. Branin moved to have the site put in the park. The motion carried, with only Councilman Ray O. Weaver in opposition. He wanted a further investigation before deciding.

Both southerners and northerners were united in their applause as the war ended.

This hearing was just one of 17-18 dealt with zoning—held by the Council in a lengthy session yesterday.

Results of others:

City Manager Homer was told to have an ordinance prepared that will ban curb parking along parts of three major thoroughfares—Grant Rd., Tucson Blvd.

and Campbell Ave.

Residence-1, -3 and -4 and light and heavy business zoning was approved for Enchanted Hills subdivision, located east of La Cholla Blvd. on both sides of W. 36th St.

Residence-3 and heavy business zoning was approved for land on the west side of Wilcox, 600 feet north of E. Pima St. (Minarik request.)

Light business zoning was approved for property on both sides of S. 6th Ave. and Bilby Rd. (Haberman request.)

Light business zoning was denied for property at S. Park Ave. and Bilby Rd. (Montgomery request.)

Residence-3 zoning was approved for property north of E. Grant and east of Sahara Ave. (Brott-Sahara-Grant request.)

Business-3 zoning was approved for the south half of Governor's Corner in downtown Tucson.

Heavy business zoning was approved for land east of S. 6th and north of Thoroughbred. (Lewis request.)

RX (one home per acre) zoning

was approved for Richland Heights West.

Residence-1 and light business zoning was approved for property at Silverbell and Grant. (Miller request.)

County zoning designations in the recently annexed southwest area were translated into city classifications. There were no protesters.

Residence-4 and heavy business zoning were approved for land north of Valencia Rd. and west of Missiondale Rd. (Fiesta Park subdivision request.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1960

Infant Boy Smothers To Death

Child Asphyxiates In Eastside Home

A six-week-old boy smothered to death in his crib yesterday morning while his mother was preparing breakfast in their eastside home.

Mark Richard Houser, son of a Davis-Monthan AFB civilian employee, was pronounced dead on arrival at D-M Hospital at 12:05 p.m. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Houser, of 6325 Calle Pegaso.

Twenty-five minutes of emergency treatment, including mouth-to-mouth resuscitation by an Air Force captain, failed to revive the infant, who was found unconscious by his mother at 11:15 a.m.

Mechanical resuscitation was given by a two-man team from the Tucson Fire Department, called by Mrs. Houser at 11:38. The baby was taken to Davis-Monthan in an Adair Funeral Home ambulance.

Until the firemen arrived, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was given by Capt. Eric W. Carlson, a neighbor of the Housers, who was on his way home for lunch. Capt. Carlson also called the airbase to arrange emergency clearance for the child to be taken to D-M Hospital.

Patrolman Clifford Singelais said Mrs. Houser last saw the child alive at 10:15 a.m., when she went into the kitchen to prepare breakfast for her daughter, Diane. At 11:15, Singelais said, she returned to find him lying face down near the bumper pad of his crib.

Fire Capt. Jim Roberts, who was accompanied to the scene by Fireman Harlow Hollinger, said last night he was unable to determine the precise cause of the baby's asphyxiation because the child had been taken to the carport by the time he arrived.

Roberts praised Capt. Carlson for his help and for getting clearance at Davis-Monthan.

Carlson, a member of the 359th Bomb Wing, said he was flagged down by Mrs. Houser and several neighbors as he was driving home for lunch. He said Mrs. Houser was administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation in the carport, but "she was getting worn out." He took over until Capt. Roberts and Hollinger arrived.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Arizona Mortuary.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1960

Jack Lane First In Police Sgt. Examination

Jack Lane, a member of the police department's investigation division, has placed first on a recent civil service examination to establish eligibility for promotion to sergeant.

Police Chief Bernard L. Garmire said yesterday that "there are about six openings" and that promotions would be made in the near future.

Policemen who placed in the top 10 are: 2, Owen J. Hepler; 3, Armond E. Durham; 4, Jimmy G. Adcock; 5, Clarence Nelson Jr.; 6, Gerald I. Morrison; 7, Richard T. Greer; 8, Kenneth D. Chronister; 9, Paul Stephens; 10, Francis R. Kessler.

Others, in the order of placement, are James J. Green, Thomas J. Kesley, Dale Alfred, Peter P. Birmingham, Donald A. Weiss, John W. Roberts, Lonnie B. Reed, Boce W. Clark and Maurice Alford.

Tucson Is Seeking 40 New Firemen For Department

The City of Tucson is seeking approximately 40 new fire fighters in anticipation of enlarged city limits.

Applications for the positions may be obtained from the personnel office on the second floor of City Hall.

Examinations to establish an eligibility list will be given in approximately three weeks.

The position pays \$345 per month to start.

Minimum requirements include United States citizenship, completion of high school or equivalent education, 20/40 uncorrected vision, minimum weight of 150 pounds and a minimum height of 5 ft. 9 in. Successful candidates must be between the ages of 21 and 32 at the time of appointment.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1960

City Firemen Ask Longer Vacations

Local members of the International Assn. of Firefighters go before the Civil Service Commission Monday to seek additional vacation time.

Earlier this year, the men, headed by Clarence Harris, a captain and president of Local 479, appeared before the Board with the same request.

At that time they were seeking an increase from 12 to 15 days vacation.

The board, pre-

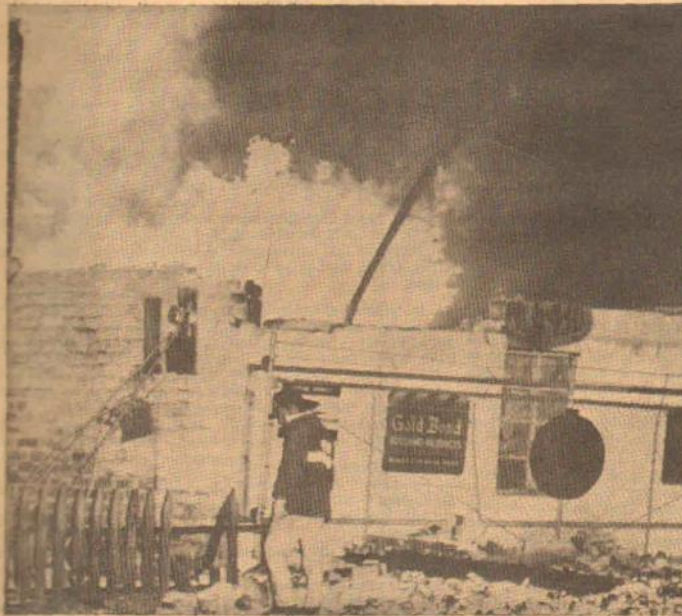
The Board, presided over by E. C. Monro, told them that as Civil Service rules are written they are limited to 12 days. Monro said that if they felt the rule was wrong, they should return with a recommended rule change for the Board to study.

This is what they will do on Monday.

Crux of the problem is that the firefighters are classified as 5-day-per-week employees and thus earn only 12 days vacation per year. Because of their unusual working hours (they are on the job 24 hours, off 24, on 24, off 24, on 24 and then off for 72 hours), they say they actually work about 60 hours per week and should not be termed 5-day-per-week employees.

At the Monday meeting, they will present a vacation plan based on hours worked and longevity in the department.

Explosive Fire Guts Grant Rd. Lumber Yard



Fireman Surveys Debris

As flames billow behind him, a fireman surveys the debris from a collapsed wall at the Grant Road Lumber Co. Forty firemen fought last night's \$250,000 blaze from 9:35 p.m. until early this morning. Fire Chief John Freeman said they did "a magnificent job" in preventing the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. See another picture and story on page 14 B. (Tom Faust photo).

**\$250,000
Damage
Estimated**

**Origin Of Blaze
Not Determined**

By BOB GRAHAM

Flames fed by dry lumber and paint swept through the Grant Road Lumber Co. last night in a quarter-of-a-million dollar fire that leveled the half-block-long building.

More than 40 fire fighters fought to save nearby buildings as hundreds of Tucsonans watched.

Two explosions from paint and other building supply flammables leaped for 100 feet above the 200 foot long mass of flames, forming awesome mushroom clouds.

"The yard was doomed from the beginning," Fire Chief John Freeman said. "It had a monstrous start."

The lumber yard was completely ablaze when five fire trucks answered the 9:35 p.m. alarm. As half of the firemen fought to control the main blaze, the others soaked the Upham Nursery next door to prevent the flames from spreading.

"It was a miracle the nursery didn't go up," Freeman said. A fire storm created by the tremendous heat whipped the blaze in the direction of the nursery and sent sparks over the gasoline station across the street.

The Upham building was partially protected from direct contact with the flames by a small yard filled with plants. Two small dwellings on the other side of the yard were also threatened.

There were no serious injuries, although one fireman was overcome by smoke.

Sam Howard, owner of the lumber company at 2543 E. Grant Rd., said the damage to the building and supplies would amount to at least \$250,000.

At least a million and a half feet of lumber was destroyed, in addition to the concrete offices and showroom and 200 feet of frame lumber storage racks.

The building and its contents were completely insured, Howard said.

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Just In Passing

A couple weeks ago we suggested—just in passing—that Gov. Rockefeller might improve his "image" by encouraging the nickname "Rock" instead of "Rocky." It looks this week as if "Rocky" is more appropriate after all.

No one has come out and said it publicly and in so many words, and we think it ought to be said. The Tucson Fire Department did a tremendous job of containing that quarter-million-dollar bonfire at Grant Road Lumber Co. last weekend.

You don't beat a lumber fire like that with the roaring start that one had—but the firemen did contain it remarkably by their stubborn counter-attack.

City Hall envelopes going through the mailing machine have been carrying a post-mark "progress report." It shows city tax rate at \$4.01 in 1949 and \$1.75 in 1959. Uh-huh. But it doesn't mention the city sales tax added or footnote the fact that the city is painfully short of money to operate.

Firemen had the blaze under control 30 minutes after arriving, but the yard continued to burn for three hours. It was still smoldering well past midnight.

Origin of the blaze could not be determined immediately.

Hundreds of spectators were drawn to the blaze that glowed in the sky from two miles away. They lined Grant Rd. from Tucson Blvd. to a quarter of a mile east.

Police blocked off traffic for half a mile in all directions, but the curious swarmed near the fire on foot.

The fire was the largest in the city since the Mitchell Furniture Store at 704 N. Stone Ave. was gutted 14 months ago.



How Flames Razed Grant Road Lumber Co.

These front-and-rear pictures show the devastation caused at the Grant Road Lumber Co. Saturday night. Damage was estimated at \$250,000. At 4 a.m. Sunday a heavy pall of smoke still hung over the northside of Tucson. Tucson firemen blocked off the area around the fire site all day yesterday while they probed for the cause of the blaze. The exact cause

is still to be located. The top photo shows how the exploding paint wrecked the walls of the office, and the lower photo shows how the flames roared through the stacks of lumber and six trucks in the lumber firm's yard. The neighboring Upham's Nursery lost about \$15,000 worth of plants and other stock through smoke damage. (Jack Sheaffer photos)

Cause Of Fire Still Unknown

Investigators probing the smoldering ruins of the Grant Road Lumber Co. yesterday were unable to determine the cause of the \$250,000 blaze.

Asst. Fire Chief Howard Danielson said he has not been able to find out exactly where the fire started or what caused it.

"The fire must have been burning for a considerable time before it was reported," Danielson said. "Even in lumber, the fire could not have spread that fast."

The lumber yard at 2543 E. Grant Rd. was a half-block long mass of flames when the first of five fire trucks arrived at 9:35 p.m. Saturday.

The blaze was under control within 30 minutes, but the building continued burning until early yesterday. The more than 40 firefighters were not able to leave the area until 7 a.m., nearly 10 hours after the alarm.

Fire Chief John Freeman stationed one truck and crew at the scene around the clock yesterday to take care of re-kindled blazes in the debris.

Although the lumber yard was destroyed, firemen were able to protect Upham's Nursery and two other dwellings adjoining the burning structure. Nursery owner Earl Upham said approximately \$15,000 worth of plants and other stock were damaged by smoke.

JULY 5, 1960

False Alarms Confessed By 8-Year-Old

An 8-year-old boy was remanded to juvenile authorities after he admitted turning in two false fire alarms during the past week.

At 9:34 p.m. last night, Engines 1, 2, 4, and Ladder Truck 1 were sent to Convent Ave. and Kennedy St. to answer an alarm turned in at an alarm box.

Police questioned the boy at the scene and he said he turned in last night's alarm and another last week in which the same amount of equipment was sent to the same location.

Fire Chief John H. Freeman reminded parents to instruct youngsters in the seriousness of turning in false alarms. "Not only is essential equipment diverted to the scene, but fire department personnel and the public have the additional risk of possible accidents," Freeman said.

"In addition, answering false alarms is a needless cost to taxpayers," he added.

Home Burns; Caretaker Accused

A man left in charge of a home while the owner is on vacation was charged with intoxication early today after a \$700 fire at the house.

Engines 6 and 7, and Ladder Truck 2 were called to the Meyer Neuman home, 4331 E. Bryn Mawr St., at 2:50 a.m. on an alarm turned in by a neighbor.

Questioned at the scene, Cecil Shewsbury, 51, of 215 E. Laguna St., hired as a caretaker at the Neuman home, reportedly told police conflicting stories about where he was when the fire started.

But police and fire department personnel said the neighbor, R. E. Etter, 4402 E. Bryn Mawr, told them he heard Shewsbury calling for help while the living room was ablaze. Etter used a garden hose to help control the fire until city firemen arrived.

The Neuman home had at least \$200 damage to contents and damage to the building was about \$500, fire department personnel said. The fire apparently started from a cigarette dropped on a couch, they said.

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TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 5, 1960

East Siders Getting Better Water System

A \$500,000 project designed to bring Class A fire protection and better water service to the East Side is under way.

The Twin Buttes Construction Co., low bidder for the city contract, is installing main water distribution lines

and hydrants along Broadway from Randolph Way to Craycroft road; along 22nd street from Longfellow avenue to Craycroft,

and along Swan from 22nd street to Speedway.

The work will be completed about Nov. 1.

However, it will be several months after that before East Siders can expect the Class A fire insurance rate.

Much additional work in con-

necting individual systems to the mains and installing pressure booster pumps must be done before the area will qualify for the lower fire insurance rate.

The general area covered by these mains was annexed in 1955 and the city wants to get the Class A protection to residents of this area first.

Under subsequent contracts the lines will be extended east to Kolb Road and north to the Roger road area to cover all the territory annexed in 1959.

Under commitments made by the council in the 1959 annexation to the north and east, the entire city—except the area annexed in 1960—must be under Class A protection by March, 1961.

Funds for the current project and those to follow come from the sale of water revenue bonds authorized in the summer of 1958.



Firewatching Brigade Out In Full Force

Tucson's firewatching brigade was out in full force last night as flames gutted the Grant Road Lumber Co. Exploding paint didn't stop Tucsonans from crowding closer and closer to blaze. Only a continuing struggle by two dozen

Tucson policemen and several sheriff's deputies kept a path clear for trucks and hoses, and incidentally keeping members of the firewatching brigade from being killed. (Al Schneck photo).

Spectators Are Nuisance To Police, Firemen—And Hazard To Themselves

Fires would be much easier to fight, a Tucson official said last night at the Grant Road Lumber Co. blaze, if police and fire department didn't have to spend so much time fighting people away from the scene.

"Aside from danger to their lives—" and as he spoke the muffled explosion of burning paint and lacquer cans could be heard—"look at them: the fire trucks can't drive through the lots without dodging pedestrians."

In the crucial early period of the fire, operations were continually being hampered by onlookers willing to risk being electrocuted by fallen power lines or overcome by smoke just to get a closer look at the blaze.

Crowd estimates ran as high as a thousand, and it was a steady struggle by two dozen Tucson policemen and several sheriff's

deputies to clear paths for trucks and hoses and to prevent people from being injured or even killed.

Near one corner of the blaze a single utility pole burned and leaned crazily, looking as if it might topple any minute, bringing electric wires with it. Throngs of the curious milled around with-

in a few yards of it until finally driven back by repeated loud-speaker pleas and shouting policemen.

By the time the fire was mostly under control, so were the crowds. "That's usually the way," remarked one of the police officers.



Debris Left By Explosion-Fire

This pile of charred ruins is all that is left of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Armstrong after an explosion and fire leveled the E. Presidio Rd. dwelling yesterday. Armstrong suffered severe burns from the blast. (Jack Sheaffer photo by Harry Lewis)

SECTION B

APRIL 5, 1960

House Demolished

Butane Tank Explodes
Rocks Trailer Coupler

Agenda Includes City Fire Station Site, Street Names

A proposal to change the names of portions of several East Side streets—to end address confusion—will come up for a public hearing before the City Council Monday afternoon.

The hearing, scheduled for about 1:30, is a part of a long but routine agenda for the regular council session.

Another item on the agenda is the proposed purchase of a new fire station site at the corner of Irving Ave. and Timrod St. The new station, to be built sometime this year if the site is bought, will be the third of four planned under the city's capital improvement bond issue.

The controversial Werle rezoning case, which has been in zoning channels for nearly a year now, also will come before the

The name 4th street would be applied to: Alhambra street from Longfellow avenue to Irving circle; Crescent Ridge from Fourth street to Columbus boulevard; 3rd street from Swan road eastward 650 feet; and Alpine street from Arcadia boulevard to Rosemont boulevard and from Magnolia boulevard to Alamo avenue.

The name Baker street would be applied to: 4th street from Longfellow avenue to Crescent Ridge and from Swan road eastward 650 feet.

The proposal also suggests that several name suffixes be changed to avoid confusion as to which direction the roadways run.

City policy is to call all roadways running north and south, avenues and all running east and

west, streets.

It is proposed that the following boulevards, running north and south, to be changed to avenues: Jerrie, Catalina, Erin, Belvedere, Desert, Venice, Benton, Magnolia, Arcadia, Santa Rosa, Beverly and Woodland.

It is also proposed that the following streets, running north and south, be changed to avenues: Jefferson, Van Buren, McKinley, Sonoma and Alamo.

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TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 5, 1960

Council In New Skirmish Over Fire Station Site

Another skirmish in the city's attempt to locate a fire station on the East Side was fought before the City Council today.

Last time around the council agreed with City Manager Porter W. Homer that it would be wasteful to put the

station in Randolph Park and instructed him to investigate several other sites.

Today, Homer said two of the potential sites were ruled out because of deed restrictions and another was zoned for business and would probably cost too much.

He suggested still another site. This one is located near the northeast corner of Columbus Ave. and La Jolla Circle.

