Tucson Fire Department
1942, 2nd Edition

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1942-1st Fire Inspector in service

Courtesy History of the Tucson Fire Department 1871-1981, by Gil Prado & Doug Morris:

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The first Fire Inspector was assigned to that specific duty in 1942. In November of that year, the first Fire Captain was assigned to inspection duty. Every three months, the Captains assigned to inspection duty, were reassigned. This reassignment pattern made it possible for each to know the buildings of the City. Another piece of fire fighting equipment was purchased in November of 1943. This was a new, eight-cylinder, Seagrave, 500 GPM pumper and was placed in service at East Ninth Street and Park Avenue at Fire Station #3.

Courtesy *Tucson Fire Fighters Association, Centennial Magazine 1881—1981*:

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Courtesy William F. Greer, TFD History (Notes) "First One Hundred Years":

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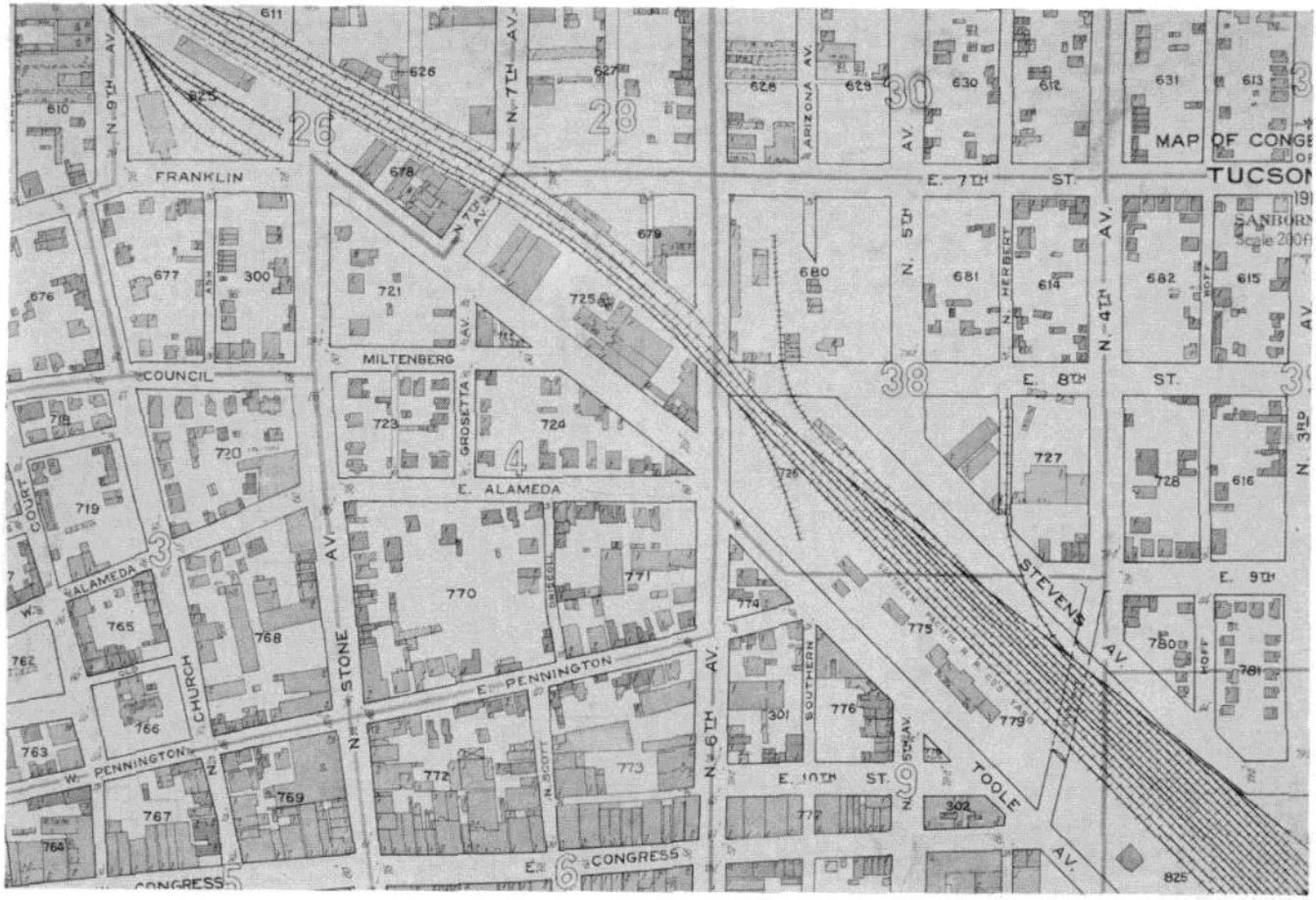

1942 Sanborn Map

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1942, 2001 E. Elm Street, Tucson, AZ., by Ambrose E. Ring.

Looking east on Elm Street from just east of Campbell Avenue.

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Looking west along rear of house.

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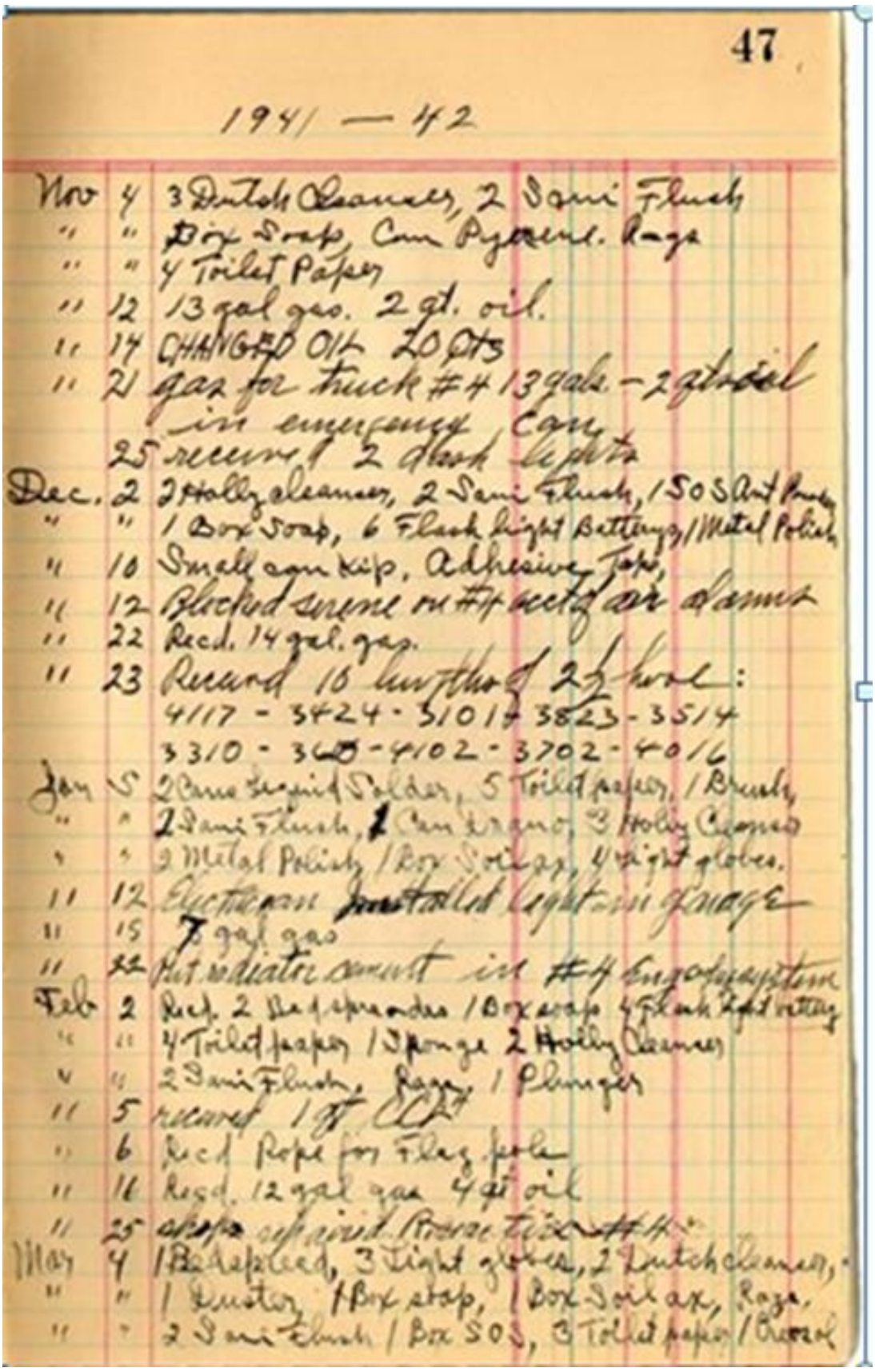

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Nov	4	3 Dutch Cleanser, 2 Sani Flush
"	"	Box Soap, Can Pyrene. Rags
"	"	4 Toilet Paper
"	12	13 gal gas. 2 qt. oil.
"	14	CHANGED OIL 20 Qts
"	21	gas for truck #4 13 gals. – 2 qts oil in emergency can
	25	received 2 dark lights
Dec.	2	2 Holly cleanser, 2 Sani Flush, 1 SOS Ant Powder
"	"	1 Box Soap, 6 Flash light Batterys, 1 Metal Polish
"	10	Small can Kip, Adhesive Tape,
"	12	Blocked serene on #4 acct of air alarms
"	22	Recd. 14 gal. gas.
"	23	Received 10 lengths of 2½ hose: 4117 - 3424 - 3101 - 3823 - 3514 3310 - 3600 - 4102 - 3702 - 4016
Jan	5	2 Cans Liquid Solder, 5 Toilet paper, 1 Brush,
"	"	2 Sani Flush, 1 Can Drano, 3 Holly Cleanser
"	"	2 Metal Polish, 1 Box Soil ax, 4 light globes.
"	12	Electrician installed light in garage
"	15	7 gal gas
"	22	Put radiator cement in #4 Engine system
Feb	2	Recd. 2 Bed spreads 1 Box soap 4 Flash light battery
"	"	4 Toilet paper 1 Sponge 2 Holly Cleanser
"	"	2 Sani Flush, Rags, 1 Plunger
"	5	received 1 qt CCl4
"	6	Recd Rope for Flag pole
"	16	Recd. 12 gal gas 4 qt oil
"	25	shops repaired Rosenthal #4
Mar	4	1 Bedspread, 3 Light globes, 2 Dutch cleanser,
"	"	1 Duster, 1 Box soap, 1 Box Soil ax, Rags,
"	"	2 Sani Flush 1 Box SOS, 3 Toilet paper 1 Creosol