He also mentioned that the station might still be put back at the original site at the corner of Timrod St. and Irving.

But Mrs. Harold Wayne, who lives across the street from this location, was on hand to protest again. She said she feels the council is committed by an earlier vote to put the station in Randolph Park and added that if the councilmen can reverse that decision they should also reverse their decision to give Homer a raise.

Meanwhile, Homer pointed out that water main installations for the area are proceeding rapidly. He said if a station location is not determined soon it will delay the long-awaited Class A fire insurance rating for the area.

The council instructed Homer to get a price on the latest proposed location and report on it and any other potential locations at the next meeting.

The council approved an arrangement under which Laurence O. (Pat) Henry will act as a consulting engineer for city sewage problems for the next six months for a total fee of \$2,800. Henry recently resigned as district engineer for Sanitary District No. 1 and is in a position to help the city set up operation and maintenance procedures on the sewer lines taken over from the district in recent annexations.

The Tucson Airport Authority was authorized to make a purchase offer to the Air Force for buildings at Municipal Airport formerly used by Grand Central Aircraft Co.

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1960

Station Site Arguments Reviewed

San Clemente Won't Change Viewpoint

Residents of San Clemente subdivision, perplexed over problems encountered in the location of an eastside fire station, stuck to their guns last night.

About 20 of them met at the home of M. C. Woodward and decided to continue their drive to have the firehouse placed in Randolph Park.

In this hope, they are definitely opposed by Mayor Don Hummel and several members of the City Council.

The controversy began about three months ago when the Council announced it had purchased land at Timrod and Irving for the station.

The San Clemente people objected strenuously and since then the city has been investigating other sites. Now the selection, according to Hummel, boils down to three spots, all of them within residential areas. The San Clemente people will oppose this.

Coming up for much of their discussion was a letter written to City Manager Porter W. Homer by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The letter, out of the regional office in San Francisco, said the park would not be suitable for the fire station and that if it is put there a need for another station on the city's eastern fringe, might result.

Mrs. Bonnie Kent, 525 S. Irving, said a San Clemente resident is now in San Francisco checking out the validity of the letter.

The group decided to call its friend and ask him to have the underwriters put the opinion in another letter.

In other business, Charles Woods, Ira Cook and Mrs. L. A. Fetterly were selected as a committee to further explain the subdivision's feeling on the matter to Atty. Frank Drachman, who will represent them before the Council.

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Residents Still Seek Park For Station Site

Citizens of San Clemente subdivision feel that Randolph Park is still the logical place to erect a fire station the city has proposed for the East Side of town, and not within their restricted residential area.

At a neighborhood association meeting last night at

the home of M. C. Woodward, 111 Calle El Centro, they registered doubt over the necessity of placing the fire station at Timrod and Irving, site of the lot purchased by the city.

San Clemente residents have

previously expressed their dislike for the city's plan before the City Council, and banded together last night for collective action.

During the meeting other locations were suggested, all within the park area. A station at Broadway and Alvernon Way, where proposed swimming pools and park facilities would profit by having a rescue unit close by, was termed the most desirable location.

A letter to the mayor and council from the National Board of Fire Underwriters, us. 1 by the city to pinpoint the station at Timrod and Irving, was hashed over at the meeting.

The group decided to be represented at the Aug. 1 council meeting by Atty. Frank Drachman. For ammunition they will seek a letter from the Fire Underwriters supporting their contention that the station could be placed in the park.

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Also on tap is a hearing on the location of a fire station in the vicinity of Broadway and Irving. Originally, the station was slated for Irving and Timrod, but residents of San Clemente strongly opposed that.

Now the Council is offering this new site as a possibility, but it is believed residents of that area also will protest.

If that turns out to be the case, then the station's location could return to the original place. The city has already purchased the Timrod-Irving land.

The Council will consider the recommendations of the P&Z Commission for translation of county zoning classifications in the re-

JUNE 7, 1960

East Side Fire Station Set For Park

The much debated East Side fire station wound up in Randolph Park yesterday, but the exact location still has not been settled.

It started out three months ago on two lots the city had purchased at the corner of Timrod St. and Irving Ave.

But residents of San Clemente and Country Club Heights subdivisions complained they did not want a fire station in their neighborhood.

So City Mgr. Porter W. Homer looked around and finally suggested a lot on the corner of Broadway and Irving, which would cost the city more money because a traffic light would have to be installed.

At a hearing yesterday, residents of this area complained that they don't want a fire station near them either.

Finally, Councilman Warren Walker moved to put the station in Randolph Park. Homer said this was a bit out of the area specified for location by the insurance underwriters. He also said that, because it would shorten the station's protection scope to the east, it might result eventually in the city having to build an extra fire station.

The council voted to put the station in the park and asked Homer to find a spot for it.

The only objection to this came from Dr. Andrew Wilson, a University of Arizona planning teacher, who said the city had too little park space as it is and should not lose more. He suggested some planned tennis courts might have to be sacrificed to make room for the station in the park.

Pay, Vacations Issues

City's Firemen Fire, Fall Back

Union Plans Studies To Back Demands
After Commission Rejects Proposals

Members of the Tucson chapter of the International Association of Firefighters have begun studies designed to show that they deserve more vacation time and that their supervisory personnel deserve higher pay.

Representatives of the group met yesterday with the Civil Service Commission seeking settlement of these two grievances, but left temporarily defeated.

Commission Chairman E. C. Monro told them it did not appear that there were inequities in the two matters, but that the men were welcome to appear again.

Clarence Harris, president of the union which twice marched on City Council meetings in an attempt to settle its grievances, said the studies would be made.

The firemen are on duty slightly more than 60 hours a week and feel that they should have more than 12 days vacation per year.

David F. Fitzgerald, city personnel director, told the Commission that the firemen are considered as five-day-a-week workers and hence, under civil service rules, are eligible for only one vacation day per month.

Harris agreed with the interpretation but suggested that vacation time should be granted on a basis of hours worked.

His men will draw up a brief in support of this contention.

Harris said 70 per cent of the nation's firemen have heart attacks by the time they are 60. This is the highest heart attack rate of any group, he said, and shows that there is a need for more vacation time.

Fitzgerald said that when the firemen went from a 72-hour week to a 60-hour week, he notified them of the cut in vacation time.

"I received no response to that letter," Fitzgerald said.

The men base their request for higher pay for supervisors on the fact that comparable police positions receive a higher rate.

Traditionally, the two depart-

Students Start Annual Easter Recess Today

Public and parochial school children begin a four-day spring vacation today. Classes will resume on Monday. School administration offices will remain open today and tomorrow.

Students at the University of Arizona have to attend classes today, but then they are on vacation until Monday, April 25.

ments have been compensated equally, they said, but about two years ago police got a boost after a survey was made by an outside agency.

"I've asked for a reason for this but received no answer," said Herb Russell, a member of the grievance committee.

Told that part of the reason was a difference in hazards faced by the two departments, the firemen disagreed.

"We face a greater health hazard," said Ray Fousel, chairman of the committee. "Statistics show that our health hazards are seven times as great as those of the police."

The two complaints are not the only ones the firemen pose. They seek a uniform allowance, which City Manager Porter W. Homer has said would be considered in preparing the 1960-61 budget, and they want a provision that would give them annual salary increases or decreases in accordance with the cost-of-living index.



FIRE COMPANIES BATTLE BLAZE

Fireman Casey O'Hara, of Engine Company 12, hoses the smoldering ruins of a vacant house outside the city across from the 3200 block on East Ft. Lowell road. City fire equipment answered the call to prevent the early morning blaze from spreading to city property. The cause of the fire hasn't been determined and the owner of the unoccupied house is unknown.

City Firemen Extinguish House Blaze

City firemen extinguished a house fire outside the city limits last night to protect property in the city across from East Ft. Lowell road.

Explained Fire Capt. Charles F. Rice:

"The house appeared to be unoccupied, flames were already leaping through the roof, and there was enough brush and trees in the area for a big fire, if the flames went unchecked."

"So I decided we should knock out the fire before it got any bigger. The assistant chief was on the scene a few minutes later and approved the action," Rice said.

The blaze was reported to the City Fire Department at 8:57 p.m. and Engines 7, 12 and Ladder Truck 2 were at the scene for two hours. Firemen laid about 1,500 feet of hose and more than 4,000 gallons of water was used to keep the blaze from spreading.

Investigations continue to determine the fire's cause and to locate the owner of the property. Residents in the area said the house has been unoccupied for some time.

The small dwelling was on the north side of the 3200 block of East Ft. Lowell Road, about 500 feet from the intersection with North Country Club road.

East Ft. Lowell road is the city boundary.

For water supply the firemen ran hoses from a hydrant at North Country Club and East Ft. Lowell roads. A pumper truck was parked beside the hydrant to boost the pressure.



Firefighters Soak Charred Ruins

Under a layer of smoke, firefighters soak the charred frame superstructure at the rear of the House 'n' Garden Furniture Co. yesterday evening. They doused the tangled debris—\$35,000 worth of outdoor furniture—for more than

an hour to prevent the flames from breaking out again. Other firemen played hoses on the destroyed building from the roof of the Supreme Cleaners branch next door. Total loss was estimated at \$42,000. (Sheaffer photo by Dick Wisdom)

Quick-Spreading Blaze Guts Furniture Store

Estimated Damage Set At \$42,000

Fire possibly kindled by a discarded cigarette gutted the House 'n' Garden Furniture Co., E. Speedway at Tucson Blvd., yesterday evening.

Approximately \$42,000 damage was done to the frame and masonry building and its contents as the flames quickly spread from packing cartons in the rear throughout the entire store.

The building was completely ablaze when fire fighters answered the 7:44 p.m. call, but adjoining stores were protected from damage.

Eighteen firemen manning three engines and a ladder truck had the blaze under control in 20 minutes.

Fire Chief Harold Mickola said the flames apparently originated in a pile of cardboard cartons behind the store. A cigarette tossed

by a passerby may have started the blaze.

The greatest damage was done to the store's \$35,000 stock of patio furniture and supplies, all of which was destroyed. Owner W. Harlan Davis, of 6466 Santa Elena, estimated the value of the three-section building at \$7,000.

Only the adobe and concrete block wall sections remained standing. The tin roof collapsed through most of the frame superstructure. Inside was a charred jungle of outdoor furniture tubing, wrought iron and smoking padding.

Heavy Saturday night traffic on both Speedway and Tucson Blvd. was rerouted by police through side streets for more than an hour.

Several hundred persons, many of them in swimming suits from nearby Himmel Pool, were drawn to the fire.

A company salesman, Walt Stieglitz of 2522 E. Seneca St., reported the blaze. He was at a grocery store across the street when he saw flames rising from the back of the building half an hour after the store had been locked up for the night.

No one was in the building and there were no injuries to firemen.

It was the fourth major Tucson fire in recent months that has occurred on a Saturday night. Others were the huge blaze at the Grant Road Lumber Co. last June 4, and fires at the Golden West Amusement Co. May 22 of this year and at the Mitchell Furniture Store April 18, 1959.

Davis said he plans to re-open for business as soon as possible.

Furniture Company Fire Damage Set At \$40,000

A \$40,000 fire which destroyed the House 'N Garden Furniture Co., 2500 E. Speedway, Saturday night, blazed up four times yesterday but failed to halt salvage work.

City firemen doused minor blazes caused by smoldering furniture and packing cartons at 3:02 and 5:57

a.m. and 1:38 and 6:45 p.m. All of the blazes were minor, although firemen spent more than an hour combatting the third.

W. Harold Davis, owner of the store, said yesterday he hopes to start up salvage work by Wednesday. After that, he said, wrecking crews will tear down the charred walls of the \$7,000 building.

With the debris out of the

way, we hope to get a new building up in six weeks or so," he said. The firm will not move temporarily to another location, Davis added.

Three engines and a ladder truck were needed to combat the fire, of undetermined origin, at 7:44 p.m. Saturday. But the blaze was under control within 20 minutes.

Firemen surrounded the frame and masonry building and used the roof of a Supreme Cleaners branch next door as a vantage point.

Davis said yesterday the damage was \$40,000, or \$2,000 less than his original estimate. He listed about \$33,000 worth of outdoor furniture and the \$7,000 building.

Both were fully insured, he said.

The three-section building's tin roof collapsed under heat and flames, leaving only the masonry walls standing.

No one was injured in the blaze and there was no damage to other buildings in the area, firemen reported.

The fire was the third Saturday night business blaze in less than two months. The Golden West Amusement Co. was burned out May 22, and the Grant Road Lumber Co. was razed June 4.



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FIRE, FIRE, FIRE AND FIRE AGAIN

Firemen yesterday made four calls to the House 'N Garden Furniture Co., 2500 E. Speedway, putting out little fires that restarted after the major \$40,000 fire

was conquered Saturday night. A new store will be built on the site.

—Citizen Photo By Bernie Sed

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—Citizen Photo By Bill Hopkins

CHARRED DEBRIS AFTER CIGARET FIRE

Neighborhood children look over the debris of the blaze that gutted the interior of Matthew Ginsburg's duplex apartment, 613 Knox Dr., last night. Ginsburg, criti-

cally burned, staggered out the rear door (above), and crawled a few feet away. His moans attracted neighbors. See story, Page 1.



—Citizen Photo

IN WAKE OF SHOPPING CENTER FIRE

Passersby look over the debris resulting from the \$63,000 blaze at El Sol Shopping Center, believed set off by a cigarette stub at the Morris Furniture & Appliance shop, 2924 E. 22nd St.

Cigarette Believed Cause Of \$63,000 Store Blaze

A cigarette left burning in the furniture repair section of Morris Furniture & Appliance, 2924 E. 22nd St., is believed the cause of last night's \$63,000 fire at the El Sol Shopping Center.

Fire was confined primarily to the furniture store, but much of the 210-foot roof of the shopping center was damaged by flames and water.

Firemen from three engines and a ladder truck poured enough water on the blaze to cover the 3,750-square foot floor of the furniture firm with three inches of water in 15 minutes.

The alarm was sounded at 7:57 p.m. and the blaze was under control before 8:15.

Although relatively little of the firm's \$20,000 furniture inventory was destroyed by fire, Tom S. Morris, of 2014 E. 18th St., said damage from fire, smoke and water was approximately \$18,000.

John Shee, of 22 W. 34th St., building, estimated the cost of repairing the structure at \$45,000. Most of that sum will go for a new roof, he said.

Both losses were covered by insurance.

Also damaged in the blaze were the ceilings of the El Sol Market, owned by John Shee Jr., and the L & L Restaurant, Television, Locksmith & Hardware Store, both of which adjoin the furniture store.

Firemen, fearing water damage to merchandise inside the latter firm, spread tarpaulins over most of the counters.

The fire was the second for the shopping center and the third major furniture fire in 15 months.

On April 19, 1959, a \$5,000 blaze at the El Sol Market also caused smoke damage at the furniture store.

The market fire came a day after a \$235,000 blaze at the Mitchell Furniture Store on North

Stone avenue. On July 17 of this year, a \$40,000 fire gutted the House 'N Garden Furniture Co. on Speedway.

Asst. Fire Chief Harold Michola reported that Morris had been at

the store at approximately 7:30 p.m. to pick up a tool from the firm's furniture repair section.

He theorized that the store owner accidentally left a burning cigarette in the section, which contained varnish, paint and other combustible materials.

Damage from the blaze seemed to be most heavy in that area, he said.

Morris was called away from the fire once to look after his wife, who was "terribly upset" over the blaze, he said.

MONDAY, JULY 25, 1960

Store On 22d Is Damaged By Fire

A rapidly moving blaze last night consumed an estimated \$18,000 worth of furnishings and housewares at the Morris Furniture and Appliance Store, 2924 E. 22nd St., and caused about \$7,000 in damages to the building.

The fire, which apparently started about 8 p.m. in a storage room at the rear of the store in El Sol shopping center, was prevented by fire fighters from spreading to nearby businesses.

Three engines and one ladder truck were used in fighting the blaze, which was extinguished in fifteen minutes.

Stoves, refrigerators, washing machines and furniture were among the items destroyed.

Thomas B. Morris, of 2014 E. 14th St., owner of the store, told Assistant Fire Chief Harold Michola that he was in the store about 7 p.m. to get a visa, and was smoking at the time. Michola said the fire may have been started by a carelessly dropped cigarette.

In April, 1959, a fire at El Sol Market caused some \$5,000 worth of damage, and inflicted heavy smoke damage to the Morris store at that time, as well as other surrounding stores.



—Citizen Photo—

SMOKE FOLLOWING FLAMES

Local firemen put the finishing shots of water on a fire that caused \$7,000 damage to the home of H. J. Foster, 4109 E. Harley. Four children watching TV when the

fire broke out were unhurt. Major damage was to the storage shed and playroom shown above.

House Burns As Children Watch TV

Neighbors battled a fire that broke out while four young children were watching television yesterday and the blaze caused \$7,000 damage before it could be extinguished.

Three engines from Station 7 were called to the home of H. J. Foster, 4109 E. Harley St. at 5:45

p.m. by neighbors. The children were home alone at the time of the fire.

Combustibles in a storage shed were blamed by firemen for \$5,000 damage to the house and \$2,000 to its furnishings.

Flames quickly spread through

the enclosed carport used as a storage shed and playroom, and also damaged the kitchen.

The nearest fire hydrants were

four blocks away, hampering the efforts of the fire department. Neighbors with garden hoses kept the fire from spreading.

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FIRE CAPT. AL JENSEN, standing, watches as Fireman Richard Salgada sifts through debris that once was a television set in the duplex of Matthew Ginsberg, 53, of 613 Knox Dr. The interior of the duplex was destroyed by fire, which firemen said was started by a cigarette. Ginsberg is in Tucson Medical Center where his condition was listed as critical early today. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19, 1960 TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN



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KIBITZERS

Mrs. Jack Passen, volunteer worker for the Blood Center at Red Cross Headquarters, got plenty of free advice last night from nine of the 40 Tucson firemen from the B shift who donated blood for use in Tucson hospitals and for other emergency uses. The kibitzers (standing, left to right) are Edgar Gemmill, Sanford

Mowday, Phillip San Angelo, William Hopkins, Clarence Jacome, Wencie Higuera, Charles Rice, Alex Herreras and James Roberts. Donors on the cots (clockwise, left to right) are Clinton Bullock, Mathew Hart and Jack Gleason.

July 15, 1960



Fire Buff Gets His Card

Robert H. Crowell Jr., dressed in his "New York-style" helmet and firefighter's jacket, proudly holds a card making him an honorary member of Local 479, International Association of Firefighters. Capt. Clarence Harris, president of the Local, helps himself to a drink of ice water from one of the cans Crowell brings to the scene of any major fire. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

He's Always There

Firemen Honor New Gunga Din

Robert Crowell, Who Keeps Ice Water, Coffee Flowing, Now Is Local Member

By DON ROBINSON

Robert H. Crowell Jr. would make Kipling's Gunga Din look like a piker.

If you don't think so, just ask any of the 252 members of the Tucson City Fire Department about this coffee-and-ice-water-toting fire buff who has dedicated his life to making some awful tough times a little easier for them.

Thursday night they made him about the happiest fire engine chaser in the country by granting him the honorary title of Associate Member of Local 479, International Firefighters of America.

And every firefighter present at the ceremonies, at the Labor Temple on S. 6th, agreed that it was a pretty small reward for the services Crowell had rendered to the Department since 1947.

It was during the disastrous Drachman school fire that year that Crowell first decided that the firefighters needed him.

"I kept smelling smoke," Crowell, a rather shy, medium-sized man recalled. "And I ended up at the fire."

Crowell noticed that just about everyone and his brother was helping themselves to the supply of drinking water on the fire truck. "It was a disgusting thing," he said. "First thing you know there wasn't any left for the firefighters."

The mild-mannered Crowell, who had his own firefighter ambitions ruined by a disability, found himself getting angry about the whole thing.

And he did something about it.

Living on a small income and unable to work, he began to go to all the fires he knew about. He would take a large can of ice water with him and stood guard over it so that no one except the fire crews could drink it. If it was winter and the weather was cold or nasty, he brewed huge pots of coffee and took them along.

"I don't think any of the boys can recall a major fire that he has missed," Capt. Clarence Harris, president of the Firefighters Local, said. "I personally can recall several times when he stayed up all night at fires we've been on."

As time passed Crowell went at his mission with a vengeance. He had a radio installed next to his bed and another one in his car so that he could monitor calls on the Fire Department radio.

He converted his station wagon into a rolling snack bar and emergency supply kit, equipped with items ranging from a pair of socks to boric acid used by firefighters to wash out their eyes. He has paid for everything out

OCT. 15, 1960



— Kinney Studio

JOHN F. STEGER

Chairman Of Dystrophy Drive Named

John F. Steger, assistant fire chief, has been named campaign chairman for the 1960 March for Muscular Dystrophy.

No Time For Pinochle

Inspections Occupy Larger Part Of Fire Fighter's Work Day

Several Hours Also Devoted To Drill

By DON ROBINSON

What with all the gags and the cartoons about firehouses it was a sort of a pleasant shock to walk into Tucson's Central Fire Station.

Nary a pinochle game in sight . . . not a single smoke-eater reared back in a cane-bottom chair on the ready to expound on politics, the pennant race or the next pretty girl to walk by.

Instead, a clean-cut, athletic looking young man in the snappy uniform of the department stepped from an awesome cluster of bright red, highly polished fire trucks and inquired, "What can I do for you, sir?"

You explained that you had come to learn a little about a fire department and what it's like to be a fire fighter in Tucson, and he led the way up a flight of scrubbed wooden stairs to a small office where there was a captain.

He was a friendly fellow, too. And it was immediately apparent that he had enthusiasm for his job. He had the patient smile of a man who has spent a great deal of time risking his life trying to get people out of tight spots. He would be more than glad to talk about the department.

There are 13 fire stations in Tucson, seven of them are in temporary quarters at the present time. Altogether, there are three ladder companies and 13 engine companies. They are manned by 221 fire fighters. "Not firemen," he emphasized, "Firemen operate boilers."

The smell of food cooking drifted through the room. "Sure we cook here," he said grinning. "We have to. We work 24-hour shifts, on 24 and off 24."

The cook is a volunteer. "He gets his chow free and all the pots and pans washed for him," the captain said. "We have a regular KP roster, just like in the Army."

He led the way from the office into a rather large, austere furnished "day room." A few well-worn chairs were scattered about. A ping pong table was across one end. A bulletin board hanging on the wall had a couple of part-time job offers on it. "Pays a dollar an hour," said one. There were two other notes . . . "Thank you for coming to visit our first grade class," the careful lettering read.

The average fire fighter, the captain explained, spends about 10 per cent of his time on actual fire calls. About 40 per cent of the time he is undergoing training or drills.

Most of the remaining time is put in on fire prevention inspections. The captain told how under the inspection program men go from house to house looking for fire hazards, making recommendations on the prevention of fires.

Most large buildings in town, he said, are gone over and studied carefully by the fire fighters so that they will be familiar with their layout and construction in case of a blaze. The department even keeps a file of the detailed floor plans of some of the buildings.



KP Duty For Fire Laddies

There's more to being a fire fighter than aiming a hose at a blaze or riding a big red fire truck as it roars with bell clanging and siren screaming to the scene of a fire. The fellows have to eat too. Here Bill Kent, cook, who is "sort of a volunteer" checks the potato peeling capabilities of Jack Gleason and the dish drying skill of William Kurn. But if the alarm sounds, that's all for the chow! (Jack Sheaffer photo)

You wondered how long it took to get the trucks on their way after an alarm sounded. The captain wasn't exactly sure but it was "probably not more than 30 seconds."

What about the hook and ladder truck? Does the man on the rear steering wheel get ulcers any quicker than anyone else?

No, the captain said, he knows exactly which way the driver is going to go through a set of signals given with a horn. He explained that the driver kept the 65-foot-long rig pointed in the direction given him by the captain or chief, who rides beside him and who must, in addition to ringing the bell and blowing the siren, know the city like his own backyard.

The ladder truck is the one with the 100-foot aerial ladder. The captain said it can be run up to the eighth floor of a building within a minute. And fully equipped with a man and a hose, he added.

Every man on the department has to qualify on this breath-taking piece of equipment, that can sway in the wind like a flyrod. "You have to be able to handle a hose, swing an axe or even tie your shoes up there to be any good to us," the captain declared.

Have you ever wondered how you'd feel if you had to leap from a burning building into a net? Tucson fire fighters make practice

jumps regularly just so they'll be able to tell you how to jump.

It takes a minimum of eight men to hold the big net, the captain said, and 14 is about all you can get around it. The net is strictly a last-ditch operation.

"Catches have been made from as high as eight floors, but they were lucky," he said. "Five floors is pretty risky . . . three floors is a cinch." If you ever have to jump, try to land on your back . . . or your backside, the captain advised.

Some people have an idea that fire fighters get an unholy joy out of breaking things up at a fire. "That's not true," the captain declared with a little spark in his eye. "There is always a reason for what we do. When we chop

a hole in the roof it is usually to centralize the fire and keep it from spreading. And we always clean up after a fire. We have mops and brooms right with us. Our job is saving property as well as putting out fires."

What did the captain think was the biggest cause of fires? "People," he said simply.



—Citizen Photo

DON'T JUST SIT THERE—FIGHT THE FIRE

And that's exactly what these new firemen are doing—they are learning the correct way to approach a burning house. Smoke and heat rises (natch) so they come in low from the outside. The new firemen go on duty Monday, according to Battalion Chief L. F. Peterson

who conducted the special training course yesterday. The burning house, one of three used for demonstration, will be demolished to make way for a new Ramada Inn near Congress St. and the Freeway.

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Visitor Recalls Fighting Fires At Tucson In 1907

By PETE COWGILL

Fifty-three years ago when the fire bell sounded at the old station near Church St. and Ott Ave., 25 volunteers supplied all the power and speed the department had.



STARR

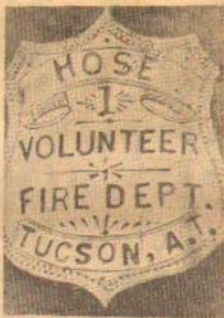
The volunteers would drop whatever they were doing, race to the fire house, grab one of the handles or harnesses on either of the two 2-wheel hose carts or the hook and ladder cart and run to the scene.

"We didn't have far to go in those days," Richard P. Starr, a volunteer of 1907-10, said yesterday while visiting some cronies and leafing through old pictures at the Central Fire Station.

Starr, 76, who now lives in Lancaster, Calif., presented to the Tucson Fire Dept. what probably is one of the last volunteer badges listing Tucson in the Arizona Territory.

The tiny silver badge, which looks almost like new, will be put on display along with many other historical items at the Central Station.

Fifty-three years ago Tucson wasn't much of a town. Not more than 5,000 persons lived in the area from the Santa Cruz River to Speedway Blvd. to Park Ave. to 22nd St. There weren't many houses out near these boundary streets.



Badge With A Memory

"We only had one or maybe two fires a month. And we usually got there before the place burned down," Starr said.

Litt's Drug Store at Stone Ave. and Congress St. wasn't so lucky. The three-story adobe structure was destroyed by fire despite the efforts of the volunteers.

Even back then all of the fire fighting equipment was painted red with gold trim. The two-wheel carts and the hook-and-ladder cart had long wooden tongues in front with handles and harnesses attached so the men could pull them.

The late comers would run up and grab a handle to help those who got to the station early and got into a harness.

Tucson's water for homes, businesses and fire fighting was in a 100-by-40-foot tank near the corner of 4th Ave. and 16th St.

"We didn't have too many fire plugs in those days so if the 200-foot hoses couldn't reach, we had to use the buckets," Starr said.

Fires weren't the only exciting events Tucson had. Starr remembers watching Capt. Harry Wheeler of the famed Arizona Rangers shoot it out with a gunman who was trying to hold up a saloon in the downtown area in about 1900.

"The gunman wasn't a very good shot," Starr says. "But Wheeler was. The man died a couple of hours after trying to outshoot the ranger."

Starr was born at 47 W. Alameda St. in 1884. His father was an auctioneer and real estate agent. In the 1870s he had built a telegraph line to one of the mines near Ajo and had purchased the land by Cat Mountain in the Tucson Mountains where the telegraph line went over the pass.

"My father set up a toll gate and anybody who wanted to use that road going west had to pay to get through," Starr said.

When World War I came young Starr enlisted. After the war, he served for 1½ years on the police force.

In the early 1920s he went to Los Angeles, where he was a guard for many years at Hollywood studios.

For 11 years, until his 75th birthday, he was a deputy town marshal at Lancaster.

"They didn't know I was 75," he said with a smile. "You're supposed to quit at 65 but I fooled them for 10 years."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1960

Charter Change, Tax Rebate Plans Explained By Homer

Proposed changes in the Tucson city charter, to be decided by the voters Nov. 1, were discussed yesterday by City Manager Porter Homer at a meeting of the Downtown Sertoma Club.

Also, Homer explained the proposal on the ballot in the general election to give cities 25 per cent of the state sales tax revenue.

Homer said 75 per cent of the sales tax is paid by Arizonans living in cities, and that the proportion of the revenue received should be comparable to the population.

He said Tucson could find ready use for the additional revenue but discounted any idea it would lead to a reduction of the city tax rate.

He said the change in the char-

ter lengthening the terms of city officials from two to four years would save the city about \$10,000 a year in election costs. Elections would be held every two years, instead of every year.

The proposed charter changes also would create three positions — a director of parks and recreation, a director of finance, and a post auditor. Homer said these jobs would not be under civil service, but said the civil service status of the fire chief and the chief of police would remain unchanged.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

ORDINANCE NO. 2980
AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, ON NOVEMBER 1, 1960 FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF QUESTIONS OF AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, 4 AND 10 OF CHAPTER XVII RELATING TO ELECTIONS, THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCILMEN, AND THE HOURS POLLING PLACES ARE TO BE OPENED BY REPEALING SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF CHAPTER X, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 10 OF CHAPTER XXIV AND BY ADDING NEW CHAPTERS XXIX AND XXX ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND OFFICE OF POST AUDITOR, RESPECTIVELY; BY AMENDING SECTION 6 OF CHAPTER V, SECTION 6 OF CHAPTER X AND SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 OF CHAPTER XXIV RELATING TO PARKS AND THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD, BY ADDING CHAPTER XXII TO THE CITY BOARD OF HEALTH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 1. That the same be, and the same hereby is, called to be held in the City of Tucson on the 1st day of November, 1960, on the following questions relating to amendments of the Charter of the City of Tucson shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the said City of Tucson, to-wit:

A. Shall Chapter 2 of the Charter of the City of Tucson be amended as follows:

Section 2. Primary elections under this Charter shall be held on the third Tuesday in September of each year in which a general election is held, and in which the mayor and councilmen, or councilmen only, shall be held as hereinafter provided in this chapter. The provisions of the general laws of the State of Arizona relating to and governing primary elections and the nomination of elective officers, whether by primary or certificate of nomination (being the whole of Title 16, Arizona Revised Statutes, 1956, and each and every provision of said title with all amendments and supplements thereto) applicable to a city of the population and the class of this city shall apply and govern the holding of primaries and nominations of elective officers. The mayor and council shall have power to make any further and additional provisions relating to primaries and nominations of officers, not repugnant or contrary to the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the state or any amendments and supplements thereto.

3. By amending Section 3 to read as follows:

Section 3. The municipal general election shall be held on the third Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each election year as provided in Section 4 of this charter, except during the year 1962 when the municipal general election shall be held on the third Tuesday of November. The terms of the mayor and members of the council shall commence at ten o'clock A.M. on the first Monday in December following their election and, except as otherwise provided in this charter, shall be for four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Each officer re-elected shall take and subscribe to his oath of office as in this chapter provided.

4. By amending Section 4 to read as follows:

Section 4. The incumbents of said offices shall serve their respective elected terms and, in addition thereto, the Mayor and three councilmen having terms expiring on the first Monday of May, 1961, shall be continued in office until the first Monday in December, 1961, and the three councilmen having terms expiring on the first Monday of May, 1962, shall be continued in office until the first Monday of December, 1962. Anything in this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding (a) in 1961 there shall be elected a mayor and three councilmen for a term of two years, which terms shall expire at ten o'clock A.M. on the first Monday in December, 1963; (b) in 1962 there shall be elected three councilmen for a term of three years, which terms shall expire at ten o'clock A.M. on the first Monday in December, 1965; (c) in the year 1963 when the said terms provided in (a) hereof shall expire there shall be held elections under the provisions of this chapter at which there shall be elected three councilmen to fill the offices vacated on the first Monday in December, 1965. Thereafter there shall be held primary and general elections successively for such offices.

4. By amending Section 10 to read as follows:

records of financial transactions may be maintained in any office, department or agency of the city except from or subsidiary to the accounts maintained in the office.

(4) Submit to the mayor and council through the city manager, a narrative statement of all receipts and disbursements in public funds, and a statement of the exact financial condition of the city.

(5) Preserve, as of the end of each fiscal year, a correct and exact statement and report.

(6) Collect all taxes, license fees, and other revenues of the city, or for whose collection the city is responsible, and receive all moneys receivable by the city from any source.

(7) Have custody of all public funds belonging to the greater control of the city or any office, department or agency of the city, and deposit all funds coming into his hands in such depositories as may be designated by the mayor and council, subject to the requirements of law as to safety and payment of interest on deposits.

(8) Have custody of all investments and invested funds of the city, or in possession of such government in a fiscal year. Notwithstanding the safe keeping of all bonds, notes, and insurance policies of the city, and the receipt and delivery of city bonds and notes for transfer, registration, or exchange, and perform all the duties assigned to the treasurer in Chapter XIII of the Charter; and

(9) Maintain a continuous inventory of all real property owned, leased or occupied by the city or any of its agencies.

Section. Notwithstanding the civil service provisions of this Charter relating to other officers, the director of finance shall be appointed by the city manager, subject to the approval of the mayor and council, and shall hold office until removed by the city manager, or by a two-thirds vote of the council, voting affirmatively thereto, and none of the civil service provisions of the Charter, ordinances or regulations shall apply to the director of finance. Notwithstanding such civil service provisions, the salary of the director shall be such as shall from time to time be fixed by the mayor and council.

That to Amend the City of Tucson Charter XXX which shall read as follows:

CHAPTER XXX

Section 1. There shall be established the office of post auditor who shall be an accountant not less than five years of extensive experience in governmental accounts and auditing, including supervisory experience, shall have been graduated from an accredited four-year college or university and having specialized training in accounting and/or public finance administration or equivalent specialization, or shall have not less than ten years practical experience in the field of accounting and auditing.

2. The post auditor shall:

(1) Make periodic or continuous examinations of the accounts and financial practices of all departments, offices, or agencies of the city.

(2) Recommend to the mayor and council changes or improvements in accounting as he deems advisable.

(3) Personally, or by his duly authorized assistants, examine and audit all fiscal books, records and accounts of all departments, offices, or agencies of the city, and of all other organizations or individuals, if any, making independent verification of all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures of the city.

(4) Have access at all times to all the books, accounts, reports, vouchers or other records, confidential or otherwise, of every city department.

(5) File all audit reports with the city clerk for the mayor and council, with copies to the city manager and director of finance.

(6) Make recommendations to the mayor and council for changes and improvements in the fiscal procedures of the city.

C. Shall a Department of Parks and Recreation be created and established by amending the Charter of the City of Tucson as follows:

Section 2. The appointive offices of the City shall be:

(1) City manager;

(2) City finance director;

(3) City post auditor;

(4) City attorney;

(5) City magistrate;

(6) City engineer;

(7) Superintendent of the water department;

(8) Superintendent of streets;

(9) City clerk;

(10) Chief of police;

(11) Fire chief;

(12) Director of parks and recreation;

(13) Members of the library board;

(14) Members of the civil service commission; and

(15) Such other officers as from time to time may be provided for by ordinance.

2. That Section 8 of Chapter X of the Charter of the City of Tucson be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the superintendent of streets to see that all laws, ordinances, regulations, orders and resolutions relative to the public streets, highways and alleys are fully carried into execution, and the penalties for breaches thereof are rigidly enforced. He shall superintend and direct the sweeping, cleaning and sprinkling of the streets, and the cleaning and dusting of all sewers, and shall keep himself informed of the condition of all public streets, highways and alleys. He shall have the streets, highways and alleys of the city, he shall receive and investigate

SEPTEMBER 26, 1960

City Firemen Start Annual Door-To-Door Inspection

By PETER STARRETT

City firemen today began sounding doorbells in their annual house-to-house inspection for fire hazards.

Chief John H. Freeman is shooting for a record of 50,000 homes inspected this year. The project, begun each year at the end of Fire Prevention Week, will take about five months.

Firemen use a novel system that allows them to inspect homes and still be on call in case of fire. They work in five-man teams and take a fully equipped fire truck with them.

While four of the men inspect homes the fifth stays with the truck to monitor the two-way radio. If the team is needed for a fire, he immediately summons the inspectors and they go directly to the blaze.