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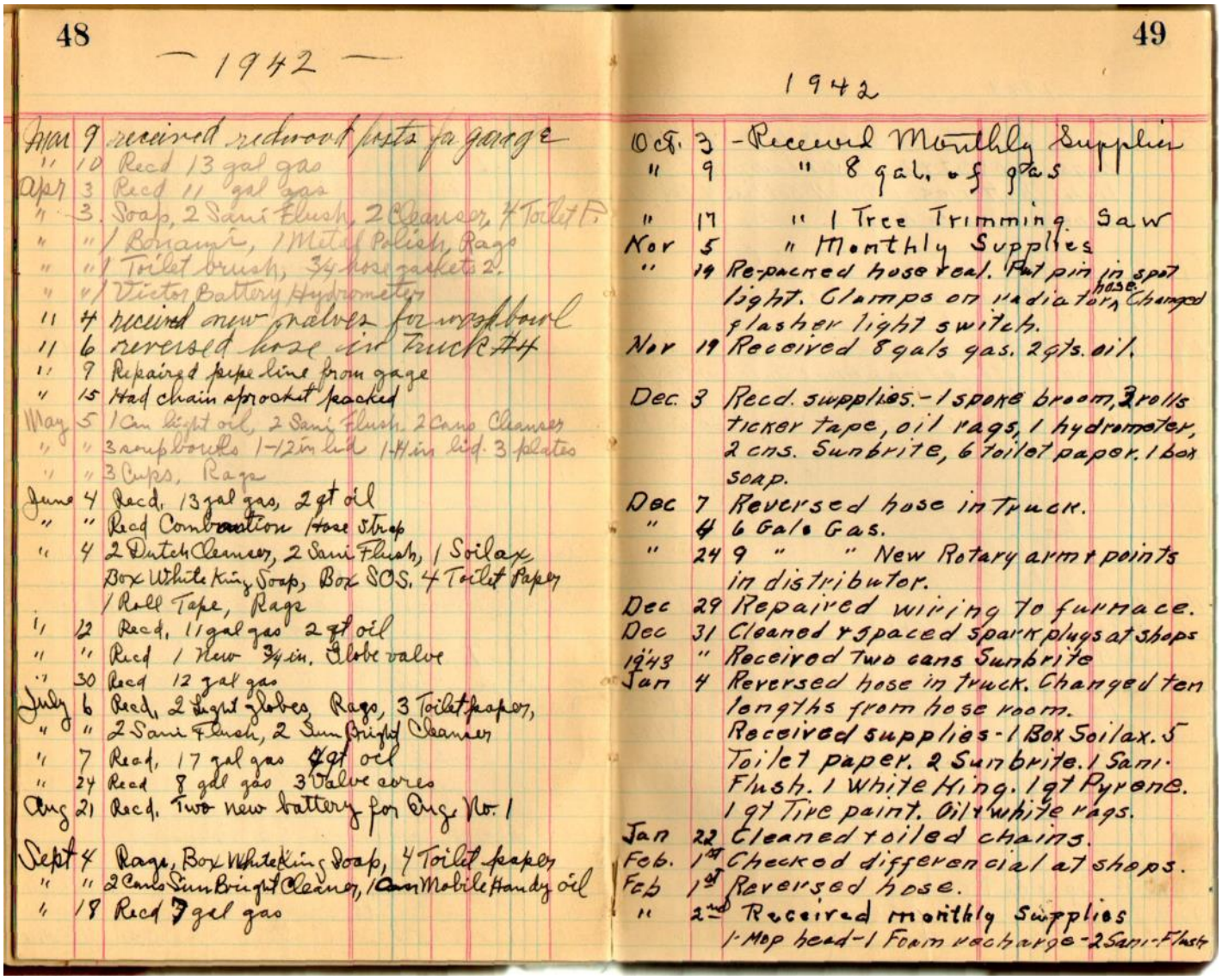

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Jan	9	received redwood posts for garage
"	10	Recd 13 gal gas
Apr	3	Recd 11 gal gas
"	3	Soap, 2 Sani Flush, 2 Cleaner, 4 Toilet P.
"	"	1 Borax, 1 Metal Polish, Rags
"	"	4 Toilet brush, 3/4 hose gaskets 2.
"	"	1 Victor Battery Hydrometer
"	4	received new gralves for washboard
"	6	reversed hose in Truck #4
"	9	Repaired pipe line from gage
"	15	Had chain sprocket packed
May	5	1 Can light oil, 2 Sani Flush, 2 Cans Cleaner
"	"	3 soupbowls 1-1/2 in lid 1-4 in lid. 3 plates
"	"	3 Cups, Rags
June	4	Recd. 13 gal gas, 2 qt oil
"	"	Recd Combination Hose strap
"	4	2 Dutch Cleaner, 2 Sani Flush, 1 Soilax, Box White King Soap, Box SOS. 4 Toilet Paper 1 Roll Tape, Rags
"	12	Recd. 11 gal gas 2 qt oil
"	"	Recd 1 New 3/4 in. Globe valve
"	30	Recd 12 gal gas
July	6	Recd, 2 Light globes, Rags, 3 Toilet paper,
"	"	2 Sani Flush, 2 Sun Bright Cleaner
"	7	Recd. 17 gal gas 1 qt oil
"	24	Recd 8 gal gas 3 Valve cores
Aug	21	Recd. Two new battery for Eng No. 1
Sept	4	Rags, Box White King Soap, 4 Toilet paper
"	"	2 Cans Sun Bright Cleaner, 1 can Mobile Handy oil
"	18	Recd 7 gal gas

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Oct.	3	-Received Monthly Supplies
"	9	" 8 gal. of gas
"	17	" 1 Tree Trimming Saw
Nov	5	" Monthly Supplies
"	14	Re-packed hose reel. Put pin in spot light. Clamps on radiator base. Changed flasher light switch.
Nov	19	Received 8 gals gas. 2 qts. oil.
Dec.	3	Recd. supplies. - 1 spoke broom, 2 rolls ticker tape, oil rags, 1 hydrometer, 2 cns. Sunbrite, 6 toilet paper. 1 box soap.
Dec	7	Reversed hose in Truck.
"	4	6 Gals Gas.
"	24	9 " " New Rotary arm & points in distributor.
Dec	29	Repaired wiring to furnace.
Dec	31	Cleaned & spaced spark plugs at shops
1943	"	Received Two cans Sunbrite
Jan	4	Reversed hose in truck. Changed ten lengths from hose room. Received supplies - 1 Box Soilax. 5 Toilet paper. 2 Sunbrite. 1 Sani-Flush. 1 White King. 1 qt Pyrene. 1 qt Tire paint. Oil & white rags.
Jan	22	Cleaned & oiled chains.
Feb.	1st	Checked differencial at shops.
Feb	1st	Reversed hose.
"	2nd	Received monthly supplies 1 - Mop head - 1 Foam recharge - 2 Sani-Flush

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January 1, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Fires, Murders Lead Major Tucson News Stories Of '41

By DOROTHY WILLIAMS

Tucson's interest in local happenings dropped to an all-time low during 1941.

News stories of Tucson were crowded off the front pages of newspapers by the ever-increasing flow of war news and bulletins. By June of the past year, as shown by a survey of The Daily Citizen files, little local news other than murders, fires or important administrative changes appeared in front page headlines.

Highlighting the occurrences of 1941 in the Old Pueblo were the February murder of a 22-year-old divorced mother, Mrs. Frankie O'Connor, who was found lying dead on the desert south of the rodeo grounds here Feb. 23, and the brutal killing of another Tucson woman, Ethel Welch, whose bound and mutilated body was discovered Sept. 13.

Fire Is Large

The largest fire in years of the city's history destroyed one of the main buildings in the downtown sector, the two-story Woolworth building on Congress street. The fire, which broke out Nov. 13, caused damage estimated at $175,000.

The year got off to a promising start last Jan. 1 when two groups of technical workers arrived here to begin filming of "Billy the Kid," featuring a stampede of 2,000 head of cattle on the Manning ranch. The same day, the local British War Relief society announced that it had cleared $1,250 from its New Year's party and would use the money to send an ambulance to Britain.

On January 2, a 10-ton bomber made a forced landing on a small lake in Texas after all but two members of its crew had bailed out. E. Lyle Clark, president of Clover and Clark engineering firm here, was notified that his son, Ensign Robert B. Clark, who had been one remaining with his ship, was uninjured in the landing.

First Baby of Year

Jo Ann McKinney began life as a newspaper notable. The child daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKinney, Drexel road, was the first Tucson child born after midnight of December 31, 1940. She was born at 3:30 a. m. January 1, 1941.

Dr. Frank Lockwood, university English professor, retired to write a book last January 8. The finished novel, the reminiscences of Arizona's pioneer Will Barnes, was published in November, titled "Apaches and Longhorns."

Also starting the new year was an increase in reckless driving fines for Tucson from $30 to $50. Judge Paul Cella laid down the new hike in penalties as part of a campaign to make Tucson safer. Pima county's first 1941 traffic fatality was Mrs. Eliza Jane Perkins, 78, who was killed January 4.

George Androus, 48, known to Tucsonians for 30 years as "George the Popcorn Man," died here January 6.

Life Begins at 40

boy, was found lying face down in mud on the desert, about 100 feet west of the Nogales highway, south of the rodeo grounds. She had been criminally assaulted according to autopsy reports sometime February 23. The case remains unsolved.

Mayor Jaastad was renominated in March and a socially correct burglar checked the local gossip columns to determine what persons would not be in their homes on what particular nights.

In April, a reckless driver arrested here drew a week-end jail sentence from Justice of the Peace C. W. Gardner. The violator was ordered to spend 10 days in jail, the sentence to be served only on weekends.

New School Head

Also in April, Edward W. Tillinghast was appointed to fill the vacancy at the Arizona state school for the Deaf and Blind left when Robert D. Morrow accepted the job of guiding the Tucson city schools.

Norrell Burton Harrison, 13, son of Mrs. Margaret Harrison and the onetime governor-general of the Philippines, Francis Burton Harrison, was killed April 19 when a Fresnal ranch station wagon in which he was riding was wrecked 25 miles southwest of Tucson. One other boy who was a passenger in the fashionable school's station wagon died of injuries April 23.

John C. Haynes, Tucson lawyer, was named head of the state bar April 26.

About this time, the usually silly spring stories started rolling in.

The university board of regents decided secretly to buy President Alfred Atkinson a $30,000 home. . . . Fred Winn, 61-year-old superintendent of the Coronado National forest, was injured when his own car rolled down an incline after the hand brake failed. Four Tucson boys, ages ranging from 13 to 17 years, got away with a series of purse snatchings and petty robberies . . . were caught when they wrote The Daily Citizen a post card saying they "wouldn't slip up again." . . .

On Mother's Day, the major tragedy was the drowning of Mrs. Dorothy Kendall in the Sabino Canyon pool. Mrs. Kendall was 24 years old and lived at 627 East Ninth street.

Navajo Graduated

May 28 brought the university its first Navajo Indian graduate, Elma Smith, who was to become a

uary 6.

Life Begins at 40

Dr. Margaret Cammack Smith, nutrition expert at the university, said January 3 that life can begin at 40 for most people if they have exercised proper discretion and common sense in the selection of food over the early years of their lives.

Ralph Rasmussen, pioneer merchant in Tucson, died January 13 in Fresno, California.

A fire originating from smouldering dry wood in a duct near the Carnegie library furnace, according to Fire Chief Henry Hillas, caused damages amounting to $25,000. The rotunda and two adjacent wings of the library were burned on the night of February 2.

Dr. Jeremiah Metzger, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, said the institution needed a legislative appropriation of $825,000, in order to bring the Arizona hospital "up to the standards of other modern state institutions." "The refrigeration and heat ducts have no insulation," his statement to The Citizen read, "and they haven't been painted in 10 years." Failing to get the money he considered vital to maintaining the state hospital on a reasonable scale, Dr. Metzger resigned his post as superintendent February 24. He said the budget granted the institution was "not up to the need."

War Is Scoffed

"The possibility of an attack by the Hitler forces is remote," Charles A. Wells, newspaperman and cartoonist, told about 1,000 persons in an address at the First Baptist church here February 5. "About the only danger we have to face is an unprovoked attack by the Eskimos."

A local housing commission was set up here February 7 to accommodate winter visitors. The Chamber of Commerce gave as its principal function "the listing of rooms and houses available for visitors."

Tucson's third major airport project within a short period of time was begun February 8, when Gilpin Airlines, Ltd., started a private airport valued at $300,000.

The annual Fiesta de los Vaqueros was ruled last year by 18-year-old, blonde Louise Priser. Secretary of the United States Treasury Henry Morgenthau, jr., attended the record-breaking Fiesta parade, which boasted 415 entries.

Members of the Tucson Game Protective association ate buffalo meat at their annual barbecue in February.

Fire raged through the Crescent Cigar store and Jim's Hat Repairing and Shoe Shining parlor last February 17, causing damage estimated at $1,000.

Bill Is Opposed

A bill to grant women the right to serve on Arizona juries was opposed by the Pima County Bar association, which sent a resolution to the county's two state senators asking that they fight the bill then before the legislature.

And streamlining of the Old Pueblo was during late February the major concern of many civic organizations and several public officials.

Mrs. Frankie O'Connor, 22, divorcee, the mother of a 3-year-old

its first Navajo Indian graduate, Elma Smith, who was to become a

teacher.

Douglas King, 14, son of Mrs. Eleanor King, 1390 West Franklin street, was accidentally shot and killed by a playmate who thought a gun they were playing with was not loaded.

Machine shop courses were started at the university June 4. Innovation of the bridal month was a husband-calling contest staged by the women farmers of Cochise county who were in Tucson attending a meeting of state farm women.

The city council voted a $96,000 appropriation June 17 to build a joint city-county health office.

First Tucson war suicide was Mrs. Della Scott, 40, who shot herself in the head with a .32 caliber pistol just before her husband was to return from his 10-day furlough to Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Early in July, Mrs. T. Stewart Brush of Tucson was married to Harry Lavender, Arizona general manager of Phelps-Dodge.

Bank Wins Suit

In July the Valley National bank won its four-year-old law suit over alleged excess taxation for the years 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940 when the state supreme court ruled in favor of the bank and against the city, county and school district taxation methods. The amount finally settled upon as overpayment was slightly under $33,000 which was reimbursed to the bank. Still pending, however, is litigation involving taxation of RFC stock owned by the bank.

The 1941-42 city tax rate was estimated to jump 71 cents over the previous year.

Biggest news of the fall was the September murder of Ethel Welch, as yet unsolved by police. Miss Welch was found beaten about the head and face with a hammer, strangled with an extension cord, and her body hidden in a closet of her home at 823 West Congress street. Police questioned suspects but no clues were available since the landlady, unsuspectingly, cleaned the room of bloodstains and rearranged the upset furniture.

Tucson's largest fire raged in November, destroying the two-story Woolworth building on Congress street. Damage from the blaze, which kept firemen battling for almost 24 hours, was said to be $175,000. The fire was thought to have started in the basement of the building and burned undiscovered through the early hours of the morning November 13. Damage to the Christmas stock was heavy.

Later in the month, a roaring fire broke out in the Roosevelt hotel at East Broadway and Sixth avenue. The fire was discovered just after 2 a. m., and about 40 hotel guests were aroused from sleep into the cold night with practically no notice. Damage was estimated at $10,000.

U. S. At War

During December, the United States at war has occupied almost all the attention of Tucsonians. Arrangements are under way to evacuate children from the danger areas on the Pacific coast. California flying schools are moving to Tucson fields due to the government's ban on the 150-mile coast area which prohibits private flying.

Hank Stanton, the university's topnotch pass receiver, set a new world's record for receiving passes December 6, and Tucson residents praised his selection to the little All-America.

First air-raid warning—the beginning of a possible new way of life for Tucson—came shortly before Christmas. Plans were laid for city-wide blackouts in the event of enemy raiders approaching the Old Pueblo.

New Year's Eve saw Tucson adapting itself to great changes, its men away or preparing to enter the armed forces in droves, its traffic lights operating on a new blackout arrangement, its own little happenings shoved back into unimportance by whatever 1942 may bring.

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January 1, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*: **Do not know what TFD responded to—**

TEN MINOR ACCIDENTS

None Seriously Injured But Three Arrested During Final 1941 Hours

Tucson concluded 1941 and entered 1942 without an automobile crash fatality but with about 10 minor accidents.

Police reports were as follows:

Grady Young, 115 East 25th street, swerved the car he was driving at South Sixth and 22nd street into another to avoid hitting a small boy on a bicycle. The second vehicle was slightly damaged and belonged to R. Camacho, 377 South Convent street. The accident occurred at 4:07 p. m.

Automobiles driven by S. D. Townsend, 148 East Speedway, and William H. Sexton, Tiger, Ariz., collided at Speedway and First avenue about 2:10 a. m. Damage was slight.

Arthur Corral, 108 East District street, was arrested for reckless driving at 4:30 a. m. when officers said he drove an automobile on West Congress street near the Santa Cruz bridge at a speed of about 50 miles an hour.

Meyer Epstein, who gave his address as Tucson, was injured about the left leg and arm at 2:45 a. m. when run down by a hit and run motorist at North Fourth avenue and East Fourth street.

Driver Charged

A. D. W. Leach, 1201 East Hampton street, was charged with reckless driving when the car he was driving collided with another at Park and Speedway about 1:35 a. m.

Lee Waterman, Prescott, was arrested for reckless driving on East Speedway at 1:20 a. m. His car was in an accident with another driven by Monte Hall, Miracle Mile.

Mrs. Grandville Dubois, Emery Park postmistress, reported to Sheriff Ed F. Echels that the automobile she was driving struck a wagon on highway 80 at 6:30 p. m. On the wagon were Concero Conspero, Papago Indian of San Xavier Mission, and another Papago who fled the scene. Neither was hurt.

January 15, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

SIEVERT EXPLAINS FIRE BOMBS WORK

Use of sand in putting out incendiary bombs was recommended today by Assistant Fire Chief J. C. Sievert in a talk before the Legion Luncheon club at the Santa Rita hotel.

He explained that water was not effective against magnesium bombs which usually burn intently for 15 or 20 minutes. Fire extinguishers were also ruled out as a means of combating the bombs.

Classes are held, he said, every night in the week at 7:30 o'clock excepting Saturdays and Sundays, in how to act in such emergencies. The course is approximately 60 hours and is open to the public.

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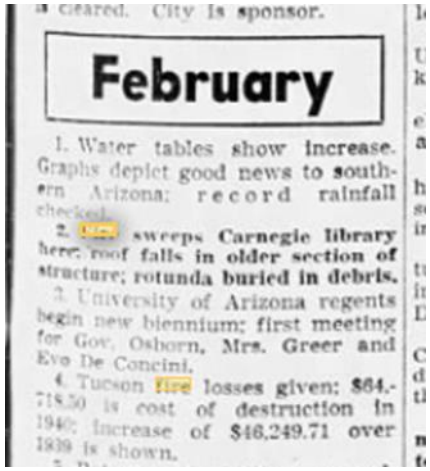
January 1, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

TUCSON, ARIZONA, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 1, 1942 — The Arizona Daily Star — PAGE NINE

Tucson's Diary Reflects World-Wide Happenings of '41



cleared. City is sponsor.

February

1. Water tables show increase. Graphs depict good news to southern Arizona; record rainfall checked.

2. [illegible] sweeps Carnegie library here; roof falls in older section of structure; rotunda buried in debris.

3. University of Arizona regents begin new biennium; first meeting for Gov. Osborn, Mrs. Greer and Evo De Concini.

4. Tucson fire losses given; $64,718.50 is cost of destruction in 1940; increase of $46,249.71 over 1939 is shown.

nate plans offered by regents' building committee.

12. Clean-up law is in effect. Fire department cracks down on dirt-strewn properties.

13. Banquet held by carpenters. 40th anniversary observed by 100

coast. Lt. Col. Ames S. Albro takes over.

13. Fire destroys Woolworth building; downtown landmark gutted; loss fixed at $1.0,000.

14. Union contract sustained here. Court rules on validity of instrument for first time in Wilson case.

15. Aggie scoring barrage crushes Cats, 41-15; Towncats suf-

December

1. Tucson Air Base officially named Davis-Monthan Field. Early Tucson flyers honored by War Department.

2. Glory of medieval universities told by Dr. Marie P. Hamilton, 1941 U. of A. liberal arts lecturer.

3. Range reserve is given name. Page and Trowbridge honored in titling of experimental "dry-farming" plot.

4. James Manders asks for care in expenditure of city funds. More fire fighters to be hired if funds are forthcoming.

5. Tucson Fine Arts association

1942

January 5, 1942, City Meeting:

A communication from J. Forrest Ingle, Personnel Director, (copies of which were mailed to the Mayor and each Councilman) requesting that in fairness to all concerned a decision be made by the Mayor and Council as to the policy to be followed by the City relative to retirement annuity payments due members of the Police and Fire Departments, who have reached the retirement age and are authorized to continue employment, whether they should be permitted to draw both their regular monthly salary and retirement annuity or should be required to pay the amount of their retirement annuity into the General Fund of the City of Tucson, and calling attention to the fact that at the present time both methods are being followed and that, in his opinion, a definite decision should be made, was read.