Since the firemen inspect only within the area they are assigned to protect, they get to a fire in about the same time it would take to go from the station.

All inspections are voluntary.

The firemen come to the door and ask if they may inspect. They go over the house, in the presence of the occupant, and fill out a check list of possible fire hazards.

Hazards are called to the householder's attention and put on the check list as a reminder.

When the inspection is completed the list is turned over to the householder. The firemen keep no record of the hazard and make no effort to follow up on the inspection.

It is strictly up to the householder to correct the situation once it has been pointed out to him.

Freeman has set inspection hours for the convenience of households. Firemen don't begin inspecting until 9:15 in the morning—after the breakfast rush—and stop at 11:30, so as not to interfere with luncheon preparations.

They begin again at 1:30 p.m. and stop at 4 p.m. daily. No inspections are made on weekends. Inspection also will be suspended during the Christmas and New Year holiday weeks because Freeman has found most families are too busy to bother with it during that period.

The firemen will wear their blue dress uniforms and carry identification cards signed by the chief.

A piece of fire equipment should be within sight of the inspection area. Freeman cautions homeowners against admitting anyone for fire inspection if he is not in uniform and does not have proper identification.

The purpose of the inspection, of course, is to spot fire dangers before they cause trouble.

Unfortunately, firemen are not able to do much about what Freeman considers the No. 1 fire-starter: smoking.

"You can spot a home where there are careless smokers because there will be burned spots on the edges of the table and holes in the sofa," Freeman explains.

"We point this out and suggest they start a household campaign of being careful—but we can't stand there to watch them, so we just hope for the best."

holders buy ash trays having a wire clip on a V-shaped slot that will hold a cigarette firmly and not let it topple off into the carpet if it is forgotten.

Here are some other common hazards firemen will be looking for:

Matches placed where children can get at them.

Light weight extension cords with heavy appliances plugged into them.

Pennies used to replace an electrical fuse. "Keep extra fuses of the right amperage on hand," Freeman advises.

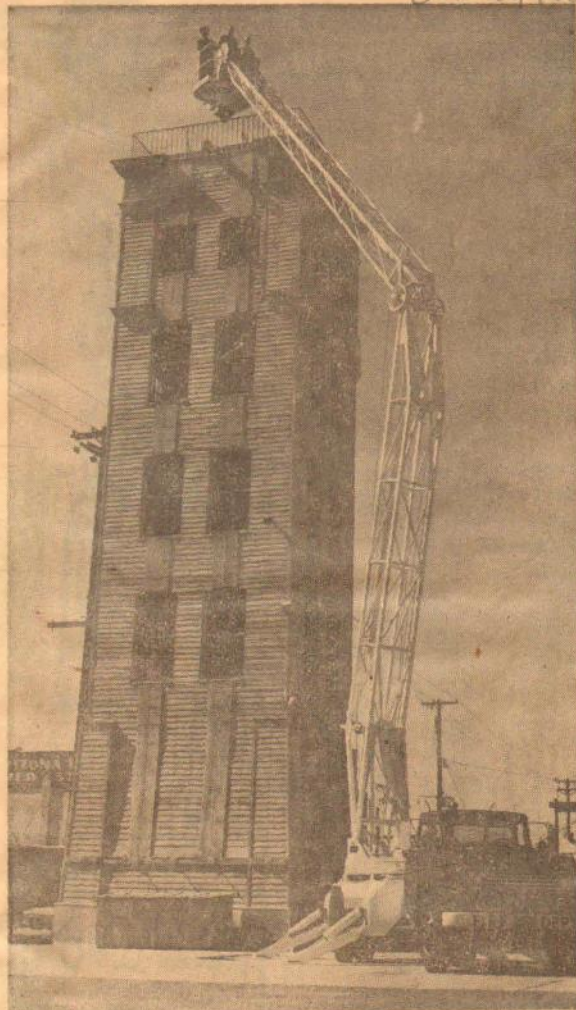
Furnace and water heater closets stuffed with old papers, mops and oily rags.

"Give the heaters room to breathe or you're in for trouble," Freeman warns.

Gasoline carelessly stored. "Put it in a metal, self closing container and keep it away from fires," Freeman says.

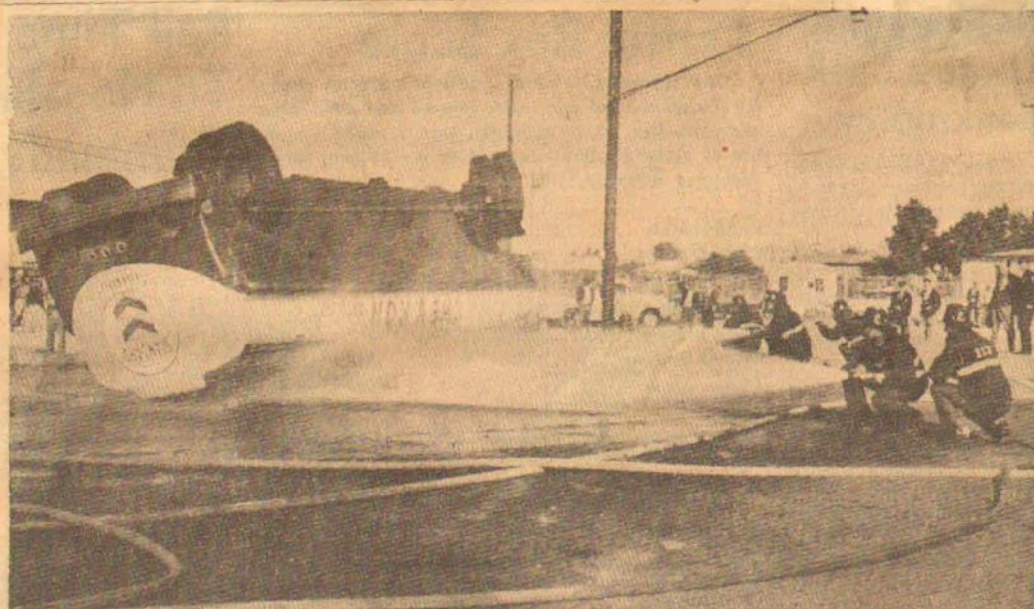
Poor storage of painting materials. "Keep paints, brushes and cloths in a closed metal container," Freeman advises.

Leaves and other inflammable matter stacked against a wooden wall. "Get them away from the buildings or, better still, get rid of them as soon as possible," Freeman says.



Republic Photo by Jack Harle

MECHANICAL DINOSAUR—Three Phoenix firemen take a ride 75 feet into the air in the basket of a Hi-Ranger Snorkel, an innovation in fire fighting. The mechanical monster was brought here for a demonstration during the current State Fire Training School at Phoenix College. The equipment will be demonstrated at 1:30 p.m. today at First and Polk Streets and at 9 a.m. tomorrow on the college football field. The rescue equipment is made by the Van Pelt Co. at Oakdale, Calif.



Water Poured On To Avert Threat Of Blaze

Firemen manning hoses pour thousands of gallons of water onto a 16-ton gasoline tanker, which overturned yesterday afternoon on the Freeway. The tanker, carrying 4,000 gallons of high octane fuel, tipped over when its brakes

failed. Although he was pinned inside the cab for 30 minutes, Charles Clark, the driver, escaped with minor injuries. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Firemen Rescue Driver Pinned In Gas Tanker

A gasoline tanker, carrying 4,000 gallons of high octane fuel, overturned on the Freeway yesterday afternoon and pinned the driver inside for more than 30 minutes.

While firemen and police worked feverishly to free Charles Clark from the cab of the crushed tanker, thousands of gallons of water were poured on leaking gasoline to prevent it from being touched off by possible sparks.

Clark, 23, of 2534 Cameron Vista, was pinned in the cab when the brakes on the 16-ton rig failed, and it toppled over on its back, spewing gasoline on the street.

An unidentified fireman forced open one of the cab doors but found that Clark's legs were pinned beneath the seats and the truck chassis.

Another turned off the ignition key as fumes engulfed the wreckage. But they could not get the driver, bleeding from cuts on his forehead, free.

Wrecking crews arrived and managed to lift the front of the tanker off the pavement

so workers could get to the trapped man.

The minutes ticked away until Clark was finally pulled from between pinched steel and rushed to a hospital. He could walk and work his arms. He didn't appear badly hurt.

Wreckers with cables tugged at the tanker, still spilling gasoline onto the streets, while firemen manned five hoses in an attempt to prevent a spark which could have turned the area into an inferno.

"We had just filled that tanker to capacity," said Clifford May, office manager for the Standard Oil Corp., here. "I saw him leave the terminal only a few minutes before they called me and told me of the accident. 'Thank God he wasn't hurt badly,'" May said.

Witnesses said Clark was heading north on the Freeway and was approaching a red light at 29th St., when his brakes apparently failed.

The driver attempted to turn the corner when the

tanker tipped over, witnesses said.

Clark was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital where he was treated for cuts and abrasions about the head. X-rays of his hip and pelvis indicated no fractures, a hospital spokesman said.

Asst. Fire Chief Charles Mikola said more than 20,000 gallons of water was used in keeping the fuel "washed down."

The mishap tied up Freeway traffic—re-routed by police—for over an hour.

The tanker, valued at about \$18,000 when new, was a total loss, company officials said.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1960

Policeman John W. Roberts Named Deputy U.S. Marshal

A former Tucson policeman has been appointed a deputy United States marshal, U.S. Marshal A. M. (Jake) Meyer said yesterday.

He is John W. Roberts, 33, a former city detective.

Roberts, who would have had four years with the Tucson Police Dept. Jan. 1, joined the marshal's office Monday.

He will transfer prisoners, make arrests and serve papers.

While a policeman, Roberts worked as a jailer, identification laboratory worker and a detective in the investigation division.

He and his wife, Gretchen, have a son, John, 14, and two daughters, Deborah, 13, and Kim, 3.



CARRIED FROM ROOF

—Citizen Photo by Bill Hopkins

Firemen carry Ernest P. Maldonado, 44-year-old convicted burglar and robber, from the roof of Dave Bloom & Sons men's store after he was shot when police said they found him breaking through the roof.

PAGE 52 SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 18, 1961

Tucson's firemen don't fit the popular conception of horseshoe pitching, cribbage playing firefighters at ease. They keep busy as door-to-door salesmen and have pushed doorbells at 51,000 homes in the past five months.

What do the firemen sell? Fire safety and fire prevention. First-class products and highly recommended.

In Shallow Water SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1961

Boy Drowns In Swimming Pool

Child's Body Pulled From Portable Pool In Which Several Children Were Playing

A 9-year-old Tucson boy drowned in a small portable swimming pool yesterday. The water in the pool was less than three feet deep.

Ronald Dee Coburn, of 5231 E. 21st, drowned in a neighbor's backyard pool while playing in the water with about eight or nine other children.

Dr. Louis Hirsch, pathologist for the city, who performed an autopsy, reported that there had been a hemorrhage in the back of the boy's scalp indicating that he had possibly struck his head against the pool's steel ladder before drowning.

The Coburn child's death marks the ninth drowning fatality in Tucson and vicinity this year. Three of the victims have been young children, while four were boys under 18 years of age.

The boy's lifeless body was first noticed by his sister, Brenda Joyce, 13, who was in the pool and gave him a nudge. When he failed to respond she screamed for help. Police Sgt. Jack Lane said the group was playing games similar to tag, underneath and above the water.

Owner of the residence, William E. Towle, of 5220 E. 21st St., pulled the boy out and placed him on the lawn, administering artificial respiration.

Capt. James Roberts, head of the Fire Dept.'s eastside rescue unit, said on his arrival he applied a resuscitator and simultaneously gave closed heart massage, a new method in first aid, in which the heel of the hand is pressed against the heart at a rate of 60 times a minute.

Roberts, who continued the process for 45 minutes, said the boy had not discolored yet and that there was a slim chance to revive him. Kerr Mortuary ambulance drivers assisted firemen in applying the cardiac massage.

In less than 30 minutes a doctor arrived at the scene and gave Coburn an injection of adrenalin in the heart, but shortly after pronounced him dead.

The possibility that the youngster may have suffered an electric shock was investigated when other children reported they felt a "tingling" in the water just before the drowning.

Hirsch and police officers inspected the pool and found that it was insulated properly and that there was no evidence of faulty equipment. Hirsch discounted the theory, reporting that any electric shock would have electrocuted other children as well. The pool, about 15 feet in diameter has a filter attachment.

Aside from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee W. Coburn, and his sister, the boy is also survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Estella Clements of Tucson. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1959

Committee Raising Funds For 2nd Rescue Truck

A committee of Tucson citizens is attempting to raise funds for purchase of a second emergency rescue truck for use throughout the metropolitan area.

Letters seeking financial contributions have been sent to more than 50 civic and fraternal organizations, according to Chris Reilly, chairman of the committee.

A sharp increase in the number of calls to the Tucson Fire Department for emergency first aid in recent months prompted the committee's action. During the fiscal year 1958-59 there were 455 first aid calls. The existing truck and its crews are credited with saving at least 170 lives during 8 years of operation.

The present rescue truck was purchased and equipped in 1951 with funds raised by public subscription, according to Fire Chief John C. Freeman. The city owns and operates the truck with a trained fire department crew. The same procedure would apply to the new truck and its equipment, Reilly said.

Total cost of the truck and its equipment is \$7,496.49. The fire department is not involved in the fund-raising campaign and has agreed only to man the truck and

have it located at one of the new fire stations, Reilly added.

The rescue truck answers calls anywhere in the metropolitan area, inside or outside of the city limits. This will also be true of the new truck.

Since the first truck was put in operation it has responded to 1,547 first aid calls. The number of calls has risen from 115 in its first year of operation to 455 during the past fiscal year.

Other committee members for the fund drive are Charles E. Cray, Anna Charoulet, James E. Durbin, John M. Sakison and Frank C. O'Reilly.

Individual contributions for purchase of the truck and its equipment may be made to Ernest A. Sayre at the Valley National Bank who is handling funds for the committee, Reilly said.

The committee hopes that the truck may be purchased and put in operation by Oct. 1. All fire department personnel are trained to man the truck and its equipment.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1961

Sports Shop Damaged By Fire

A short in an electric iron's switch was believed the cause of a \$9,000 fire yesterday at an E. Speedway Blvd. sporting goods shop, the Fire Dept. said.

Fire Capt. Jim Roberts said four of his men entered the smoke-filled interior of Dave's Sportsman's Friend, at 3840 E. Speedway and put out the blaze before it spread through the store.

The fire was reported by a neighboring businessman about 5:45 p.m. after the sport shop's operator, David Kuluva, had closed shop for the day.

Kuluva later told firemen he had been ironing stencils onto sports shirts and had turned the iron off at the handle switch, but had not unplugged it.

The iron's cord plug was still in the wall socket after the fire, which started in the same corner of the shop, was contained in a small area and most of the damage was from smoke and heat.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 30, 1961

Electric Iron Blamed For Sport Shop Fire

An electrical short in an iron was blamed for a \$9,000 fire yesterday at Dave the Sportsman's Friend, 3840 E. Speedway.

Owner David Kuluva, of 7016 E. Kenyon Dr., told firemen he turned off the switch of an iron used for

pressing sport shirts, but left the cord plugged in when he locked up. Firemen said the blaze apparently started from a faulty circuit in the appliance.

Heavier damage was averted because a co-owner of an adjacent paint store was working late. Ronald R. Southerland, 40, said he smelled smoke about 5:45

p.m., went outside, saw flames coming from the shop by roof and ran to alert firemen. Nothing but black smoke was visible when he peered in the windows moments later, he said.

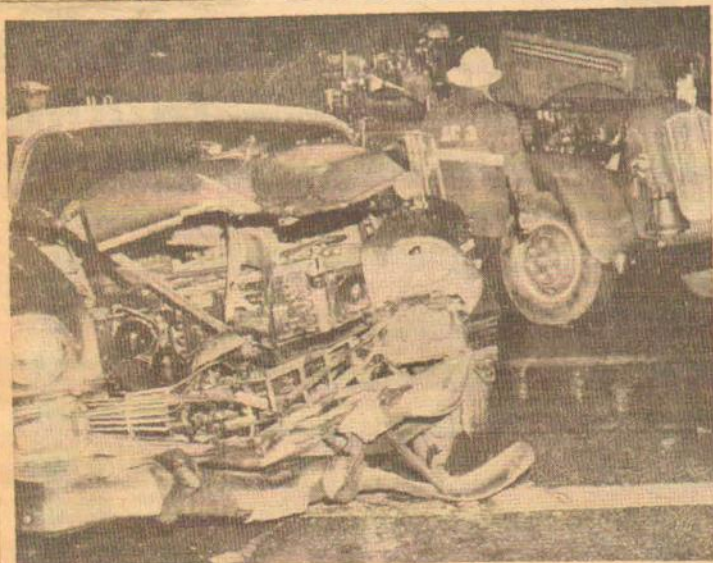
"It was a good thing we caught it when we did," said Capt. Jim Roberts, who pointed to the scorched ceiling where marks indicated the blaze had started to "smoke room" out. Heat melted the strings of tennis racquets and smoke caused heavy damage to fabrics.

Firemen estimated \$7,500 loss to contents and the remainder to the building leased by Kuluva.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1961

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1961

THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR



Signal Blackout Blamed In Crash

A collision involving a fire engine at an east side intersection injured fire-fighter Paul Wesson and housewife Peggy L. Goff, 28, of 304 E. Blackledge Rd. Both were treated at Tucson Medical Center. The accident occurred during last night's electrical storm, at N. Swan Rd. and E. 5th St. The traffic light had stopped functioning due to a power failure. The southbound truck, driven by John Walker, was headed with red lights and siren for 5942 E. 33rd St., on a call to investigate smoke. The car, totally wrecked, was eastbound. Mrs. Goff's 8-month-old son and her husband, Dean, escaped injury. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Station Opening Delayed By Loss Of Fire Truck

A cracked-up city fire truck was cited yesterday as the cause for delay in opening the \$47,576 fire station at Timrod St. and Irving Ave., where residents battled the City Council long and hard over its construction.

Fire Chief John H. Freeman said one rig is being repaired following a recent collision with a car. Freeman said he would not open the new station (No. 11) until the truck is back in service.

The chief added that he hopes to have the station in full operation about the end of August, at which time formal dedication ceremonies are planned.

Area residents bitterly contested the erection of the station at that location. The Council tried to placate them by suggesting alternative locations. But, invariably, residents at the sites complained noise and the building's appearance would be objectionable.