After a general discussion, during which Mr. Ingle made further explanations and the City Attorney participated, it was moved by Councilman Codd, seconded by Councilman Nicholas and unanimously carried, that J. Forrest Ingle, Personnel Director, be authorized to negotiate with Harry Lesley of the Police Department to pay the death benefit on his policy with the Aetna Life Insurance Company and Mr. Lesley in turn to receive the full amount of his pension, which is approximately $45.97 a month, and to make a report to the Mayor and Council; and that Henry L. Hilles and C. B. Goudy of the Fire Department are to receive their full pension checks, there being no death benefit connected with these.

The Mayor inquired if there was any one in the audience who wished to speak on any subject. No one appeared.

Councilman Nicholas called attention to the fact that eleven years ago tonight Mayor Jaastad took his place at the Council table.

Councilman Nicholas stated that, in his opinion, the new municipal airport south of the city should be named, and he suggested that it be named "Old Pueblo Airport." After a discussion (during which several suggestions were made) the matter was deferred until the midmonthly meeting, and the Mayor asked the press to give publicity on this subject in order that other suggestions might be received.

Monthly reports from various departments were received and placed on file.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, adjourned at 9:30 o'clock p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor.

January 6, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Chief Henry Hilles yesterday estimated at $1,000 the damage caused by fire about 9:50 a. m. Sunday in a residence at 521 South Fifth avenue, owned by Miss L. F. Munez and Miss S. O. Serbenti. The blaze destroyed a back porch and damaged the roof and interior of the dwelling, which was uninsured.

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January 6, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Tucson Organizes For Full Defense

Fire And Police Groups Are Already Getting Needed Training For Work

By ROBERT G. BROOKS

Tucson may not be entirely ready to successfully withstand an air raid, from the standpoint of civilian defense, but at least two groups, auxiliary firemen and auxiliary police, believe they could turn in a fairly efficient job considering equipment available, according to Henry R. Hilles, fire chief in charge of the auxiliary firemen, and Harold C. Wheeler, police chief in charge of auxiliary police.

Taking them in order of size of the organization, Hilles said the city has been divided into 10 districts and when his personnel is complete there will be about 80 auxiliary firemen who will automatically report to designated stations during an air raid.

These men will work under the direction of Bill Roberts, former fire chief, under whom will be two district chiefs, four battalion chiefs and later a number of captains. Each company will have 10 or 12 men, Hilles explained.

200 Are Training

At the present time there are about 200 auxiliary firemen in training, taking courses in first aid, elementary fire fighting and methods of combatting the effects of incendiary bombs. The location and time these courses are given to the various districts in another place in this paper.

The instructors are regular firemen, who will have no further direct connection with the auxiliary firemen after the training is complete, although they will cooperate when necessary.

Explaining the work of auxiliary firemen, Hilles cited the district which has its headquarters at Mansfeld junior high school. The men in this district will be responsible for the area from Park avenue to the eastern city limits, and north and south from East Speedway to East Broadway. This group, when fully staffed, will have about 60 men, with 10 men to a company. In case of an air raid each company will have a specified area to patrol, watching for fires, incendiary bombs and assisting in rescue work.

These companies will act independently of the regular fire companies, which will concentrate their efforts on the larger fires. The auxiliary firemen will do what they can to control the smaller fires until a regular fire company can bring equipment to put them out.

London Methods

"Of course, in London, the auxiliary companies have small, portable, canvas wagons that can be used to control small fires," Hilles said. And, too, instructions include methods of making incendiary bombs impotent by the judicious use of water, which would probably come from such wagons or from a regular hydrant at a residence. Whether this work will be carried out to that extent is not yet known.

Put down on paper, this work may sound comparatively simple, but it takes several months training to successfully build an organization capable of handling first aid, incendiary bombs and other problems, Hilles explained.

Chief Wheeler's problem with the auxiliary police is closely related to that of the auxiliary firemen. Wheeler said the primary functions of the auxiliary police are patrol and traffic work, and to efficiently solve these problems he has specified eight patrol and eight traffic districts in the business areas of Tucson, including downtown, Park and Speedway and Speedway and Tucson boulevard.

The organization of this group comprises Wheeler, a captain and a lieutenant, a sergeant in charge of three or four districts and corporals in charge of the groups in each district. Aside from Wheeler, all will be auxiliary police.

Main Obstacle

"One of our obstacles has been to secure the proper type of man for auxiliary police. Men who would misuse the authority given auxiliary police would be a detriment during an emergency.

"We now have between 80 and 100 men who have virtually completed preliminary training, and I understand these men are now eligible for elementary FBI training. We hope to have about 300 men trained in this work and who will be a personnel pool to replace members of the sheriff's force and highway patrol in an emergency," Wheeler said.

"This training, while helping the men to know how and when to make arrests is also preventative crime work and traffic education," he continued. Naturally, it will be up to these men and the rescue squads to prevent panic.

Wheeler said he also hopes to have three companies of 100 men each all trained as reserves for replacements, but the main problem now is to form an organization which can be used as cadres during expansion of the groups. Hilles, too, said that men in training now will be used to form cadres for auxiliary firemen.

All in all, Tucson may not be prepared for an air raid, but several very important steps have been taken in preparation and in another month or so a semblence of a well knit civilian defense unit will be functioning. Until then, we hope the Pacific fleet remains afloat and effective.

January 6, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Bullets, Bombs, Fire Fail To Stop Tucsonian In Honolulu

Typifying in the utmost "the good man who could not be kept down," William L. Benedict, former University of Arizona military science instructor who recently was said to have been fatally injured in the bombing of Hickam field, Hawaii, is alive.

Wounded eight times by machine gun bullets and shrapnel, burned by fire which consumed his automobile, thrown 50 feet by the force of a bomb and suffering the bursting of both eardrums, the ex-Tucsonian is so much a survivor of the Japanese December 7 attack that he was able to pen a message to Lee Garrett, local attorney.

However, more than four hours were required for him to write the letter, he said.

Benedict is chief of the U. S. Army fire department on Hickam field which is located near Pearl Harbor. The airport, with ships in the bay, bore the brunt of the Japanese bombing.

He was wounded by machine guns as the Nipponese pilots strafed the field. Then, seconds later, on running to his automobile, he was burned as the car caught fire. The climax came when a bomb fell nearby. He was found, apparently dead, 50 feet away where he had been blown.

At first, Benedict was listed as dead. However, doctors and stretcher-bearers, on finding that life still existed, rushed him with other wounded to the U. S. Army General Hospital, Honolulu.

There, according to his letter, it was found that he suffered two bullet wounds in the left leg, one in the back and two in the right leg. Shrapnel had struck him in each shoulder and in the forehead over the right eye. His right hand had been burned and both eardrums were found to be broken.

"I'll be in the hosiptal for at least 30 days," he wrote Garrett. "I guess I'm lucky to be alive."

Benedict, about 38 years old, came to Tucson as an instructor in military science for the university. Later, he left the service of the U. A. Army and became a member of the Tucson fire department. Folowing this, he accepted an appointment as chief of Hickam field fire department.

January 6, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Meetings For Firemen Given

Auxiliary Training For All Districts Scheduled By Chief Hilles

Locations and meeting times of auxiliary firemen are announced by Henry R. Hilles, fire chief, as follows:

District No. 1, fire station No. 3 at Park avenue and Ninth street Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 2, fire station No. 2 at 1030 North Fourth avenue Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 3, fire station No. 2 at 1030 North Fourth avenue Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 4, fire station No. 3 at Park avenue and Ninth street Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 5, fire station No. 4 at Grand avenue and Alameda street Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 6, Central fire station, South Sixth avenue Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 7, Central fire station, South Sixth avenue Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 8, Central fire station, South Sixth avenue Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 9, Fire station No. 4, Grand avenue and Alameda street, Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

District No. 10, Central fire station, South Sixth avenue Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

January 15, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Rodeo Queen To Be Named

Firemen Will Interview All Candidates Sunday At Pioneer Hotel

Tucson firemen will interview candidates for the queen of the 1942 La Fiesta de los Vaqueros on the mezzanine floor of the Pioneer hotel at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, it was announced today by M. H. Starkweather, general chairman.

The firemen are handling the queen contest for the fourth year. The committee this year includes F. L. Van Camp, chairman; Harold Mickola, Paul Williams, Rudolph Black and James Redmon.

Candidates for queen must be between 17 and 24 years of age and single, the committee declared. All details of the contest can be obtained from any member of the committee by calling the central fire station, phone 1241.

The queen will be formally presented to the public during a dance to be held at the Blue Moon Friday night, January 28. She will lead the rodeo parade, dressed in a costume furnished by the committee through the cooperation of Tucson merchants.

January 7, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Program of Civilian Defense Being Completed for Tucson

Home defense under the civilian defense council is rapidly taking shape here it was revealed yesterday at a meeting of the home defense committee, headed by William I. Walsh.

Phil J. Martin Jr., city manager and municipal-county coordinator, announced that head of the various defense groups had been appointed except in a few cases and announced them to be as follows:

Fire department, Chief Henry Hilles; auxiliary fire department, Joe Roberts; rescue squad, Joe Roberts.

Police department, Chief Harold C. Wheeler, Ed F. Echols and Ora Shinn; auxiliary police department, Monte Mansfield Jr.; bomb squad unassigned.

Warden Division

Warden division chief, Harry J. Blacklidge, city; Gladstone Mackenzie, county, and Ora Shinn, South Tucson. Air raid warden, C. V. Budlong, city; Fire watchmen, G. Petrie. Emergency food and housing crew, Loveless Gardner, Otto Fritz, sanitation.

Emergency medical division chief, Dr. L. H. Howard. Other positions in this division are yet to be appointed.

Emergency public works and utilities division chief, R. E. Stallings, Walter Ellis and George T. Grove. Demolition and clearance crew, E. D. Herreras. Road repair squad, R. L. Houston and George T. Grove. Utility repair squad, George Bopp. Decontamination corps, R. L. Houston, George T. Grove.

Blackout Work

Blackout division chief, J. Forrest Ingle, city; Gladstone Mackenzie, county; Ora Shinn, South Tucson. Blackout division, same as preceding; warning, George Bopp, city; Dave Turnbull, city; Carl A. Davis, county, Ora Shinn, South Tucson.

Communications and transportation division chief, George B. Houston; messengers and communications, J. Rauscher; transportation and drivers, Clinton Helbig.

Classes Held

Fire Chief Hilles reported that auxiliary force will be well organized within another three or four weeks.

Supt. C. B. Mead, of the Federal Prison camp on Catalina highway, reported that a complete defense organization was being set up at the camp and that men could probably be dispatched to Tucson in case of an emergency.

Cooperation Good

Capt. Walden Burr, of the state highway patrol, reported that that organization was receiving excellent cooperation from the public in all work that it is doing in clearing highways for troop transports.

It was announced at the meeting that truck owners should register their trucks with civilian defense officials at the defense committee offices in the Chamber of Commerce building. There has been considerable misunderstanding as to where such registrations should be made, it was reported. They will be handled entirely through the civilian defense office.

Mask Warning

To the question of Ed F. Echols as to where gas masks can be obtained, A. P. Martin, district chairman for the state civilian defense organization, advised that they were being distributed only by the army and in localities where they are most needed. Civilians are warned against buying gas masks that may appear on the market and against using old ones of the type used in the last war.

It was reported that over 1,500 women in this area are now doing defense work.

Plans for guarding of the power plant, water plant and other utility installations have been completed and are now in operation, although stronger guard forces will be added as soon as additional men can be trained for that duty.

Phil Martin said that the number of air raid warning signals and their volume is still considered insufficient but that work is progressing towards remedying that matter.

Classes Held

Fire Chief Hilles reported that classes are being held regularly to train auxiliary firemen. The stations where classes are held and the time of classes is as follows:

District No. 1, fire station No. 3 at Park avenue and Ninth street Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 o'clock.

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Police Training

Chief of Police Harold C. Wheeler reported that auxiliary police classes of 45 and 50 men are now being trained and that a complete

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January 8, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Green Guards

Green Guards, women's home defense unit, will meet this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the armory. Plans are being made for instruction in military drill and use of firearms under the Tucson police, first aid under the Red Cross, and methods of fire fighting under the local fire department. All women interested are asked to join.

January 17, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

WORLD'S CHAMP IS FEATURE OF RODEO

Homer Pettigrew, world's champion cowboy of 1941, will head the list of entrants in Tucson's Fiesta de los Vaqueros, M. H. Starkweather, rodeo committee chairman, announced at a committee meeting yesterday.

Starkweather talked with the champion when he attended the annual meeting of the Rodeo Association of America, held in Colorado Springs January 8-10. Pettigrew, other past champions, and leading contenders for the 1942 title announced they would vie for points in the Tucson show.

The committee awarded sponsorship of the annual rodeo queen contest to the city fire department, and authorized the westside Progressive Businessmen's Association to conduct the Spanish-American queen contest.

The Jones Decorating Company, which offered a reduced rodeo-time rate when it obtained the contract for installing downtown Christmas decorations, was designated official rodeo decorator.

The committee also decided to establish a special rodeo section where service men in uniform will be admitted at reduced prices.

January 15, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

FIREMEN SELECT QUEEN HOPEFULS

Sunday Morning Is Date For Interviewing Candidates

Candidates for Queen of the 1942 Tucson Midwinter Rodeo will be interviewed at 11 o'clock Sunday morning on the mezzanine floor of the Pioneer hotel. For the fourth year the Tucson fire department is sponsoring the official rodeo queen contest, under arrangement with M. H. Starkweather, chairman of the rodeo committee.

Candidates for queen of the rodeo must be between 17 and 24 years of age, single and must be able to write, the committee in charge, announced yesterday.

The committee of firemen, in charge both of the queen contest and the annual Firemen's Dance, are: F. L. Van Camp, chairman, Harold Mickola, Paul Williams, Rudolph Black and James Redmon. All details concerning the queen contest can be obtained from any member of the committee by calling Central Fire Station, phone 1241.

The dance will be held at the Blue Moon, Friday night, Jan. 28, at which time the queen will be formally presented to the public following her election.

The successful candidate, as in former years, will lead the 1942 rodeo parade, garbed in a western costume furnished by the committee through the cooperation of Tucson business firms.

January 10, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Will Help Conduct FBI School

Chief of Police Harold C. Wheeler (left) and Fire Chief Henry R. Hilles will act as instructors for the FBI conducted school in civilian defense work to be held here starting Monday.

January 20, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

HILLES RE-ELECTED CREDIT UNION HEAD

Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles was re-elected Monday evening as president of the Tucson Municipal Employes Credit Union.

Other new officers are as follows: Gerald McKenna, vice president; John H. Freeman, treasurer; Frank Keefe, director; A. R. Aros, director; C. R. Wilson, director; R. L. Conrad, director.

The credit committee is composed of C. H. Whitfield, Elmont Saylor and F. W. King.

Alex McNeil, G. F. Bopp and P. E. Laos are the supervisory committee.

QUEEN CANDIDATES IN RIDING TESTS

Horseback riding tests for candidates for queen of the 1942 Los Fiestas de los Vaqueros will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. at El Conquistador riding stable.

The rodeo queen is elected at the annual Firemen's ball which will be held at the Blue Moon ballroom Friday, February 13. The candidates must first, however, satisfy a committee of city fire department employes that they are capable horsewomen. Sale of ball tickets will start January 28.

Contestants include Mary Lee Gannon, 18, 512 South Sixth avenue; Marion Verch, 18, 804 South Sixth avenue; Betty Howard, 22, 1046 North Campbell avenue, and Pat Bustamante, 18, Route 1, Box 445.

Entries will be accepted until tomorrow night with the contest committee at the Central fire station.

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January18, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

CITY EMPLOYES TO HAVE ANNUAL MEET

The Tucson Municipal Employes Federal Credit union, a federal chartered savings and loan association for, by and of civil service employes of the city of Tucson, will hold their seventh annual meeting Monday at 8 p.m. at the Elks club. All employes of the city, both members and non-members are urged to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the board of directors, the credit committee, the supervisory committee and the treasurer on the business of the credit union for the year 1941; to declare dividends and to elect officers and committeemen for the operation of credit union for the year 1942.

The meeting will be conducted by President H. L. Hilles, chief of the fire department.

January 19, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

4 ENTERING RODEO QUEEN CONTESTS

Four girls have entered the Tucson Rodeo Queen contest and yesterday met at the Santa Rita hotel with the rodeo queen contest committee. The contestants are Mary Lee Gannon, 18, 512 South Sixth avenue; Marion Verch, 18, 604 South Sixth avenue; Betty Howard, 22, 1046 North Campbell; and Pat Bustamante, 18, Route 1, Box 448.

Entries may be turned in up until Wednesday night, and may be made with the contest committee at the Central fire station.

January24, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

A minor fire at 215 Bean avenue early yesterday morning resulted in slight damage to a couch. The residence is occupied by Eddie Kolb and Paul Walburn.

January30, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Trades Council's Auxiliary Meets

Members of the Ladies' auxiliary to the Tucson Central Trades Council heard Howard Danielson of the Tucson fire department speak on fire-fighting in time of war, and on incendiary bombs and their use, at a meeting this week.

During the business session it was reported that organized labor's Americanization council, and Charles Thomas of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, are buying material for backings for the quilts which the auxiliary is making to aid the Community service home defense quilting group. It was decided that the hostesses entertaining the Chatterbox club, social branch of the auxiliary, will buy defense stamps instead of serving refreshments. All bonds bought with these stamps will be the property of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Adonna McLean, president, announced the following appointments for the auditing committee: Mrs. Leo Kidcullen, chairman, Mrs. E. C. Russell and Mrs. Helen Sheldon.

Mrs. Della McLean won the door prize during the evening. Mrs. Howard Danielson, chairman of the membership committee, announced that two members, Mrs. Adonna McLean and Mrs. Georgie Gleeson, have perfect attendance records for 1941.

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January 31, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

The Central fire station answered calls yesterday afternoon to two fires in the downtown area. Little damage was done in either. The first was to an automobile near West Congress and Main streets which had caught fire. The second, almost immediately afterward, was to the Dave Bloom store at East Congress and Sixth avenue, where an awning had caught fire.

February 15, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

GARDEN HOSE O.K. TO PUT OUT BOMBS

Preserve your garden hose and make sure you have a nozzle with which you can throw a good spray.

This advice comes from William S. Nicholas, executive officer of civilian defense, who yesterday said that he had been advised by Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles that such a spray can be used successfully in combatting incendiary bombs.

Only the spray should be used, however, as a solid stream will do no good, and may cause additional damage, he said.

Common garden hose can also be used to combat ordinary types of fires.

Auxiliary firemen are being trained by Hilles and his staff as a part of the city civilian defense program. Volunteer brigades have been assigned to districts throughout the city.

February 3, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

MANAGER NAMED DEFENSE LEADER

Martin Succeeds Walsh at Vital Civilian Defense Post Locally

Phil J. Martin Jr., city manager, has been named by Gov. Sidney P. Osborn to succeed William I. Walsh, resigned, as chairman of the home defense committee of the Civilian Defense council for Pima county.

As co-ordinator of the Municipal Defense council created by a city ordinance, Martin already had begun the organization of an air raid precautions corps for the community, and he plans to merge this with the committee to which the governor has named him.

He announced yesterday the appointment of Councilman W. S. Nicholas as executive officer, or second in command, of the air raid precautions organization. Already named were Henry L. Hilles, fire chief, as head of the fire protection system; Harold C. Wheeler, police chief, head of the police system; Harry J. Blacklidge, chief air raid warden, Dr. L. H. Howard, emergency medical director, and R. E. Stallings, George T. Grove, and Walter Ellis as heads of the emergency public works and utilities protection system.

Appointment of Martin by the governor precludes the danger of a duplication of effort, since he already had commenced as co-ordinator of the Municipal Defense council the functions which will be required of the chairman of the home defense committee.

February 7 & 14, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Rodeo Queen Selected At Firemen's Ball

Annual Party Will Be Given Next Friday Night

The annual Firemen's ball will be held next Friday night at the Blue Moon ballroom. The party will be informal, Fred Van Camp, chairman, said today.

Any form of dress from Levis to Mother Hubbards will be acceptable. The primary purpose of the party is a good time, and guests may wear whatever costumes best contribute to this end."

Assisting Mr. Van Camp will be Harold Nickola, Paul Williams, James Redmon and Rudy Black. Ernie Lewis' orchestra will play and the chief feature of the party will be the selection of a rodeo queen. There will be a stub on each ticket sold to the party by which a vote cast for queen, and six ballot boxes marked with the names of the contestants themselves ranged behind the boxes, will be placed in the ballroom.