Finally, the Council instructed architect William Wilde to design a station which would appear to be something other than a fire house. Plans completed, the Council established the site and let the contract to Richard B. Taylor Construction Company.

Freeman recently said an electric hose-drying cabinet was installed inside the new

building as a concession to the neighbors.

The chief reported his men are readying the installation for immediate occupancy and that no complaints have been received.

Some 10 men, comprising a pumper company, will be stationed at the house after it opens, Freeman said.



WILL THE NEIGHBORS LIKE IT?

The city's new fire station at Timrod and Irving will be open for business soon and city officials are waiting to see if the neighbors will like it. They complained bit-

terly when the city first decided to locate the station there and city fathers promised it would be designed to blend in with the residential neighborhood.

—Citizen Photo

Much-Disputed East Side Fire Station Is Completed, Ready For Business

By PETER STARRETT

The city's much-disputed new fire station at Timrod street and Irving avenue is completed and will be in business in about ten days.

Residents of the area fought long and hard in an effort to get the city to put the station someplace else. They feared the noise and the appearance of the building would be undesirable.

The City Council tried to find a new location, but every time a new site was discussed the residents of that area stormed in to protest.

The council finally stuck to Timrod and Irving, but instructed architect William Wilde to design the station to blend in with the homes as much as possible.

Chief John H. Freeman said today the firemen working to get the station ready have had no complaints or comments from the neighbors. He says hopefully, he thinks the battle may be over.

The station is a low, flat-roofed block building with a masonry screen wall extending across much of the front of the building.

It was constructed by the Richard B. Taylor Construc-

tion Co., low bidder at \$47,576. The money came from city bond funds approved in a 1958 bond vote.

One concession to the neighbors is an electric hose drying cabinet inside the building. It is the only one in town. Washing and drying hoses after a fire is one of the big problems of a fire station and they are usually hung up or stretched out along the ground outside.

Freeman admits this doesn't look too good and the electric cabinet eliminates it. The hoses will be washed on a long cement ramp at the rear of the building.

Freeman is especially pleased with a new design feature of the firemen's dormitory which will give each man a private cubicle in which to sleep and study.

This is done by an arrangement of partitions and built-in bunks and lockers. The cubicles have two bunks in them, but only one of the users is on shift at one time. This gives the fireman a chance to go into his cubicle and study and Freeman is anxious that the firemen do this.

Tucson firemen are in a continuous training program. They have frequent lectures and training films and are also given a lot of reading assignments. In the other stations the only place a fireman can read or study on shift is in the general lounge, and if other firemen want to watch TV, listen to the radio or talk, it is hard for others to concentrate on firefighting texts. The new arrangement al-

lows them to study in the dormitory room. If it works out well Freeman says he will try to have a similar arrangement set up in other stations.

The new installation will be numbered Station 11 and will be the city's 13th fire station, including the Central station downtown.

A pumper company, con-

sisting of three men and a captain, will be on duty, and a total of ten men will be stationed there. This includes four regular members of each shift and two relief men.

The new installation means a net increase of one company in the city's fire fighting ability. The station will cover an area of about three square miles located around the center of the East Side.



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—Citizen Photo



Aiding Stricken Firefighter

Fireman Gerald Michael is attended by fellow-workers after he was overcome by heat and smoke while fighting a \$35,000 northside fire yesterday afternoon which damaged three businesses. Michael and two other firemen were taken to a hospital. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Cause Undetermined

Three Firemen Overcome At Northside Fire

\$35,000 Blaze Burns Lumber And Tools; Firefighters Save Row Of Businesses

By DICK CASEY

Three firemen were overcome by smoke and heat yesterday afternoon while battling a fire which swept through a lumber storage shed and caused an estimated \$35,000 damage to three northside businesses.

A storage shed, containing several hundred gallons of paint and other inflammables, and a nearby gasoline station were threatened by the fire, which shot clouds of smoke high into the sky.

Three firemen, Gerald Michael, Samuel Plank and Al Barnes, were taken to the Tucson Medical Center for treatment after they were overcome by the heat and smoke. Michael and Barnes were admitted for observation. Plank was released.

Gusty winds hampered firemen who fought the blaze for nearly two hours before bringing it under control.

The Catalina Lumber and Supply Co., 3625 N. Campbell Ave., and the Craven-Hague Construction Co., 3613 N. Campbell Ave., were involved in the fire and the Tropical Industrial Paints, 1819 E. Prince Rd., received an estimated \$5,000 loss from smoke and water.

H. L. Haskin, of 19 W. Ventura St., one of the co-owners of the lumber firm, would not comment on the amount of damage, but firemen estimated it at close to \$15,000.

Haskin said the lumber shed, which was destroyed, contained power saws, small tools and a quantity of plywood planks. The loss was covered by insurance, he said.

Chief Fire Inspector Howard Danielson said it had not been determined how the fire started. Danielson said it appeared the fire broke out near the lumber shed and then spread into an outside storage area at the rear of the Craven-Hague firm.

Whipped by hot winds, the flames threatened a row of businesses facing Prince Rd., but firemen poured thousands of gallons of water on the buildings in danger to prevent a worse fire.

A shipping area behind the paint firm was badly charred,

In Shallow Water

Boy Drowns In Swimming Pool

Child's Body Pulled From Portable Pool In Which Several Children Were Playing

A 9-year-old Tucson boy drowned in a small portable swimming pool yesterday. The water in the pool was less than three feet deep.

Ronald Dee Coburn, of 5231 E. 21st, drowned in a neighbor's backyard pool while playing in the water with about eight or nine other children.

Hobby Press Will Re-Print Old Weekly

A replica of the Weekly Arizonian, the state's first newspaper, will be published Tuesday by a group of writers and printers.

The special edition is being written and laid out by 25 delegates attending the 86th annual convention of the National Amateur Press Assn. in Tucson.

The replica issue will be distributed on the Fourth of July at Tubac as a souvenir of Tubac's Civil War Centennial Celebration. The Weekly Arizonian was published in Tubac during the last century.

Composed of professional writers whose hobby is printing and professional printers whose hobby is writing, the association has about 300 members throughout the United States.

Reflections

By ALVIN BRING

PRaise

Sincere praise is leavening in the lives of mankind.

Praise, at the right time, was the factor that pushed men to leadership. School

teachers discovered that praise is far more effective than humiliation. Books, movies, TV programs, we like, are the end result of our praise. One element in the lives of happily married people is mutual praise. A child helping mother wash dishes will do a better job with a little praise.

Banking is the hard core of reality, no contests, sales or gimmicks; why do some banks grow much rapidly than others? Most often it is a warm feeling of friendship mixed with a little praise.

At home, in the office, as a customer, on the Highway, repairmen present occasions when sincere praise is appreciated. You'll be surprised at the smiles you can generate with a few words of praise.



Dr. Louis Hirsch, pathologist for the city, who performed an autopsy, reported that there had been a hemorrhage in the back of the boy's scalp indicating that he had possibly struck his head against the pool's steel ladder before drowning.

The Coburn child's death marks the ninth drowning fatality in Tucson and vicinity this year. Three of the victims have been young children, while four were boys under 18 years of age.

The boy's lifeless body was first noticed by his sister, Brenda Joyce, 13, who was in the pool and gave him a nudge. When he failed to respond she screamed for help. Police Sgt. Jack Lane said the group was playing games similar to tag, underneath and above the water.

Owner of the residence, William E. Towle, of 5220 E. 21st St., pulled the boy out and placed him on the lawn, administering artificial respiration.

Capt. James Roberts, head of the Fire Dept.'s eastside rescue unit, said on his arrival he applied a resuscitator and simultaneously gave closed heart massage, a new method in first aid, in which the heel of the hand is pressed against the heart at a rate of 60 times a minute.

Roberts, who continued the process for 45 minutes, said the boy had not discolored yet and that there was a slim chance to revive him. Kerr Mortuary ambulance drivers assisted firemen in applying the cardiac massage.

In less than 30 minutes a doctor arrived at the scene and gave Coburn an injection of adrenalin in the heart, but shortly after pronounced him dead.

The possibility that the youngster may have suffered an electric shock was investigated when other children reported they felt a "tingling" in the water just before the drowning.

Hirsch and police officers inspected the pool and found that it was insulated properly and that there was no evidence of faulty equipment. Hirsch discounted the theory, reporting that any electric shock would have electrocuted other children as well. The pool, about 15 feet in diameter has a filter attachment.

Aside from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee W. Coburn, and his sister, the boy is also survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Estella Clements of Tucson. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Life-Saving Advice

A group of Tucson firemen will be donating off-duty hours to teaching local citizens proper use of the new mouth-to-mouth resuscitation method.

"Just about everybody has heard about this new technique," said Fire Capt. Clarence E. Harris, "but very few persons know how to administer it."

And that's exactly what the firemen—all members of the Tucson chapter of the International Assn. of Fire Fighters—plan to remedy with their education program.

IAFF hopes to reach the owners and users of every home swimming pool in the area, Harris said.

"This technique is far better than either the old Schaeffer method or the more recent back pressure arm lift," he added. "It is the least tiring and most effective of the three."

Harris expects to have the program in operation within the next few weeks, at which time a final announcement of plans will be made.

Until that time, the IAFF president passes along these steps to be followed when a person cannot breathe for himself, due to electric shock, gas asphyxiation or drowning:

1—If air passage is blocked, clear at once by striking victim sharply on back, by dislodging the obstruction with your fingers, or by drawing it out by suction.

2—Start insufflation (rescue breathing) immediately. The first several seconds are vitally important. Do not delay resuscitation to summon doctor or aid, transport victim or give secondary first aid.

3—Place victim on his back with neck fully extended (head back). A coat or pillow placed beneath shoulders will help maintain this position.

4—Elevate victim's jaw by inserting your thumb between his teeth, grasping the lower jaw and lifting it forcefully upward until the lower teeth are higher than the upper teeth.

5—Close victim's nose by pinching the nose between the finger and thumb.

6—Cover victim's mouth by placing your mouth completely over his with airtight contact.

7—Blow air into the victim's lungs until you see the chest rise (less forcefully for children); remove your mouth and let him exhale. If chest does not rise, check the position of his head and jaw (steps 3 and 4); check for air passage obstructions.

8—Blow into the mouth about 12 times a minute until victim revives. The rate should be about 20 times a minute for children.

Harris added that if another person is available, he should immediately send for a Fire Department rescue truck. The resuscitators carried by the rescue vehicles use pure oxygen, he said, and are the ultimate in resuscitation.

"But mouth-to-mouth method is second best," he said, "and should be used until a rescue unit arrives."



—Citizen Photo

'NOW, LET'S SEE . . .'

Fire Department Battalion Chief L. F. Peterson (left) studies the complexities of the new communications system as Fire Department dispatchers moved to the city's new communications center at Randolph Park this morning. At right is fire dispatcher, Andy Herreras.

City Communications Center Sending Fire Calls Today

By PETER SFARRETT

The city's new communications center in Randolph Park opened for business at 8 a.m. today.

Fire department dispatchers moved in to take over the new big radio panels that tie the city's 14 fire stations into a tightly controlled system.

Police dispatchers will follow in about three weeks and the public works and water department dispatchers will move in next fall.

With the move, the firemen got one of the new seven-digit telephone numbers. The old fire number also will be continued until people get used to calling the new one. The new number will be in the new phone directory, scheduled for distribution next week.

The new fire emergency

number is 327-7431.

The communications center, a roomy, burnt adobe building, located on Randolph Way near the center of the park, was built with city bond funds authorized in the bond election of August, 1958. The center and its equipment are valued at about \$120,000.

City workers, under the direction of Communications Chief Don Richards, have been installing the complex radio and telephone equipment the fire dispatchers are now operating.

All phone calls for the fire department, as well as all automatic and manually operated fire alarms, are channeled to the center.

The center has two-way radio connection as well as direct telephone connection with each of the fire stations. A hot line links red telephones at the center with the office of Chief John H. Freeman at the downtown central station. All mobile fire equipment is equipped with two-way radio and can be controlled from the center.

When a fire alarm rings in, the dispatcher can alert one or all of the fire stations by flipping a series of switches on his board. The dispatch is monitored at the central station so department officers know what is going on. The chief or shift commander can talk to one or all of his men over a relay hookup if he wishes.

The center broadcasts by means of a microwave relay to a transmitter located high in the Catalina foothills. The Catalinas act as a shield against radio interference from Phoenix and also act as a sounding board for a signal that booms loud and clear into every corner of the Santa Cruz Valley.

With the old city hookup, a transmitter on Tumamoc

Hill west of town, the departments were having trouble getting through to units covering the far East and South sides.

The communications center is equipped with an emergency diesel power generator which goes into action automatically in the event of power failure. It also has an auxiliary broadcasting transmitter in the event something should break down at the transmitter in the Catalinas.

Firemen now are manning the boards there. However, plans call for the recruiting and training of civilian dispatchers for fire, police and public works functions.

City officials expect to save money in this move. They want to release highly trained police and firemen for field work and substitute, at lower pay, dispatchers who will become specialists at that function.

Richards hopes eventually the dispatchers can be trained to man any of the boards at the center. This will lead to a flexibility of manpower that Richards feels also may save money in the long run.

The new center was built with community growth in mind and there is enough room to double the presently planned facilities there.

Hummel Asks For Urban Leadership

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—(P)—Mayor Don Hummel of Tucson says effective leadership and coordinated planning are the only ways to solve increasing urban problems.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Colorado Municipal League Saturday, Hummel, president of the American Municipal Associa-

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Council OKs Fire Station

The City Council yesterday voted formal acceptance of one new fire station and approved a shift of bond funds, earmarked for another station, to be used for new equipment instead.

The new station is located at Timrod St. and Irving Ave. Firemen hope to go into action at the new location some time this week.

In the 1958 city bond election a total of \$420,000 was voted for fire protection. This was to provide four new stations and some new equipment.

Three of the stations, including the Timrod-Irving installation, have been built and the fire trucks purchased. However, the city is having a hard time finding the right location for the fourth new station, which will be on the South Side.

Meanwhile, the Fire Department is now on standby equipment. So, City Mgr. Porter W. Homer yesterday asked council permission to spend the station money on two new pumper trucks.

The station will later be constructed from budgeted funds earmarked for new fire trucks, Homer said.

City Worker Insurance Bids Listed

City Mgr. Porter W. Homer yesterday handed the City Council a thick report on four alternate bids for the city's new employee insurance plan.

The council will study the bids and probably make a decision on the plan it wants at the next council session, scheduled for Sept. 5.

The plan, along with a 5 per cent across-the-board pay increase for city workers, will go into effect in October. The plan includes health and life insurance for city workers and their families. The workers will pay about half the cost with the city picking up the rest.

A total of 20 companies submitted bids for the insurance plan, which will include nearly 1,000 employees. All but four were ruled out by the city's insurance plan consultants. The councilmen will have to decide among the four remaining firms. Homer did not name the companies but listed them as A, B, C and D in his report.

The four bids fall within a narrow range of costs, Homer told the councilmen. Total cash outlays required for the first fiscal year vary from \$199,049 to \$218,429.

The original bid call set up alternates between a straight health and life insurance group plan and a plan that would supplement a basic Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage. However, the latter plan appeared more expensive in most of the bids, and the council will now consider only the bids on the straight insurance plan.

Sports Shop Damaged By Fire

A short in an electric iron's switch was believed the cause of a \$9,000 fire yesterday at an E. Speedway Blvd. sporting goods shop, the Fire Dept. said.

Fire Capt. Jim Roberts said four of his men entered the smoke-filled interior of Dave's Sportsman's Friend, at 3840 E. Speedway and put out the blaze before it spread through the store.

The fire was reported by a neighboring businessman about 5:45 p.m. after the sport shop's operator, David Kuluva, had closed shop for the day.

Kuluva later told firemen he had been ironing stencils onto sports shirts and had turned the iron off at the handle switch, but had not unplugged it.

The iron's cord plug was still in the wall socket after the fire, which started in the same corner of the shop, was contained in a small area and most of the damage was from smoke and heat.

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Electric Iron Blamed For Sport Shop Fire

An electrical short in an iron was blamed for a \$9,000 fire yesterday at Dave the Sportsman's Friend, 3840 E. Speedway.

Owner David Kuluva, of 7016 E. Kenyon Dr., told firemen he turned off the switch of an iron used for put-

ting sporting stencils on shirts, but left the cord plugged in when he locked up. Firemen said the blaze apparently started from a faulty circuit in the appliance.

Heavier damage was averted because a co-owner of an adjacent paint store was working late. Ronald R. Southerland, 40, said he smelled smoke about 5:45

p.m., went outside, saw flames coming from the nearby roof and ran to alert firemen. Nothing but black smoke was visible when he peered in the windows moments later, he said.

"It was a good thing we caught it when we did," said Capt. Jim Roberts. He pointed to the scorched ceiling where marks indicated the blaze had started to "mushroom" out. Heat melted the strings of tennis racquets and smoke caused heavy damage to fabrics.

Firemen estimated \$7,500 loss to contents and the remainder to the building, leased by Kuluva.

L.D.S. Sale Tonight At Third Ward

Want to buy a trampoline? A case of eggs? A 30-30

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City Receives Bids On Two Fire Engines

The city yesterday received three bids for two new fire engines. However, it will not be known until they are tabulated if they are competitive enough to overcome the objections of Councilman Ray Weaver who has complained the bid specifications were too detailed to allow for open bidding.

Weaver said last week that if the city did not receive at least three good competitive

bids he would fight to have the bids thrown out and the specifications redrawn.

Tucson Utility Supply Inc., which handles Mack truck equipment was the apparent low bidder for the two pumpers at a total of \$64,131.62.

Contractor & Mining Service Supply Inc., Tucson, representing the Crown Coach Co. bid \$34,004.89 for each of the trucks. It also submitted an alternate bid of \$32,854 for each with some items of equipment eliminated.

Thunderbird Sales Corp. of Phoenix bid \$67,564 total for the two trucks. It handles Seagrave equipment.

The council turned the bids over to the purchasing department to be studied and tabu-

lated to determine if all three came within the specifications laid down in the bid call.

4 New Fire Battalion Chiefs Picked

Fire Chief John Freeman today appointed four new battalion chiefs in a strengthening of the department's command organization.

The four, Capt. Wallace W. Dearing, Kenneth F. Dirks, William P. Dupont and Paul A. Williams, are all veteran Tucson firefighters. They were selected from a field of 23 firemen who took the civil service examinations for the new positions.

The appointments and the improved system will go into effect Sunday.

Under the new system the city will be divided into two separate fire districts with a battalion chief in charge of fire fighting in each district. The four battalion chiefs will alternate on regular 24-hour shifts.

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Tucson Is Seeking Applicants For City Employment

The city is seeking applicants to take competitive civil service exams for water meter readers, firemen and duplicating equipment operators, Personnel Director David F. Fitzgerald announced recently.

Meter readers who meet all of the requirements will be paid from \$300 to \$360 monthly, Fitzgerald said. The firefighters will be paid from \$360 to \$440 monthly while the duplicating machine operators' scale runs from \$252 to \$360, according to Fitzgerald.

Competitive tests, said Fitzgerald, will be given to establish eligibility lists from which appointments will be made.

Persons wishing to apply for the positions should contact the City Personnel Office, City Hall, second floor, 109 N. Meyer Ave.

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Five Tucsonans

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THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Tucsonan Injured When Run Over By Tractor

A 33-year-old Tucson businessman was in serious condition at Tucson Medical Center last night after being run over by a tractor he had just finished overhauling.

Fire Rescue 2 Capt. Jim Roberts identified the injured man as Donald D. Chamberlain, 3508 N. Olson Ave. Chamberlain suffered fractures of the pelvis, left shoulder and left rib, lung contusions and possible internal injuries.

Roberts said Chamberlain, manager of the Rentcenter, 930 E. Ft. Lowell Rd., had completed overhauling the gearbox of a tractor about 5 p.m.

Chamberlain told rescue workers the gear shift indicated neutral, but that when he turned on the ignition the tractor bolted forward, knocked him to the ground, and the right rear wheel ran over him. Roberts said the wheel missed Chamberlain's head by less than one inch.

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McFARLAND CAMPAIGN

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Four Sponsors

The petition, circulated under the sponsorship of Harry Todd, J. W. Harris, William Foster, and Pat La Salle, initiates the creation of a fire district known as the Southside Volunteer Fire Company. The company, if approved by the voters, will consist of not more than 25 members headed by a chief and secretary treasurer.

It will be empowered to purchase, with the consent of the board of supervisors, necessary fire apparatus and to provide the district with water for the fighting of fires. It may, if it so desires, elect to contract with adjoining municipalities for fire protection in place of purchasing its own equipment.

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FRAUD COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST 14

PHOENIX, June 19.—(P)—The Maricopa county attorney today filed complaints charging 14 persons with fraudulently drawing unemployment benefits while employed.

Most of the violations allegedly occurred during the last quarter of 1945.

JUNE 20, 1947

AL ETELMAN TO VACATION IN NEW YORK

Al Etelman, organist at the Spot Tavern, South 6th Avenue is leaving for a 2 to 3 week vacation in New York City and Boston. While there Al intends to visit old haunts and pick up a lot of new songs for his evening entertainments at the Spot. The Spot is a popular place on South 6th Avenue with plenty of excellent entertainment.

Fire Truck Will Be Here Sunday

According to J. W. Harris, Fire Chief of the South Side Fire Protection Area, newly formed and "waiting for funds" fire company of National City and Government Heights—

"Joe Roberts and a salesman for Howe Fire Engines of the Sands Trailer Co., of Glendale, Arizona, visited us this week and wish to demonstrate a new fire truck at 6 p. m. this Sunday afternoon."

The South Tucson News hereby notifies all members of the Fire Company to be at The South Tucson News Bldg., 3000 So. 6th Ave., at 5:30 to 6 p. m. to witness the demonstration of the truck and to consider its possible purchase.

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Signal apparatus
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Southside Smoke-Eaters Will Be There In 3 Minutes

The phone rings at 2-3368. Al Barnes or L. R. Keyes jumps to answer and at the same time flips a switch setting off the automatic horn. The Southside Volunteer Fire Department is in action.

Located on Ajo Way, the Southside department covers the area from the South Tucson line to Irvington Rd.—and with a full time staff of only two. Even so, "it takes only about three to four minutes for us to answer a call," estimates engineer Keyes.

The fire house is covered 24 hours a day by one of the two engineers. He takes the call and sounds the horn which summons more than 20 volunteers who live and work in the Southside area. The engineer then writes the address of the fire on a blackboard in the station and takes off for the scene as soon as the first volunteer arrives.

Other volunteers report to the station, read the blackboard and then go to the fire in their own cars.

The county board of supervisors sets up a budget for the department, but it includes only the salaries of the engineers, equipment and maintenance and improvements such as hydrants. However, the volunteers receive no compensation except a lung-full of smoke and knowledge that they are filling one of the most important civic jobs.

Equipment includes 1947 Chevrolet truck and a 1914 model Seagrave with solid rubber tires—"a mighty good little truck," according to Keyes. The newer truck usually answers the call, while the Seagrave covers up in case of emergency. In addition to the department's equipment goes to the department and hospital

fires whenever they are called regardless of location.

"Our main problem is a shortage of water," complains Keyes. The new truck carries 800 gallons of water, but when this is used up the truck must go to one of the 15 hydrants in the area for refilling. "The solution would be a water tank or more hydrants, but there's not enough money for either so we just do the best we can," Keyes said.

Earl Rickel, 3538 South Dalmar, is serving as chief of the department with N. J. Leichty of 313 West District as secretary. Joe Roberts, former chief of the City of Tucson Fire Department, is an honorary member as is son Jim, now a Tucson fireman.

Other members include: Frank Bracomonte, John Cammack, Otto Clements, Earl Duchenev, George Fousse, A. N. Hawes, J. McGuire, Roy Miller, Bill Molina, J. H. Parkhurst, J. M. Parkhurst, W. Rohus, Phil St. John, Stan White, A. Stromel, Reyes Coronado, and Francisco Gomez. Kenneth Horton is an honorary member.

The volunteers meet monthly and hold two drills per month.

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SCHOOL ZONES BEING WATCHED

School zones along South 6th Avenue must be driven through carefully. The law states that no passing of other cars will be done and that a speed of 15 miles per hour be the maximum within the school zone areas.

This past week sheriff's deputies warned many motorists of carelessness within the zones. Next week violators will be penalized!

Fire Group Holds Second Regular Meet

The recently organized South Side Fire Company held its second regular meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m., at South Tucson's Town Hall.

The company organized for the outlying South Side, recently accepted by the Pima Co. Board of Supervisors, was well attended, 22 firemen being present.

Discussion occurred on future plans of the company. A committee of six members was appointed to investigate a possible site for the future Fire House.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday in each month.

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"BAR-B-Q HARRY" OF THE STAR LUNCH



Here's "Bar-B-Q", W. H. Giles, proprietor and barbeque expert, standing in front of his large, open-pit barbeque oven. South Siders are finding that Giles really knows his business and are making it a nightly habit to drive out to his new, neat place, directly across from the Rodero Field on South 6th Avenue. Barbequed pork, beef, barbequed hotdogs and hamburgers, plus hot and cold drinks hit the spot these cool evenings. The Star Lunch offers big dinners of various kinds and gets the endorsement of this paper.

—Photo by Sturis Photos—Ann's Dep't Store

Beware of "Old Wives' Tales"

A near tragedy occurred on our South Side this week when a young mother, after trying quite a few remedies to cure a cold contracted and which dragged on by her infant, finally was influenced by two neighbor women of quite a few years to give the baby a teaspoon of coal oil and sugar.

Within instants of taking the coal oil and sugar the baby became suffocated and had to be rushed to the hospital where luckily it was revived.

Why young women will listen to women of another generation who cling to old-fashioned remedies is amazing and frankly almost unbelievable! Methods used 30 years ago brought about a terrific mortality rate in small children and will do it again if followed.

Let this be a warning to young mothers—when medical advice is given concerning your baby by persons not a qualified physician—pay absolutely no attention to the advice—consult your physician immediately!

Condition Of Ranges Drops

Range conditions continued to decline during April but the mild winter, coupled with supplies of cured range feed, has prevented undue shrinkage of cattle, according to the Federal Crop and Livestock Reporting Service for Arizona.

Stockmen, whose reports were summarized today, as of May 1, generally said that cattle are holding up well considering the drop in range conditions. The ranges were said to be 71 per cent of normal, 11 points below the May 1 average.

Stock water supplies are low in many areas, and in some districts it has been necessary to ship out some cattle, some going to Northern Arizona ranges.

The movement of sheep to summer ranges in the northern part of the state is under way, with some of the bands moving by the stock trails, others being transported by train.

Town Council Holds Its Reg. Meeting

South Tucson's Town Council held its regular meeting in the Town Hall of South Tucson, May 12th with Gregory McElroy as acting mayor, Councilmen Young and Randall were the only other councilmen present but were enough to provide a quorum.

Minutes of a special meeting held by the Common Council, April 28th, were read. There being no correction the minutes stood approved.

Correspondence to the Town was read by the clerk.

Marshal's report: Fines and forfeited bonds, \$130.00; fines equivalent to labor, \$50.00; licenses collected, \$93.75.

Reports were heard from the Health Commissioner and the Police Commissioner.

Moved by Councilman Randall and seconded by Councilman Young and so carried the same people work on the Election Board May 25th, who worked on April 21st, and that one new clerk be added, totaling six members to serve for the General election.

Moved by Councilman Randall and seconded by Councilman Young the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

LOVE REPUBLICAN ON TOWN ELLIOT

The sample ballot of the Town of South Tucson to be used in the voting at the Town's General Election May 26th, this week shows one lone Republican on the ballot in Walter Melhorn, resident of the town. Melhorn is a plumber.

On the Democratic ticket is a trio composed of Pat Gonzales, garage man; Mrs. Iona Stewart, prominent in PTA work and interested in civic affairs for many years; Bert Orcutt, business man.

There are no Non-Partisan candidates and the ballot follows with the heavy bracket of Independents in Gregory J. McElroy, hard-campaigning pioneer of the Town; Louis W. Kern, business

Solution Is Arrived At

Future Meetings Will Be Well Attended Due to Neat Solution

The last two meetings of the South Side Fire Protection Group had a couple of its members absent—but that will definitely and absolutely certainly will not happen again for a perfect solution was offered at last Wednesday's meeting.

The perfect solution will be: "FREE BEER AND SANDWICHES—All You Can Eat!" Remember the date, 2nd Wednesday in June, South Tucson News office and be careful at the junction because traffic is bad there and quite probably will be worse that night!

MARSHALL BENITEZ HAS TWO BIKES

Marshall Benitez has two unclaimed bicycles at the Town Hall. Persons who have lost bicycles recently should describe their bicycle to Benitez—it may be yours.

man, Mary Deane Johnson, wife of Dr. Johnson of the Johnson Clinic. W. A. Bill Morrow, business man, fills the ticket, also an Independent.

There would have been two more candidates, both Democrats, had Manuel Del Moral and Joe Corral filed their expense accounts within ten days following the earlier democratic primary.

Fire-Fighters Are Meeting And Waiting For Funds From Co.

Group Plans to Wait Until November to Gain Enough Funds To Search Out and Purchase the Very Best Of Fire-Extinguishing Equipment

The Southside Fire Protection Group, volunteer firemen, who recently organized to bring fire protection to our Far South Side, held its regular second Wednesday in each month meeting this week at the South Tucson News office, 300 South 6th Avenue. An excellent meeting was held.

Joe Roberts, former Fire Chief of the City of Tucson, now a member of the new company, was present and gave many interesting descriptions of fires of yesterday and amusing situations that he has experienced during 25 years of fighting fires.

The new company will get its first county tax appropriation on July 1st, however it will quite

Walter Ellis Says Committee Chooses Five

"Candidates Will Represent The Town Well" Says Town's Ex-Mayor

On the political side this week in regard to town politics it seems that one of the main whirlwinds of activity is centered around Walter L. Ellis, ex-mayor of the Town, who has taken a definite interest in supporting 5 candidates for the office of Councilmen. Ellis, as a member of the South Tucson Citizen's Committee clearly stressed that the committee had selected "For a clean and progressive government," the following candidates: Mrs. Mary Deane Johnson, Independent; W. A. Morrow, Independent; Louis Kerns, Independent; G. J. McElroy, Independent, and Mrs. Roy Stewart, Democrat.

The Citizens Committee held a large meeting at the Johnson Clinic last week to plan details of a well-organized campaign for the candidates of the Citizen's Committee. "We believe the candidates we have chosen are a good cross-section of various residents and business people within our town. They are people of high character and worthy of full support of the voters."

At this writing it is not known just what Del Moral and Corral intend to do about being left off the ballot, however, both men appeared in Town Hall last week with their attorney.

Wakefield Junior High School Gives School's-End Art Exhibit

Wakefield Junior High School is giving an Exhibit of Manuel Arts, Home Arts, and Art.

The exhibit will be held in the auditorium Friday, May 16th, 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. for the parents and public to see what has been done in this line of work.

The art classes are exhibiting pastels and charcoal sketches. Some of the pictures were done while the Clyde Beatty circus was here, and the children worked from the windows of their respective classrooms. Excellent portraits were done by John Loring, 8A3 of an Indian Head. Another entitled "Aid to Greece" drawn by Anita Zumano.

Andree Sakir who won a scholarship this year at the Mildred Gibson school of Art entered her picture of "Arabian."

Joseph Bell won a scholastic award for pencil sketching.

The seventh grade water color contest was won by Donald Remy. Second award George

Thorpe. For the girls, first award Irma Stevenson, second award Clara Lee Moreno.

Eighth grade finger painting was a tie for first prize Leota Brandon and Andree Sakir.

The Eighth grade Home Economics under Mrs. F. G. Richardson are making houses of cardboard with plastic furniture carrying out their own ideas of corner windows and so forth.

The seventh grade girls in the Home Ec. Dept. have made dresses for their project for the semester, they are having contests and the judges are Mrs. Martha Fees, and Mrs. William English.

Manuel training exhibits will be shown from all grades, and their work consists of desks, magazine racks, lathe work. Leather crafts consists of belts, key cases, bill folds, and purses. Also they have made inlaid bowls, and copper bowls. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Door Opened Again At Open Door!

The Open Door Night Club located just over the Overpass on Benson Highway was robbed again Wednesday night. The same club reported to the Sheriff's office a week or so ago that entry had been made and several cases of beer taken by, judging from footprints, several men and a woman.

Again the prints of the men and the women were present at the scene of the robbery. There were 5 cases of Schlitz beer and 4 cases of Blue Ribbon taken.

From the Sheriff's clues of the woman's footprints we read: "The woman was either heavy-set or was carrying a case of beer."

She was probably carrying the beer!

"Oil Boom" Caused By Leakage From Gasoline Tanks

ARLINGTON, VA. — The Geological Survey dismissed Arlington's "oil boom" today as just a leaky tank.

It said three one-time water wells which have produced 10,000 gallons of gasoline were simply yielding long-accumulated leakage from storage tanks—probably those of a near-by bus company.

One well still is producing 50 gallons a day.

Read the News!

FLIERS MAKE FORCED LANDING 5 MILES EAST

Commander Richard Griffin and co-pilot Laverne Highhouse, of the Tucson squadron of the Civilian Air Patrol, while doing a routine fire patrol flight last week over the surrounding mountains, were forced to land just off Benson Highway, about 5 miles east.

Motor trouble brought the plane down on the Rancho Del Reyes, where residents brought the fliers to town. Neither were injured and the plane was not damaged.

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Harris Nabs Woman On Dead Run

Looks Out Town Hall Window To See Pair in Parked Car

Helen Dietz, 22, and Floyd Thomas Traylor, 22, have been lodged in the Pima County Jail since December 6th, 11 a.m., shortly after deciding to drive off in J. W. Harris, South Tucson assistant fire chief's Hudson automobile.

Glancing through the window of the Fire Department Harris noticed the two persons sitting in his car, the man attempting to start the motor. With a wild yell of indignation Harris tore from the fire station. With the beller Miss Dietz and Traylor tumbled from the car and took off south on South 6th Avenue.

Harris pursued the pair and managed to catch Miss Dietz. "He'd never caught me, but I had a blaster on my toe!" she told sheriff's deputies. "We were only sitting in the car because of my sore toe, just resting."

The pair have, however, plead guilty of attempted theft.

NUMEROLOGIST VISITING IN TUCSON NOW

Irene Peterson, noted numerologist of Shanghai, New York, London, and Paris, visits Tucson for the first time. Mrs. Peterson is impressed with Tucson, as an interesting oasis in the desert. "A unique town," she calls it.

As she is usually asked to analyze the names of the cities which she has visited by the science of numbers, she has kindly obliged us with the numerological indications of Tucson, augmented by that of the State—Arizona.

Both the consonants and the total nominal force of the name Tucson vibrate to the number 14, indicating this city will attract more and more people who have an exceptional flare of artistic talent, even a few geniuses.

The vibration of the energetic, ambitious 5 indicates Tucson will not lag behind in progress and business men who are up and doing. Change and variety will mark Tucson.

The cooperative, respectable, practical 6 vibration will keep your city on an even keel. They are the business men and money-makers (though not the millionaires) who are peace loving and cooperative, but will fight valiantly for a principle.

Summing up—Tucson will attract permanent home builders. Will be a cosmopolitan city of many happy fortunate and liberal-minded people. The City's soul trend is cultural due to the number of artists and intellectuals who will make this their home.

The State, Arizona strengthens Tucson's ability to acquire riches. Encourages originality and independence and adds to the City's fortunate and happy vibration. For further information phone 4559-W.

DON SMITH TO DETROIT

Don Smith has left South Tucson on a short vacation trip. He is visiting in Detroit and will return to his Don Smith Service Station around Jan. 6.

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1-9-4-6



A Merry Christmas to our South Side

Southside Fire Protection Group Holds Initial Meeting

J. W. Harris Is Named Fire Chief; Secretary-Treasurer Post To Harry N. Todd, For The First Year

FIRE MEETING

Meeting in South Tucson's Town Hall for the initial meeting of its existence, the Southside Volunteer Fire Protection District body met at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday evening and elected officers and members for the coming year.

The body was authorized to meet and form the company by the Pima County Board of Supervisors in the form of a letter receiver from Mrs. Sylvia Powell, Clerk of Pima Co., which is reproduced as follows:

OFFICE OF SUPERVISORS

December 17, 1946

Southside Volunteer Fire Protection District

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that on December 16, 1946, the Board of Supervisors in recessed meeting made an official canvass of the votes of the election held on December 9, 1946 within the boundaries of the above district and find that 66 persons voted in favor of establishing a Volunteer Fire Company and 2 persons voted against.

On motion of Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried, the Clerk was directed to authorize the inhabitants of said district to organize a Volunteer Fire Company therein.