These girls, chosen for appearance, charm and horseback riding ability, are as follows: Pat Bustamente, Catalina Foothills estates; Naomi Morton, 1901 East Sixth street; Billie Chester, 1305 Camillo boulevard; Odell Walker, Walker Riding academy; Doris Lee Birdsall, 1704 Blacklidge drive; Nancy Knagge, Double U ranch. The girl chosen will reign over the Fiesta de los Vaqueros.

To Reign As Queen Of Rodeo

Today was a big day in the life of Pat Bustamente; she was going downtown to select the western outfit she will wear as queen of the Fiesta de los Vaqueros this week. Pat, who is 17 years old and whose full name is Mary Patricia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bustamente of River road and the honor of being rodeo queen was conferred on her last night at the Firemen's ball at the Blue Moon ballroom, where the election was held.

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February 14, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Family Garden Hose May Be Best Weapon For War-Time Fires

Every householder in Greater Tucson was urged Saturday by William Stuart Nicholas, executive officer of civilian defense, to preserve the family garden hose as "the best weapon with which to fight certain fires in war time."

"Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles tells me that investigations have revealed the ordinary garden or lawn hose can be used to throw a fine spray of water, so necessary in combatting the flames of incendiary bombs," Nicholas said.

If residents of the area within the city limits pay heed to the recommendation, they will be following a suburban practice where the rubber tubing is handled with care and where, also, it is customary on sighting a burning building to "roll up the garden hose, throw it in the car and go to the fire."

Auxiliary firemen are being trained by Fire Chief Hilles as a part of civilian defense for Tucson. The city has been divided into districts to which volunteer brigades have been assigned.

February 17, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

RODEO PARADE ENTRY IS 261

Old Time Vehicles Will Be Featured in '42 Line of March

Two hundred sixty-one separate float, mounted group, wagon, marching group and individual entries had been made yesterday afternoon when entry lists for the annual rodeo parade were closed.

In addition to all these, the parade committee will enter in the spectacular parade all the old-time wagons and horse-drawn equipment which it boasts and all the professional cowboys appearing in the Tucson rodeo will appear in the line of march.

Final entries and their classifications follow:

Long Beach, Calif., mounted police patrol, group of 35 riders; Cochise county sheriff's posse, group of 30 riders; Maricopa county sheriff's posse, group of 25 riders; Bobby Morrow, boy rider; Mrs. Alice Miller, cowgirl; Dick Miller, boy rider; Mickey Deir, boy rider; Muriel Upham, girl rider; Kenneth Johnson, man rider; Gene Child, cowboy; Louise Salloun, girl rider; Porters', float entry; Shamrock dairy, wagon entry.

Dolores Anderson, girl rider; George Mabler, float entry; Mrs. Helen A. Harrington, group of five riders; West Side Business Men, float entry; West Side Business Men, band entry; J. Q. Trujillo, Mexican cowboy; Eddie Jacobs, Mexican cowboy; Mrs. Eddie Jacobs, girl rider; Helen Edwards, girl rider; Mrs. Helen Blevins, girl rider; Augustine Valez, man rider; Helen Edwards, girl rider; Jim Trow, boy rider; Raymond Daugherty, cowboy.

Tucson [illegible] department, float entry; Herman Ferguson, typical cowboy; Dick Pitzer, boy rider; Craig Pitzer, boy rider; Flowing Wells school, wagon entry; Nancy Robertson, wagon entry; Betty Sylvester, girl rider; Grace Edmondson, girl rider; Joe Koogler, boy rider; David Price, boy rider; Faris Kimball, boy rider; Bill Kimball, boy rider; Virginia Coe, girl rider; and Arizona Daily Star-Tucson Daily Citizen, float entry.

February 17, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN

Rodeo Parade Entries Close

261 Separate Units Listed For Opening Ceremony Of Local Fiesta

Entries in the rodeo parade closed at a total of 261 yesterday.

The list includes mounted groups, separate floats, wagons, marching groups and individual entries, and the parade committee's entry of all the old-fashioned wagons and horse-drawn vehicles available. All professional cowboys who will participate in the rodeo will also be in the parade.

Entries and their classifications are as follows:

Entries Listed

Long Beach, Calif., mounted police patrol, group of 35 riders; Cochise county sheriff's posse, group of 30 riders; Maricopa county sheriff's posse, group of 25 riders; Bobby Morrow, boy rider; Mrs. Alice Miller, cowgirl; Dick Miller, boy rider; Mickey Deir, boy rider; Muriel Upham, girl rider; Kenneth Johnson, man rider; Gene Child, cowboy; Louise Safloun, girl rider; Porters', float entry; Shamrock dairy, wagon entry.

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Tucson Fire department, float entry; Herman Ferguson, typical cowboy; Dick Pitzer, boy rider; Craig Pitzer, boy rider; Flowing Wells school, wagon entry; Nancy Robertson, wagon entry; Betty Sylvester, girl rider; Grace Edmondson, girl rider; Joe Koogler, boy rider; David Price, boy rider; Faris Kimball, boy rider; Bill Kimball, boy rider; Virginia Coe, girl rider; and Arizona Daily Star-Tucson Daily Citizen, float entry.

February 18, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

1500 To Take Part In Huge Rodeo Parade

Complete Line-Up Listed For Annual Display Friday Morning

The largest rodeo parade in Tucson's history will be held Friday, starting at 10 a.m., when approximately 1,500 persons will participate in the event which will open the three-day program of La Fiesta de los Vaqueros.

There has been a heavy demand for reserved seats, two sections having been already sold out. Tickets at $1 each, are still available at T. Ed Litt's drug store for the stands at Congress street and Stone avenue and reserved seats are also available at Jones' drug store for the stands at Congress and Scott.

Unreserved seats at 55 cents were placed on sale today for the stands in front of the Carnegie library, at the Pioneer and Santa Rita hotels, Chamber of Commerce, Sunshine Climate club rodeo ticket office and Johnson's drug store.

Entries Listed

The parade includes the following entries:

Division No. 1, forms on Congress at Main, heading east. Color guard, cowboys, Indians, Mexico; official queens, university rodeo queen, Mexican queen, La Fiesta queen, Indian queen; officials of rodeo and honored guests; University of Arizona band, Walter Cross, Rotary club, buggy; Sears Roebuck, tallyho; Long Beach mounted police patrol, Lodge on the Desert, buggy; Tucson Theatre, buggy; Tucson Drive-In theater, wagon; Pima Canyon stables, group of 10 riders; Butterfield stage, Citizen-Star; Tumble Weed stables, 25 riders; Enid Shanhouse, rider; junior high school band No. 1, Tucson police department, Black Maria; Maricopa county sheriff's posse, 25 riders; Terminix company of Arizona, buggy 16 riders, men and women west Side Business Men's entry, band, coach and riders Shamrock dairy wagon.

Western Trunk lines, Dunbar school drum and bugle corps, Consolidated Freight lines, ore wagon; the "Little Outfit," small wagon with team and burros; mixed riders, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, team and wagon; Crystal Coca Cola, brewery wagon; W. H. Cox and Sons, wagon, float; Tucson fire department, pumper; Porter's, stage coach; Tucson Desert Garden club, Manning buggy; Southern Arizona School for Boys, 65 riders; Dr. Dake Biddle, Rancho no le Hace, wagon; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Tidrick, silver mounted riders; Sells Papago Indian band, Vigilantes, 25 riders and float; Catalina Foothills school, float and children; Mann Lumber company, buggy; J. C. Penney company, buggy; Tallyho, wagon; Walkathon, wagon and two men riders; San Pima Cattle Growers association.

Division Two

Division No. 2, forms on Granada, heading south. Tucson senior high school band, sheriff's home defense patrol, Little Cowpunchers, eight girl riders, Southwestern Freight lines, freight wagon; YMCA float, Joe Tang's market, buggy; Walker's stables, 10 riders; T. R. Rex, silver mounted; E. J. Nellsen, silver mounted; J. C. Ettes, float; J. C. Ettes riders, 10 or 15 children; Coolidge high school band; T. Ed Litt, buggy; the Oddity Gift shop, buggy; Flowing Wells school children on wagon; George Mahen, two burros and dog; Mutual Benefit Insurance company, float, goats and cart; Pima Lumber company float, Arizona Home Supply company float; 12 single women riders, Junior auxiliary American Legion float; American Legion drum and bugle corps; Carrillo school, La Fiesta wagon; Joyce Porter, silver mounted; Bill Porter, silver mounted; Mulcahy Lumber company, wagon, Fox-Tucson theatre, float and riders; professional riders, group from 50 to 75; St. David drum and bugle corps, Arizona Glass and Mirror company, buggy; J. Knox Corbett Hardware and Lumber company, eight boy riders; Brandes school, two boys and burro; Laguna school drum and bugle corps, Lordsburg posse, Arizona Sash and Door, Sam Hughes school.

Dude Ranchers

Southern Arizona Dude ranch association, Rancho de la Osa, Santa Cruz ranch, Silver Bell guest ranch, Picture Rocks guest ranch, Lazy K Bar ranch, Wild Horse guest ranch, Diamond W. ranch, Tanque Verde guest ranch, Double U ranch, Bar B R ranch, Kenyon ranch, Arrow H ranch.

Division No. 3, forms on South Main, heading north. Nogales high school drum and bugle corps and marching squad, T. Beach, silver mounted; Toad Johnson and Mike Clarke, four burros; Alice Mills school of dancing float; 12 mixed riders, Governor's corner, buggy; Army store, buggy; Little Bear school, 30 children, adults, wagon; Benson high school band, U. of A. float.

Nine boy riders, Arizona Sunshine school, 18 entries and wagon; Cochise county Sheriff's posse, Tucson high school drum and bugle, twirling team and marching squad; 21 mixed riders, White House department store, buggy; Geneva college, eight girls on horses; Chi Omega, buggy; Gregory Service station, ox-cart; Bundles for America and Britain, wagons and riders; Silver Lake stables, two riders; 15 mixed riders, Alpha Phi sorority, six riders; junior high school band No. 2, mixed riders.

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February 18, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*: **Edited** **February 19, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:**

Parade

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the Rotary club, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cross in their shining carriage, one of the many vehicles of ancient vintage.

Interspersed throughout the parade will be such vehicles as the tallyhoo used in both New York and Chicago; the inaugural carriage of President Calles, used the last time by him before he ordered the motorization of Mexico; creaking ore wagons, rumbling prairie schooners, screeching freight wagons, the first Tucson fire department wagon, a steam pumper, and any other picturesque entries.

Mounted on spirited horses with silver trimmed saddles, the Long Beach mounted police patrol of 35 members will add a dash of brilliance not present before in the parade.