Yours very Truly,
Sylvia G. Powell, Clerk
Acting Chairman J. W. Harris
opened the meeting and instructed

ed Acting Secretary Harry N. Todd to read Sections 16-2005, 16-2006, 16-2007 and 2008 from the Arizona Annotated Code, pertaining to installation and operation of a Volunteer Fire Company. Chairman Harris spoke at length on investigation that has already been made on the possibility of acquiring equipment.

Election of officers followed, placing J. W. Harris as chief of the company and Harry N. Todd as secretary-treasurer. The law provides that the Volunteer Group shall not exceed 25 members, this number being acquired quickly.

Active members of the Southside Volunteer company are as follows:
J. E. McGuire, George Howard,

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Collisions Do Occur On South Side

A minor accident occurred in front of the Rodeo Field Market at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday when a Willys Sedan driven by J. C. Hilderbrand, 525 West Washington, collided with an Oldsmobile coupe driven by C. A. Ward, 825 Carmen Street.

Both parties were responsible for the accident in that the Willys came out of the driveway without due caution and the Oldsmobile was traveling at an excessive speed.

A 1946 Hudson sedan owned and driven by Joe Patterson, 214 West Lincoln Street, was traveling West Tuesday on Benson Highway, approximately 6 miles from overpass, when struck in rear by a semi-truck driven by Guy McNeal, El Paso, Texas.

The accident occurred when truck attempted to pass Patterson. \$75.00 damages were done to Patterson car, \$100 to McNeal's truck.

A wreck occurred Sunday evening when Paul T. Young, 41, Veterans Hospital, driving a 1931 Dodge was struck by Joseph C. Radl, 30, Rt. 2. Both cars were traveling South. Damage approximated \$40.00 to both cars. Radl was given a citation for faulty brakes.

25 MILLION TONS COAL STRIKE LOSS

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 18—The solid fuels administration reported that the recent shutdown of bituminous coal mines cost the country an estimated 25 million tons of coal.

Production in the three weeks affected by the strike was placed at 11,700,000 tons. Under normal conditions, output would have been about 12,500,000 tons weekly, the agency said. An estimated 90 million tons were lost in the strike last spring.

The office of temporary controls relaxed the restriction on coke deliveries issued by the civilian production administration during the strike. Under the relaxation producers are no longer required to give preference to outside orders as against their own requirements or those of their subsidiaries.

20TH ENGLISH INFANT DIES FROM MALADY

LONDON, Dec. 18—A mysterious illness killed five more newly born infants in Britain today, raising the total dead to 20 in the last week. Most of the maternity wards where deaths have occurred are being closed indefinitely. The disease affects the stomach.

THEFT THIS WEEK AT DESERT LODGE

J. C. Rippling, Hopewell Junction, N. Y., has reported the theft of an outboard motor, some canned goods, and three suits from his parked automobile. The theft occurred at the Desert Lodge motel on the Benson highway.

Boy Takes Bath As House Burns

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 18—A fire broke out in the Harry Burke residence today and firemen groped their way through smoke to check each room.

R. W. Alsip, fire chief, opened the bathroom door and found Burke's seven-year-old son, Bernard, in the bathtub reading a comic book.

"Don't you know the house is on fire?" Alsip asked.

"Yes."

"Aren't you worried?"

"Nope. The firemen will put it out."

The firemen did.

THEY'LL DO IT IN ANY LANGUAGE

We are recalled of a husband and wife who wouldn't speak to each other except in sign language. One night when he came late she let him have it, spewing anger with her fingers a mile a minute. Just as he raised his hands to answer—she turned out the light.

BENTIZ GOES TO SCHOOL

Frank Bentiz, Town Marshal, went to Bisbee Tuesday to attend the FBI School being held in that city.

EDITORIAL OF WEEK

This is a joyous season — December 25th a day of happiness—let us not mar it by bringing tragedy to our homes, as others have done and do yearly through careless handling of Christmas tree decorations.

This week we advise caution in the use of lighting fixtures which may become "shorted" easily, wariness toward highly incendiary decorations. Christmas trees, which dry out rapidly, are highly inflammable.

Householders are cautioned against overloading electrical circuits, since fires may start within the walls. Christmas trees should be kept away from stoves, radiators and fireplaces and should be secured against falling. Trees will stay fresh if kept until time of using in a box of damp sand.

Christmas wrappings are also fire hazards and should be disposed of immediately.

Let's be careful and happy this Christmas!

Southside Fire Protection

(Continued from Page 1)

Pat Thornton, Joe Apodaca, Stanley C. White, Tom Prosser, Ed Hendricks, C. S. Scotten, D. E. Cowan, Pete Prosser, Albert Harmon, K. E. Dyrimple, Earl Rickel, William Roberts, George A. Hopper, Norman J. Leichty, W. H. McCormick, Oliver Heflin, John Cormack, Edward Jones, James V. Bonnelly, Jim Tennery, Lewis Keith, D. E. Stell, Carl Forshey, and Steve Guilio.

Honorary members are: The entire South Tucson Fire Department, Joe Roberts, (former Chief of Tucson Fire Department), Harry Hemphill, Walter Ellis, Mrs. Frances R. McCormack, Gordon Greenwald, Gordon Fremming, J. H. Ayraud, and Otto Eichorst.

It was suggested that a Woman's Auxiliary be formed for the company in time to come. The motion was made and seconded, carried, that the Fire Chief be authorized to carry on negotiations for equipment and all other

business, meeting approval of Pima Co. Board of Supervisors.

The next meeting was set for January 8, 1946 and all future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday in each month.

TUCSON, Dec. 19 — A \$2,000 diamond ring lies somewhere on the sands of the Santa Cruz river, Tucson police were informed Thursday. Mrs. Helen Blair reported she had gone to the river bed to get sand with which to build a Christmas tree base. When she returned home the ring was missing.

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MISSION VIEW HOLDS MEETING

The fourth meeting of the Mission View PTA was held at 3:15 p.m., Thursday. Mrs. W. H. Codd appeared as the guest speaker and Miss Tony Marsman's 1-C pupils presented the nativity scene.

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED

Most of 2nd Marriages Found Successful

A comprehensive study has indicated that divorced persons have a good chance of being happy in subsequent marriages, Harry J. Locke, professor of sociology at the University of Southern California, reported yesterday.

Prof. Locke said that interviews with 146 persons in Monroe county, Ind., who were divorced and then married again, showed that 76.7 per cent of them rated their subsequent marriages as "happy," or "very happy." Prof. Locke, who studied 925 individual cases in Monroe county, said results in the 146 cases compared "rather favorably with the 90 per cent of the most happily married persons who rated their marriages in the two categories, (happy or very happy)."

Good Marriages Risks

"The conclusion that divorced persons constitute good risks in subsequent marriages seems warranted," Prof. Locke said.

Fire Dept. For Area Advancing

Despite the fact that the new Volunteer Fire Department will have to wait until July 1st for funds to acquire a truck, building, etc., some things are happening at present.

According to J. W. Harris—in a conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nichols, South 6th Avenue, the Nichols offered to give the new department a piece of ground on which to erect the new building.

Regular meetings are to be held and negotiations will be carried on until such time as actual construction gets underway.

This Wednesday, Jan. 8, friends and members will be notified as to the time and location of the regulation meeting. Last meeting was held in the South Tucson Town Hall, and may be held there once again.

TRUCK HITS SIGN AT SPANISH WELL

The New Year's day closed with a bang at the Spanish Well, South 6th Avenue night spot, when a truck, confused by traffic, jumped the curb and crashed into a huge neon sign, at 12 o'clock midnite.

The terrific impact of the truck with the sign bent the pole at a

FIRE PROTECTION AREA

The fire protection area, coming up for a vote on December 9, lies within:

The old EP and SW railroad tracks on the north, 4th Avenue on the East, Irvington Road on the South and 12th Avenue on the West.

If you are in doubt as to whether you are in the area, J. W. Harris at

violation remaining quite all.

City police, too, said New Year's didn't come up to the usual Saturday night activities as Tucsonans really wished one and all a Happy New Year and meant it.

In South Tucson the docket was empty—no wrecks—no hits—no errors, and peace officers may now go back to work, busy after the holidays.

FIREMEN TO HAVE BENEFIT

Will Be Held To Raise Funds To Operate Volunteer Company

The South Tucson Volunteer Fire Department will give a benefit show on the evening of January 20, to be held at the Opera House Ballroom.

The fire fighting group raises funds about two times a year through dances and benefits in order to maintain a clubroom and recreation room for its members.

The South Tucson Department is rated one of the finest volunteer groups in the State, having done excellent work in our community throughout its entire existence.

The benefit this time will be a stag affair and support of the evening's program by South Side residents is urged by this newspaper.

Meat Supply In 1947 to Be Best Since 1911

Americans will have more meat in 1947 than they had in any year since 1911, John F. Krey, chairman of the board of the American Meat Institute, has announced.

Krey, who is executive vice president and general manager of the Krey Packing company, St. Louis, referred to the government's live stock production goals which he believes will provide meat for a per capita consumption of 155 pounds. This will be

VFW Installs New Ground In Southlawn

To Be Well Maintained Site On South Side For Vets and Families

Post 549 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced yesterday through its chairman of cemetery committee, David Lindsay, that it, the Post, had acquired a section of land included in Southlawn Cemetery with ample space for 1900 graves.

Southlawn Cemetery, located approximately 1/2 mile south of Benson Hi-way near South Tucson and Government Heights, will be further beautified by the incoming Vets Post. The Post will plant lawns, lay many thousand feet of pipe, shrubbery will be planted, impressive flag poles and flags. All will improve and add to the dignity of the present cemetery site.

Grave sites will be apportioned veterans and their immediate families in Southlawn for only \$15.00 per unit. Each person entered therein will be furnished a concrete vault and permanent all-time maintenance of the grounds afforded.

The VFW Post, 121 E. Broadway signed the final contract for the project with Southwestern Cemeteries, Inc. last Monday.

Fire Members To Meet On Wednesday

Meeting last Saturday, Dec. 27, the Pima Co. Board of Supervisors completed the last lap of a grueling procedure of obtaining fire protection for our outlying South Side, by giving the final O.K. of the proposed budget of the new fire company.

The new fire company, recently organized by an election, submitted a budget of \$7,450 for a six-month period, but no funds are available to effect the budget. The supervisors are required to levy a tax on the fire district to raise the funds, and this cannot be done until after July 1, 1947.

The budget included \$1,500 for a firehouse and clubroom, \$3,450 for a fire truck, \$500 for an alarm system, \$1,750 for operation, and \$250 for miscellaneous.

Chief of the new company is J. W. Harris, while Harry N. Todd is secretary-treasurer. There are 25 volunteer members and eight honorary members.

The new company will meet on each second Wednesday in the month, the next meeting falling on Wednesday, January 8.

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Estimates Of Damage In Millions

TWO MAJOR fires struck the Phoenix area within three hours yesterday and caused an estimated \$1½ to \$2 million loss to the Phoenix Union High School system and Tolleson businesses.

The first fire, which broke out about 11 a.m. destroyed a building at Phoenix Union High School, Seventh Street and Fillmore. Forty persons, including summer students and office workers, fled the building. ➔

Less than three hours later an explosion caused by a leak in an ammonia line in the Crystal Ice plant in Tolleson touched off a blaze that destroyed the ice plant, a potato packing shed and four refrigerated boxcars.

Damage in each fire was estimated to be between \$750,000 and \$1 million.

One man was seriously injured in the fire at Tolleson.

A fireman at the high school was saved from possible death or serious injuries by his safety belt.

The fire at the high school destroyed a two-story classroom that was the first home of Phoenix Junior College and later a part of Phoenix Tech. The building was inspected by a fire inspector last month and declared safe. The fire was the first in the more than 60-year history of the high school district. About 500 students would have normally occupied the 20 classrooms and other facilities.

Phoenix Fire Chief Jack Power said the blaze apparently started in a dressing room between the gymnasium and the cafeteria. The fire spread to the gymnasium by the time it was discovered. The de-



NARROW ESCAPE—Fireman Gus Murphy, 3222 N. 38th St., dangles from his safety belt (arrow) as Phoenix firemen battle blaze at historic Phoenix Union High School. Note Murphy lost control

of high-powered water line with stream hitting street. He recovered and soon resumed his duties. Fellow workers, below, anxiously watched him. (Additional pictures, Page 10. Stories, Page 11.)

Republic Photo by Ralph Campins

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 23, 1959

Two Disastrous Fires Strike Valley

Phoenix Union High Hard Hit . . . Tolleson Firms Ruined



ROARING ROOF—Flames fed by tarpaper roofing roar skyward as firemen rush to combat Phoenix Union High School blaze. Three-alarm fire

destroyed two-story classroom building. Forty persons escaped rapidly spreading flames, which caused property damage of \$1 million.

Republic Photo by Ivan Haisch



FUTILE FIGHT—Volunteer firemen pour inadequate stream of water on blazing Crystal Ice plant at Tolleson. Equipment couldn't begin to cope

with \$750,000 fire, which also destroyed a J. A. Wood potato-packing shed and four Southern Pacific refrigerator cars parked on nearby siding.

Republic Photo by Hyle Lashburn



SIGHT UNSEEN—Unidentified fireman directs high-powered stream of water on burning Phoenix Union building. Heavy smoke obscured flames and almost engulfed fireman. Building A, oldest structure on campus, was destroyed by the fire.

Republic Photo by Robin Cornwell



SMOKE SCREEN—At the height of Phoenix Union fire yesterday, it looked like this from the roof of The Arizona Republic. Heavy pall of smoke hid flames and almost blocked out Montgomery Stadium, right. Mrs. Ruth Bok ushered students from school, turned in alarm when she smelled smoke.

Republic Photo by Rod Meyer



SAFETY FIRST—Apprentice lineman Ed Bomer of the Salt River Power District snips power lines connected to J. A. Wood potato-packing shed. He cut lines for safety of firemen who fought blaze, which was spread by wind from adjacent ice plant.

Republic Photo by Hyle Lashburn



TRAFFIC JAM—A maze of fire hoses and equipment clutters Seventh Street as flames roar through old building A at Phoenix

Union High School. Despite damage, there were no injuries as personnel and summer students quickly evacuated danger area.

Reynolds Photo by Ivan Stinson



FLAMES ROLL—Shortly after this photo was taken, flames from the Crystal Ice plant and J. A. Wood packing shed at Tolleson engulfed these four refrigerator cars waiting to be loaded. Fire was caused by unexplained explosion in ice plant and was worst in the history of Tolleson.

Reynolds Photo by Nyle Leatham

Delicatessen Too Tame For Sailor-Fireman Joe

By PETER STARRETT

When Joe Roberts came back to Tucson after sailing around the world with Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet, working in his father's delicatessen seemed pretty tame to him, so he joined the volunteer fire department for a little excitement.

"I don't suppose there are many left who remember, but it was really something in the old days. The bells would all start ringing and the horses would come galloping out at full speed with the firemen hanging on up on top of the old high fire wagons. That was real excitement," Roberts recalls.

That was in 1911. Two years later he became one of Tucson's first seven full-time paid firemen.

When he came back from another military tour of duty, this time with the field artillery in France during World War I, he was appointed chief and served in that post until his retirement in 1938.

He celebrated his 71st birthday this week. He still looks back with vivid excitement on his early fire fighting days.

"A little before I joined up they had bought a steam pumper for the department. It was pulled by three grays and don't think that wasn't something. Imagine a machine that would pump water on a fire. Before that the firemen had to do the pumping by hand," he remembers.

Joe Roberts was born in El Paso in 1889 and moved to Tucson with his family when he was 14. He figures he went to school to about the eighth grade. His father ran a beer bottling business for a while and Joe worked there until one day, when he was 17, he saw an ad in the paper for Navy recruits for the trip around the world.

When he got back from the four-year cruise, his father had opened the delicatessen on the southwest corner of Congress St. and 6th Ave. This is just a short walk from the Central Fire Station and Roberts found himself walking the distance frequently to share the excitement of the station. So he joined up.

In 1913—a year after Arizona gained statehood—Roberts became a full-time fireman. The department then had seven men and three pieces of horse-drawn equipment. It now has 211 men and 22 major pieces of equipment.

In 1913 the firemen lived at the station and were on call 24 hours a day. They got one day off a week. This totals up to something like 144 hours a week. Firemen now work a 60-hour week.

"We had a hydrant system for the central part of the city even



—Citizen Photo

JOE ROBERTS

then, and I don't recall that we ever ran out of water, although there were some times it got a little thin," Roberts recalls. "As soon as the fire alarm sounded everybody was supposed to shut off any hoses or faucets they were running."

It was shortly before the U.S. got into World War I that Roberts suffered his only serious accident as a fireman. It led both to his marriage and to his early retirement.

"In the early days you couldn't shut off a hose at the nozzle. You had to yell 'shut her off' all down the line. Sometimes you'd ruin a house with water by the

time the hoses were shut down.

"Well we were testing some new shut-off nozzles one day and when the nozzle shut off a hose coupling let go, and the hose whipped around and hit me in the back. It did a lot of damage and I spent quite a time at St. Mary's Hospital getting over it," he remembers.

While there, his eye was caught by a young student nurse named Helen Hankemeier and he tried to get a date with her. But student nurses were not allowed out at night.

It wasn't until he had signed up for the Army and was scheduled to leave that the hospital allowed them a couple of dates. He proposed by a most colorful letter from training camp.

"It was some proposal," Mrs. Roberts laughs. "He allowed that we might as well get married because he said he loved me harder than a mule can kick with a sack of salt tied to its tail. How could I refuse a proposal like that?"

They were married shortly before he went overseas. The couple has four children.

Jim has followed in his father's footsteps and is now house captain at Tucson Fire Department Station 7. Joe Jr. is a major in the Air Force. Bill is a detective with the city police and their only daughter, Patricia, is married and living in California. The Roberts celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary in December.

When he came back from the war, Roberts was appointed a lieutenant in the department and about a year later became chief.

"I was a big war hero, so the mayor appointed me chief," Roberts says candidly. Actually he is proud of being a veteran of both services. He helped organize and has headed both the American Legion and the VFW posts here. In retirement Roberts collects stamps and likes to read a lot.

Does he still get excitement out of going to fires?

"No, I don't get to them any more. Tucson has a fine department now. They do a good job. But it's not the way it used to be."



First Aid From Fireman

You can get hurt playing with fire, learns three-year-old Joe Allen Murrill as Fireman Ernest Solomon bandages minor burns yesterday. The tot crawled into a neighbor's clothes closet and began experimenting with a cigarette lighter. The result was \$500 damage to the closet and clothes of Mrs. Norman Buzard, of 2750 S. Norton Vista. Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Murrill, of 2835 S. Coconino Vista, started the fire while the adults were out in the yard. He suffered several small burns on his right arm and leg, firemen said.

Chuck Wagon Pre-Cooked



This booth was destined for use today at the annual Sam Hughes school chuck wagon roundup—a pre-rodeo event staged by the young students. But last night it caught fire—origin unknown—and burned part of the wood and the booth's paper decorations. Several parents spent the day yesterday preparing booths at the school grounds. Fireman James Roberts plays water over the structure as Capt. George Claiberg assists. (Photo by Levitz.)

State Firemen Phoenician

MCSILLO, Sonora (AP)—Alvin M. Phoenix, was elected president yesterday at closing of the Arizona Firemen's convention.

In 10 days, attending national convention in the U.S. capital for the past eight years, met in Williams, Ariz. Phoenix succeeds Fred

Phoenix, executive board member, vice president; Earl Hunt, executive board member; Earl Hunt, executive board member; Earl Hunt, executive board member.

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Firemen Ask Pay Parley With Council

Tucson firemen have asked for a meeting with the City Council to discuss pay and working conditions.

In a letter received yesterday at the city hall, Kenneth Regilio, president of Local 479 of the International Assn. of Firefighters, asked for the meeting.

The letter stated the firemen realize the mayor and City Council are working to find a way to give all city employees a 5 per cent cost-of-living raise, but suggested that the firemen, along with representatives of other city employees, meet with the council to discuss the pressing need for the raise.

Regilio would also like to review vacation and holiday schedules along with a proposed clothing allowance and differences in the way the city treats

1960 Fast Alarm Best Friend Of Firemen

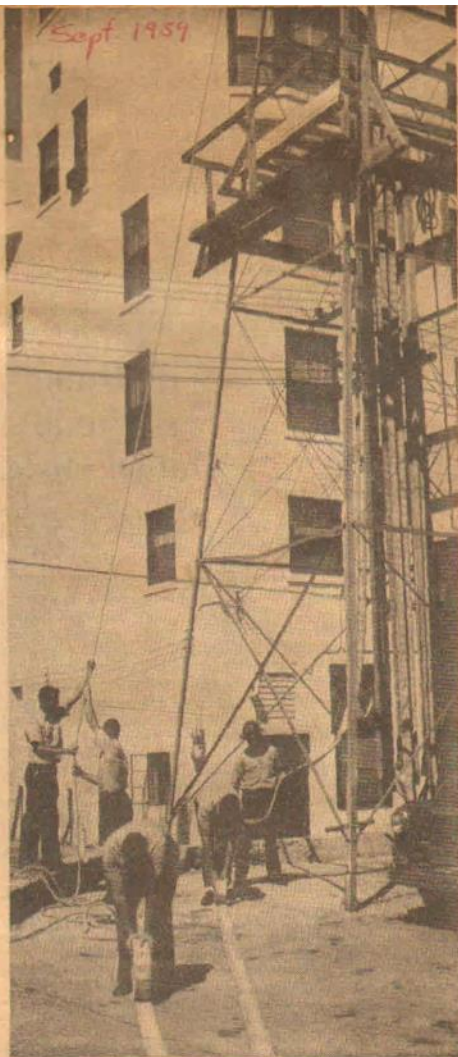
Fire Departments are often criticized for a delayed response to a fire. For the casual observer this criticism seems justifiable. He may have stood by 5, 10, or 15 minutes possibly before the first engines arrived.

It seems only natural to venture a casual sneer and button-hole the first fireman with a "Well, you certainly took your own sweet time getting here!"

And where has the fire department been? Why did it take them so long? In the first place they were probably in the station house because you hadn't called them. In the second place they never will get there if they are not informed of your plight.

Fire Department response begins with you. Your information to the alarm operator starts the wheels turning. One lady, understandably overwrought, sobbed into the telephone, "Oh, come quick! My house is on fire!" and promptly hung up. Another fire was reported as being "just across the street from Mrs. Blank's house" and the caller hung up. Fortunately both fires were reported moments later by neighbors and correct addresses given.

Rather than to stand idly by and critically wonder about the absent firemen it is much better to ask this question, "Has anyone called the fire department?" The chances are good that no one has. Then it is up to you.



WORK DAY

Tucson firemen serve in 24-hour shifts but they don't sit around the old firehouse playing checkers. Eight hours of the shift is spent in work. Above they are drying and coiling hoses after a training session. They also must spend time maintaining equipment and inspecting homes for fire hazards.

weekly-hour schedule is averaged out in the course of the year by allowing each man time off for the proper number of shifts.

The shift starts at 5 a.m. when the fireman reports and goes to work on equipment maintenance, training or inspection. Each home in the city is inspected for fire danger by a fireman each year. The shift calls for eight hours of regular work, eight hours of sitting around and eight hours of sleeping. Most nights a shift will get called out of bed at least once. Some nights they hardly get to bed at all.

EACH FIREMAN is required to make at least two inspections a month of one of the major downtown buildings. If the fire goes rings on a major downtown structure, Freeman wants every

man to know exactly where everything is in the building so the job of putting out the fire before it spreads can be done without confusion.

When the city's new system of water mains and hydrants is completed in about 18 months, Freeman says his department will be ready and waiting to hold up its end in giving Tucson a city-wide Class A fire protection rating.

Poland Is Forced To Ration Meat

WARSAW—UP—Poland's months-old meat shortage has brought rationing. The city trade department has issued regulations limiting the purchase of meat products to 4.41 pounds at one time.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1959

It Takes Plenty Of Training To Be A Good Fireman

By PETER STARRETT

One of the smallest looking objects in the world is a life net when viewed from the third story of a burning building.

It has a little red target in the middle of it. The trick is to kick out from the building so you descend

flat and backwards and land on that area located just below the waist and above the knees.

This is the kind of advice heard daily at Tucson's Central Fire station as new recruits—the first of 82 to be trained this year—begin the task of becoming firefighters.

THE NET business is important. It is usually used as a last resort to get trapped people or firemen out of a burning building. Firemen have to know all about it because they must be pretty convincing salesmen when they start trying to talk a hysterical fire victim into flinging himself out of the window in the hope that the firemen below will catch him.

But it is only one of the many things the recruits have to learn.

Fast-growing Tucson, with its rocketing property values and jumping city boundaries, has a tough row to hoe in keeping its fire protection even with the game.

Since the recent 21-square miles of annexation, seven new major pieces of fire fighting equipment have been purchased. Included are two new ladder trucks whose skyscraping extensions can go 100 feet straight up in the air. Recruits who carry a hose to the top of these ladders for the first time swear the ladders are at least two miles high. A Citizen photographer—who climbed to the top of one to get the pictures shown here—agrees.

THE DEPARTMENT also has purchased two 1,250-gallon-per-minute pumps and three 900-gallon-per-minute pumps.

Two new branch fire stations are nearly completed and two more will be started soon.

The city will soon begin awarding contracts for a project to extend high pressure water mains and hydrants to every corner of the city.

This leaves Fire Chief John H. (Slats) Freeman with one additional problem to solve: He needs men.

Almost overnight he plans to expand his department from 141 men to 223. A class of 11 recruits is now in training and 15 more are scheduled to begin the preliminary course early next month.

BUT THE CITY personnel department is still looking high and low for qualified men. They must be 21 to 32 years old, over five feet, nine inches tall, weigh at least 150 pounds, be in good physical shape and have a high school education or its equivalent.

One of the reasons this is tough is that there are the same basic

requirements needed for police officers and both departments are looking in the same market.

Firemen now work a 66 hour week and are paid on a salary schedule ranging from \$330 to \$400 a month. An expected 5 per cent pay increase in addition to a planned cutback to a 61-hour week will probably help in the recruiting drive.

Freeman hopes to have his new men all in service by mid-December.

IT TAKES about two years before a fireman can be considered a real professional in the business, according to Battalion Chief L. F. Peterson, the department's training officer.

The new men begin with a 21-day preliminary training program which includes 100 hours of hose and ladder work. There are two good reasons for the early emphasis on hose and ladder, according to Peterson.

One is that the men will have to know how to handle both. But the other is that it's hard work and it gets the budding fireman into good physical condition in a hurry. He is expected to stay that way.

CARRYING a hose isn't as easy as it looks. The recruit has to know where to grab it and how to hook it up. One of the tricks is to get it where you want it before you put the water into it. It's pretty heavy after the water has been turned on.

The recruit also learns teamwork in setting up a ladder and the tricks of getting up and down one without breaking his neck.

They also learn how to slide down ropes. The department practices this little trick from the top of the Pioneer Hotel. Then, of course, they have to learn to slide down the poles at the fire station.

Classroom sessions in first aid, fire equipment, and chemistry and the nature of fires is an important part of the preliminary training.

Once this is over the fireman will be assigned to a five or six-man company, headed by a captain. The recruit will be working with experienced men as they will try to pass along what they know.

THE ENTIRE department is a constant in-service training program and all firemen must take a written examination of so phase of fire fighting each month.

The firemen work in 24-hour shifts. They are on 24 hours on off for the next 24 hours. They

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 1960

Council Approves Contracts For Water Main Installation

The City Council yesterday gave the green light for more than \$1 million worth of contracts to begin the building of a Class A system of water mains in annexed areas.

City Mgr. Porter W. Homer said engineering on the five projects involved has been substantially completed and bids for contracts on the individual jobs will be called for within a few weeks.

A bond issue to pay the cost of extending integrated water mains to all sections of the city was approved by voters in August of 1958. Plans for the system have been under way since.

The bond issue was for \$10 million in water revenue bonds. About half of these have been sold and most of the money earmarked for development of the mains. The rest will be sold some-

time this year and the money used in the development of new water sources.

The projects ready to go are mostly located in areas annexed prior to last spring's giant 21-square-mile annexation.

Plans for additional projects, most of them within the last annexation area, are nearing completion and contracts for this construction will come up in the next few months.

The council has promised to complete the system in the entire area now inside the city limits by Mar. 26, 1961.

The five projects authorized yesterday will cost an estimated \$1,050,000 and will include:

1—Installation of water mains for a Class A insurance rating in all developed city areas lying between Euclid avenue and Country Club road and 22nd street and Ajo way.

2—Installation of mains through the St. John's Freedom Home area and building of a 12-inch supply line along Ajo way to tie

into the Drexel Heights water system southwest of the city.

3—Installation of mains on Swan road from Speedway to 22nd street, on Broadway from Randolph way to Craycroft road and on 22nd street from the southeast reservoir at Craycroft to Alvernon way. The mains will give a Class A rating to many of the subdivisions in the general area.

4—Installation of additional supply lines into the Menlo Park area and Meceadora Estates and Ironwood Hills subdivisions. It will also include supply lines to serve growing residential developments along Anklam road.

5—The drilling of new wells to supply water for residential development in the area south of 22nd street and east of Pantano Wash.

This last project is the result of a commitment the city made to property owners in that area who joined with the city in protesting the potential granting of a water service certificate to a private water firm by the Arizona Corporation Commission.

The Editor

MY REASONS FOR LEAVING OBVIOUS

To the Editor:

After spending over two years on the City of Tucson Fire Department, with vain hopes of a wage increase, my present salary is \$380 per month. Simplified, on a weekly basis, I work 62 hours with a take home pay of approximately \$67. My reasons for leaving are obvious.

IN LOS ANGELES the salary of a rookie firefighter is \$575 per month. The training and hardships are appreciated, and the firemen there are compensated for their high standards of performance.

The citizens of Tucson know of the poor wage conditions of the police and firemen, but the city fathers have taken no corrective action on this critical matter.

THROUGH SOME soul-searching, I feel I am taking the proper step by joining the many police and firemen who have left for California before me.

RICHARD S. CRANE
1510 E. Grant Rd.

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COPY IN ORDER THAT IT WILL REACH THIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 14.

Every Post that submits news to the Five Forty Niner will be given space in this issue.

Mail your news to John Waddell, Editor, 124 E. Broadway, Tucson, Arizona.

Don't forget to submit an entry in the name contest.

NOTE: TO LADIES AUXILIARY: If we receive enough copy (news) from the Auxiliary Posts in the State we will have a Special Auxiliary page.

Let's hear from the COOTIES too!!!

Dance At 8027 On July 29th

Commander Pete Herrera of M.A.N. Post 8027 has alerted all V.F.W. members and Auxiliaries of Tucson and surrounding territory, that another of the famous 8027 dance's is scheduled for July 29. Don't miss it. If you haven't attended one of Pete's dances, you are just wasting the rightful benefits of your V.F.W. membership. Plan to attend. Remember the Date—July 29th, at Post 8027.



field where the traditional "Million Dollar Pageant" V.W. and Chicago's Mayor Martin H. Kennedy, of- ness sessions. Some 75,000 guests are expected to story Page 2)

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WHEREAS, V.F.W. Post No. 4903 of Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, is will-

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NOW, T. SOLVED: which the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Red Cross will combine their resources, was announced yesterday by Frederick R. Stofft, chairman of the Tucson Red Cross chapter.

Based on a national agreement between the two organizations, the plan will provide a basis for working out details of disaster operations or civil defense planning.

The VFW disaster committee will be headed by Joseph Roberts, who will cooperate with Albert W. Gibson, head of the Red Cross disaster organization. Robert A. Bag-

nell, civil defense coordinator for the Red Cross, will act as liaison between the two groups.

BE IT FU That if Na should find then said Na should sponsor such a clinic, sanatorium or hospital to be located in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

Joe Roberts Named To Defense Committee

Past Post Commander Joe Roberts has been named as chairman of a committee for Civilian Defense and Disaster by Commander Paul Russell of Tucson Post 549.

Comrade Roberts, former Fire-chief of the Tucson Fire Department, will name other members of this committee to work with him.

The committee is expected to work in cooperation with a similar committee, which is being formed by Gov. Dan E. Garvey to coordinate any state action deemed necessary in the current or any future crises.

Your Club is your home, drop in for a chat with your Comrades.

TUCSON COMMUNITY RESCUE COMMITTEE

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Jack Sakrison Miss Anna Charouleau
James E. Durbin Frank C. O'Rielly

TUCSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rescue and First Aid



Will it be this . . .

OR



this?

The Rescue and First Aid Unit has responded to a total of 1,547 first aid calls from April 18, 1951, date of first run, to June 30, 1959. The following is a comparison of the increase in runs for the past five fiscal years.

Fiscal year	Total runs
1954-1955	115
1955-1956	139
1956-1957	156
1957-1958	339
1958-1959	*455

As can be seen in the past year, 1958-1959, the number of calls responded to was one third of the total calls received from April 1, 1951 to June 30, 1959. There were 170 lives saved during this same period.

On many instances simultaneous calls were received in which a department staff car, equipped only with breathing apparatus and first aid kit, had to respond to a first aid call.

The following is a complete inventory of equipment carried on or mounted on this unit, along with a price list, included also is the price for the truck proper.

Quantity	Description	Amount
1	Batronic resuscitator	675.00
1	Batronic spare parts kit with extra tubes	100.00
1	E & J resuscitator with 2 micro instruments and extension hoses	800.00
-	Airways, wedges, and clamps	10.00
2	16 unit first aid kits, American Red Cross	16.00
1	First aid kit with miscellaneous supplies	10.00
1	50 foot extension cord and reel for Batronic	10.00
2	Coiled adapters for oxygen bottles	12.00
11	Extra supply cylinders, oxygen and acetylene	165.00
1	Spare face mask for E & J resuscitator	7.00
2	Resusitubes, infant and adult	2.00
1	Guage for testing oxygen cylinder pressure	8.00
6	White jackets	34.00
1	Rubber blanket	4.00
1	Box of amonia inbalants	5.00
3	Smoke and gas cannister masks	180.00
1	Set, arm and leg, Timmins splints	20.00
2	Half ring traction splints	20.00
2	Army type stretchers	34.00
3	Wool blankets	24.00
2	Asbestos blankets	60.00
2	Salvage covers	70.00
3	Pair asbestos gloves	27.00
2	Pair rubber gloves	1.00

1	Scott Air-Pak, with extra bottle	270.00
1	Portable pack type acetylene cutting torch	250.00
1	Blackhawk porto power, with extra spread ram	200.00
1	Tool box with miscellaneous tools	30.00
1	Goggles for cutting torch	34.00
2	Fire Department turn-out coats	56.00
2	Pair rubber boots	25.00
1	3/16 inch cable, 30 foot length	6.00
1	"D" handle shovel	5.00
1	Pick head axe	14.00
1	Sledge hammer	5.00
1	Hayward bar	25.00
1	Crow bar	5.00
1	Bolt cutter	25.00
1	8 ton jack and handle	25.00
3	Hard Boiled, safety hats	30.00
1	10 foot folding ladder	40.00
1	10 foot pike pole	8.00
1	Pair leather gloves	7.00
1	100 foot coil of 1/2 inch cotton rope	5.00
1	100 foot coil of 5/8 inch manila rope	18.00
1	2 1/2 gallon water pump tank	50.00
1	CO2 15 pound extinguisher	65.00
1	Rear view mirror	3.00
1	Electric hand lamp	10.00
2	Spot lights	40.00
2	Safety belts	20.00
1	Penetrator siren	237.00
1	Beacon red light	75.00
1	Ieece-Neville alternator system	113.00
1	AC to DC converter	90.00
1	Mobile radio, microphone, and PA amplifier	715.00
1	Handie talkie radio	300.00
1	Aircraft type seat	10.00
1	1 ton Chevrolet panel truck, 6 cylinder	2,271.17
	TOTAL	7,347.17

7/15/59

Honor Certificate of Attendance

This Certifies that Jimmy Roberts has
completed the school year ending May 29 1942 as prescribed
by the Board of School Trustees of District No. 1, Pima County, Arizona, and by attending every
school day without tardiness is entitled to this Certificate.

This Certificate is registered at the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

one year of perfect attendance.

Issued May 29 1942

Doris Perry Teacher

Jae M Young Principal





In Memoriam

Greater Tucson Fire Foundation

Thank you for taking an interest in Tucson Fire Department history —

This is one of many sections that contain information, documents, letters, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. They have been collected and arranged in chronological order or by a subject. These items were collected, organized and entered into a computerized database by Dave Ridings Retired Assistant Chief Tucson Fire Department, Al Ring friend of the department, Greater Tucson Fire Foundation and with the help of many friends and fellow firefighters.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles. This also applies to other items such as documents, letters, etc.

Credit to the source of the documents, photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. The *Arizona Daily Star*, The *Tucson Citizen* and the *Tucson Daily Citizen*, for which we want to give a special thanks.

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Should the reader have additional information on the above subject we would appreciate you sharing it with us. Please see the names and contact information on the 1st. TFD Archives page right below this paragraph.