The Vigilantes in their white-trimmed black vaquero costumes will again ride parade.

The high-stepping Nogales high school drum and bugle corps and the drill team, both habitual winners in their class each year of the parade, will again step into the parade line in their shimmering red and white costumes.

Tucson High

Competing in an effort to oust them from first place will be the Tucson high school drum and bugle corps and twirling squad which have been drilling long hours to reach perfection of professionals.

New to the parade this year will be the Southern Arizona Dude Ranchers association with its 14 ranch entries grouped in division three. While several dude ranches have always entered the parade, this is the largest number in the history of the event to place their buggies, horses and wagons in the line of march.

The inimitable atmosphere of early western times will be added to by several sheriff's posses, including one from Cochise county and one from Lordsburg.

Also through the parade will be many genuine cowboys from Arizona's vast rangeland as well as all rodeo contestants and many dudes from southern Arizona ranches.

Tucson Dancers Burned Up By Badges Made In Germany

Maybe you think that pansies won't grow in Nazi Germany, because not even cacti will, but you are mistaken—pansies do grow in Germany.

Proof of it was exhibited today by a Tucsonian who attended the annual Fireman's ball last Friday night. It is a paper pansy that was given at the door of the Blue Moon dance hall, so that patrons could be readily identified as they subsequently passed in and out or circulated about the premises.

The pansy marker consists of a yelow disk about the size of a quarter on which is impinged a five-petaled purple flower resembling a pansy. A paper streamer is attached to the edge of the under side of the yellow disk, with a fastener in the other end. When the streamer is bent around the edges of the coat lapel and connected with the other part of the clasp or catch, the badge cannot be removed without tearing it.

On the inside of the streamer is printed in purple ink, "Made in Germany," so every male patron who attended the Firemen's ball Friday night was carrying the Nazi trade slogan rose and fell The Nazi pansy rose and fell with the palpitation of the dancer's heart as he yielded to the syncopation of the music and the proximity of the girl of his dreams.

The badge is a typical, cheap Nazi Germany product and before the war the Nazi's only competition in the manufacture of such geegaws came from the Japanese, now the Nazi's partners in infamy. They were too cheap to be manufactured at a profit under humane American labor conditions.

Now wasn't that a Nasty Valentine's Day hoax to put on the Tucson firemen and their guests?

Roses are red and pansies
are blue—
And you'd be the same
If it happened to you.

The dance patron who, on noting the Nazi trademark after leaving the hall, tore the insignia from his coat lapel, is still burned up about it, and his lady companion at the dance is indignant with a capital Dig.

"When I think of the hundreds of Tucsonians dancing all evening under an enemy trade slogan," she said, sibilantly, "I want to eat nails."

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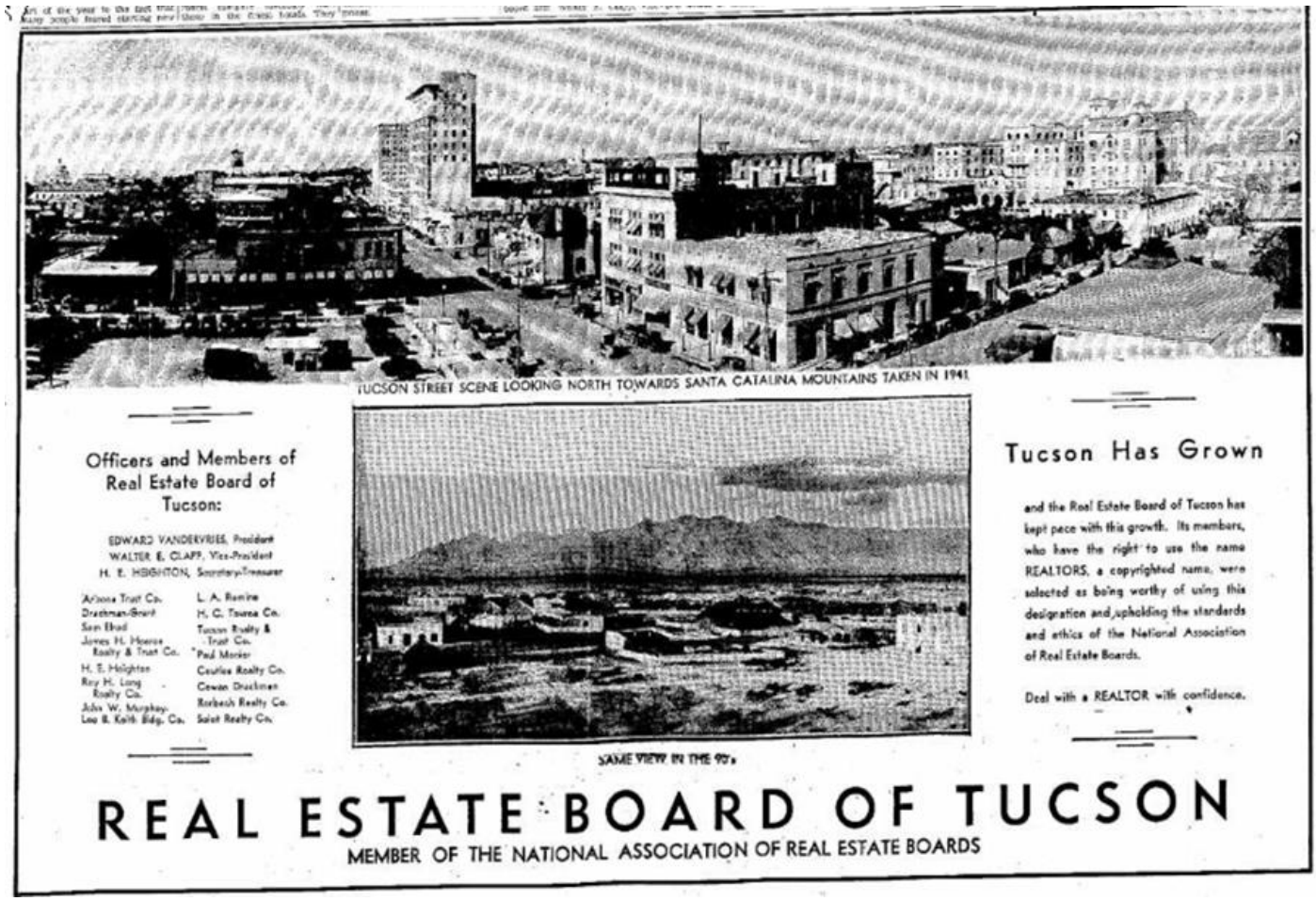
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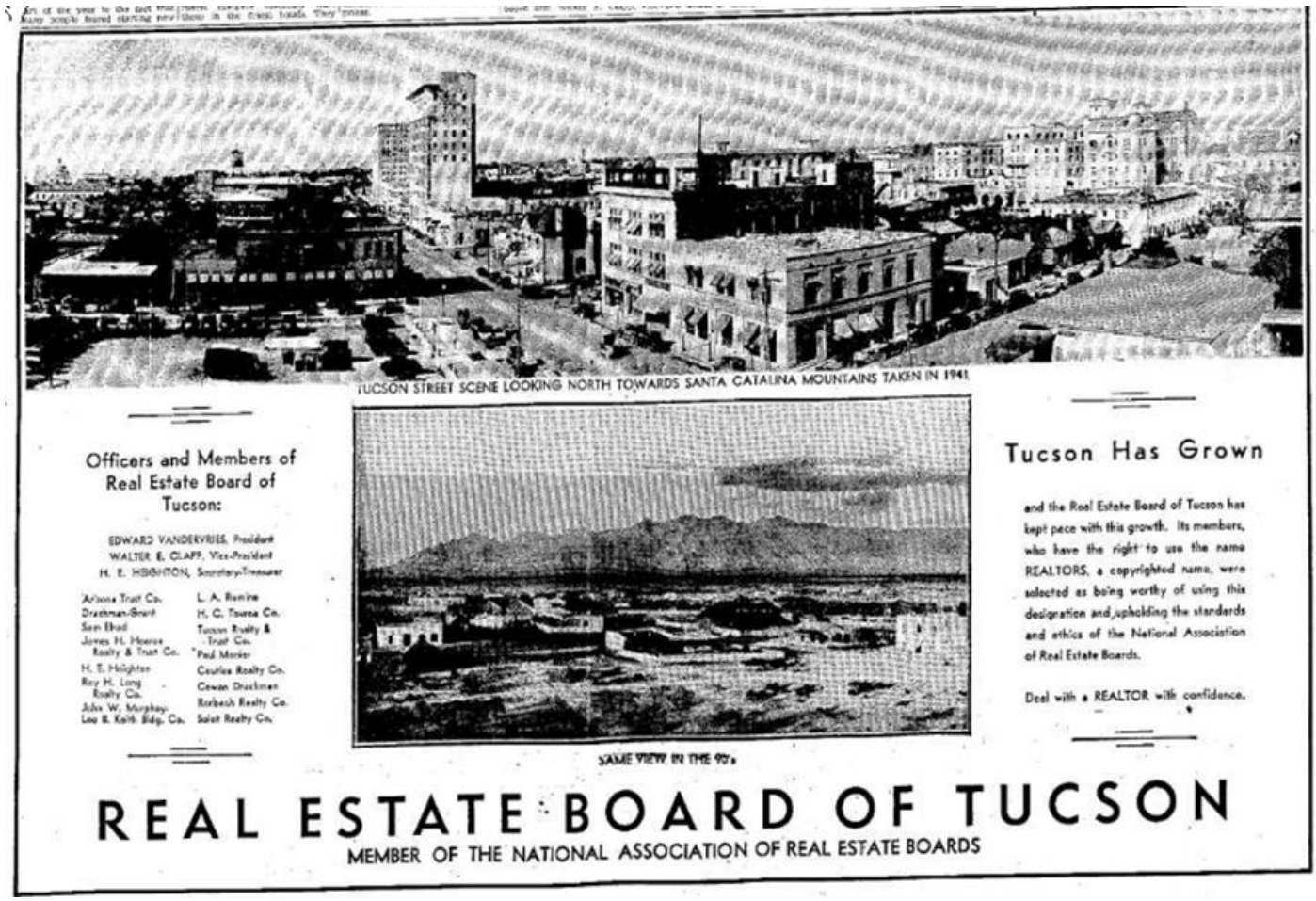
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hats.

Little Cowpunchers

The Little Cowpunchers, famed Pima county school group, were all loaded into a freighter wagon. The Sam Hughes school was represented by students dressed as hunters, pioneers, Indians and cowboys riding in a freight wagon.

The Benson high school band in blue shirts for boys and white blouses for girls, pepped up the procession with snappy tunes all during the procession. The blue-garbed St. David drum and bugle corps also received a round of applause.

From Coolidge came the red-jacketed high school band with flashing white trousers that added snap to the long procession.

Taos Indians from northwestern New Mexico and devil dancers of the Apache tribe from San Carlos furnished an unusual and authentic atmosphere to the parade, dedicated to the days of the early west.

Carrying out this authenticity was the ranch wagon of Mr. and Mrs. Sabino Otero, who drove in it from Texas to Tucson in the '80's, the Tallyho used in Chicago and New York and entered by Sears Roebuck and company; Steinfeld's old brewery wagon, the first steam pumper used by the Tucson fire department just after the turn of the century, the Carrillo mountain wagon, manufactured by Fred Ronstadt in Tucson in 1889, the Reno stage, which carried the first U. S. mail contract between Reno and Pyramid, Nev., and a buggy, entered by Governor's Corner, built for Andrew Carnegie by Joubert and White of Glen Falls, N. Y. It was later given to Lloyd Fletcher when the estate closed, and was finally acquired by the late Dooley Bookman, who presented it to the parade committee.

Carrillo School

Carrillo school's Mexican Fiesta

February 20, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*

Organization Created for Emergencies

Council Speedily Maps Program for Efficient Handling of Situations

By ROBERT BROOKS

The Pearl Harbor attack jarred southern Arizona and Tucson into feverish action to perfect civilian defense, and within a short period of two months a working organization which could function with reasonable efficiency was formed, under the direction of Andrew P. Martin, vice chairman of the Arizona Civilian Defense Council, southern district, and the field representative, George Bideaux.

In Tucson, however, organization was speeded immeasurably as registration of over 4,000 persons interested in civilian defense had already been made under the direction of William L. Walsh, home defense chairman, prior to the complete organization of the state council. He later accepted a similar position in the council.

That Tucson and southern Arizona are located in a strategic area if invasion of the United States ever becomes feasible for an enemy played no little part in the rapid organization of civilian defense.

Charts Provided

Just how to intelligently direct widespread activities of such divergent problem as housing and spiritual welfare was solved by national office of civilian defense, which sent charts showing correlation of the many activities.

Commander-in-chief of the entire state defense efforts is Governor Sidney P. Osborn, while under him are R. C. Stanford, coordinator, and Major General A. M. Tuthill, who will direct much of the actual work.

Three vice chairmen, controlling the northern, central and southern districts of the state, were named, which, for the southern district, includes Martin.

The county organization is then broken down into 13 subdivisions, each with a subdivision chairman in charge.

Coordinator of county effort is C. Edgar Goyette, who is also secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Through the directors of this organization, offices were given for the establishment of a field representative office in the Chamber of Commerce building.

Other Counties

In addition to Pima county, the southern district includes Cochise county, where Frank E. Thomas is coordinator; Santa Cruz county, where Fred Kemmeries is coordinator, and Pinal county, where W. C. Truman is coordinator.

With Cochise and Santa Cruz counties actually on the border, and Cochise county having vital mines and smelters within its boundaries, problems in these two counties differ somewhat from those of Pima and Pinal counties.

In Cochise county, Thomas is naturally concerned more with organization of industrial resources and home defense, and Kemmeries in Santa Cruz county must organize an efficient home defense setup and cooperate with Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, with its problems made complex by the fact that Mexico is not actually at war.

Lewis Fiscal, as transportation chairman, has quietly organized an efficient corps of men to handle both traffic and transportation problems which would be of most concern during an emergency in Pinal county.

Fire-Police Auxiliary

Under the classification of home defense an outstanding job has been accomplished by Chief of Police Harold Wheeler and Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles in organizing auxiliary police and firemen. Chief Wheeler reports that he now has approximately 150 auxiliary policemen, many of whom have taken FBI home defense courses and other similar work, ready to function at a moment's notice. Chief Hilles has 186 men who are undergoing training as auxiliary firemen, and these could give a creditable account of themselves.

While activities of the Red Cross in civilian defense work are covered in a separate story in another part of this paper, its first-aid training is an absolute necessity in every phase of home defense. The Red Cross is training as rapidly as possible instructors who can give the courses to civilian defense workers. As rapidly as this work can be accomplished the home defense personnel will be expanded.

Air Raid Wardens

Under this classification, too, falls that of the air raid warden group, which is directed by Harry J. Blacklidge. The Tucson area has been divided into 20 sectors, and a sector warden appointed at each location. The sector wardens are now forming rescue and bomb squads, fire-watchers, repair squads and decontamination groups.

The transportation committee, under E. D. Rockwell, is completely organized along military lines and all members of the organization have full instructions how to function when called upon.

The labor committee, under John Durkin, recently announced that complete files of all artisans have been compiled, and sufficient labor of any classification could be on hand in a matter of minutes after a call has been issued.

While every effort has been made to recruit sufficient personnel for all committees, the intelligent direction of these persons, through a central office, has not been neglected.

Martin Is Chairman

Recently Governor Osborn announced that Phil J. Martin Jr., acting city manager, had been named home defense chairman, succeeding Walsh, who had been given a governmental appointment.

Martin, the city manager, and Martin, the vice chairman, immediately worked out plans to establish a central control office in the city hall, where all emergency calls would be received. Placed in charge of the office was W. S. Nicholas, city councilman, who will spend a major portion of his time at the task if necessary.

From there, after a call has been received, will go orders setting into operation the personnel of the various committees. Such a call probably would originate from the airplane - spotting system, now being organized, under the direction of R. G. Darrow of Tucson in Pima and Santa Cruz counties. In Cochise county he is assisted by Herman Price, and in Pinal county by John Goree. This organization will be virtually under the control of the U. S. Air Corps command.

Farm Programs

However, not all the work in Pima county has been accomplished by home defense workers. Work is already under way on wartime agricultural programs, under the direction of Dr. R. S. Hawkins, vice dean of the agricultural college at the University of Arizona; in health, welfare and consumer interest fields under the direction of Dr. Dan Mahoney. The tire rationing board works under this division. Fred Finney, city editor of The Arizona Daily Star, directs public relations work.

Mike Hodges, recently appointed housing chairman, is hard at work listing all available housing facilities outside of the metropolitan area, which will be correlated with a listing of all facilities available to evacuees within the metropolitan area as compiled by the Red Cross.

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Robert Morrow, superintendent of schools in the Tucson area, is chairman of education, human resources and skill committee. During the week of February 2 to 7 he directed the collection, by school children, of waste magazines and newspapers, collecting several tons.

Lee Garrett is chairman of the law and finance committee, which is concerned with such problems as arrests by deputies of the police and sheriff's office during emergencies.

Pat Tidmarsh is chairman of the utilities, technical and public works committee.

To Mrs. Thelma McQuade, chairman of women's activities, fell the task of classifying over 4,000 cards of persons who had registered for civilian defense. She has established a file which can be used when additional manpower is needed in a particular activity.

Rev. Leland Koewing is chairman of the spiritual welfare committee, which has continuous work that lacks the sensationalism of other tasks, but is none-the-less important.

State vice chairmen in Tucson include Prof. Harvey Tate, agriculture, University of Arizona; Mrs. Elizabeth Steelsmith, health, welfare and consumer interest; Monte Mansfeld, transportation; Samuel Fowler, home defense; Earl Rooks, labor; Dr. Alfred Atkinson, education, and John Haynes, law and finance.

February 19, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

merce, team and wagon.

Delivery truck used by Steinfeld's department store before motor trucks were put into service.

61. Crystal Coca Cola, brewery wagon.

Steinfeld's old brewery wagon.

62. W. H. Cox and Sons, float, wagon.

63. Tucson fire department, pumper.

First steam pumper used by the Tucson fire department. It was originally valued at $5,000, but was purchased for Tucson by a man of the name of Alvin of San Antonio who bought entire bond issue of $25,000 and in return as a part of the deal furnished the new steam pumper, the Central fire station building, 20 fire alarm boxes and 3,000 feet of hose (which turned out later to be defective). Was first put into service at the Scott Street stables in February.

February 20, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

QUEEN OF THE 1942 Rodeo is Pat Bustamente, selected to reign over La Fiesta de los Vaqueros at the annual queen's ball, sponsored by the Tucson Fire Department. (La Nopalera Studio).

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February 21 & March 2, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Fire Hydrant Remains At Large; Man Arrested

Tucson's wandering fire hydrant is still at large, but Lawrence C. Liggett, 36, was arrested Friday afternoon by police and charged with leaving the scene of an accident. Police said that he admitted hitting the hydrant early Friday morning and leaving it sheared from its moorings. The accident occurred at St. Mary's road and Granada street.

Liggett is to appear next week before City Magistrate Paul J. Cella to enter a plea. In the meantime, he is at liberty under $100 bond. Police were still searching Saturday for the 96 pound, iron water head which they believe will be sold for scrap metal. All junk and second hand dealers are being checked, they said.

TUCSON WILL GET DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

That Tucson will be included in Arizona cities to which emergency fire fighting equipment and gas masks for civilians are to be sent was the statement Monday by City Manager Phil J. Martin, jr.

"I have received word from Washington that this equipment will be distributed to Tucson as well as Phoenix," he said, explaining that previous orders had included the state capital, only, in Arizona.

Martin asked the office of emergency management for two portable pumps for the fire department, first aid materials, gas masks for civilians and other property necessary for war emergencies possible for Tucson.

San Clemente Home Is Gutted By Fire

The first fire recorded in 11 years in the San Clemente addition near Tucson completely gutted the home of Ed Holderness, mining engineer, 3 South Longfellow avenue, late Saturday night, the sheriff's office reported Monday.

Stanley Williamson, Tucson realtor who reported the blaze, said that only the Holderness maid was in the house at the time of the burning. No definite cause has been assigned, Williamson added.

A crash truck from the Tucson air base answered the call, sheriff's deputies revealed, but was unable to extinguish the flames before severe damage occurred.

February 21, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

VAN CATCHES FIRE

City firemen were called late Thursday afternoon to extinguish a blaze which threatened to destroy a load of furniture which was being transported by a Safeway Van Lines truck from Los Angeles. The truck was parked at North Stone avenue and East Second street. The cause of the fire was not determined.

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March 2, 1942, City Meeting:

A communication from Roy Place, chairman of the Board of Examiners and Appeals, recommending the adoption of a fire prevention ordinance along the lines recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, in order to provide the Fire Chief with the powers he now lacks to enforce fire regulations and prevention of fire hazards, was read.

A brief discussion followed, during which the Fire Chief advised that the Mayor and Councilmen were furnished with copies of the proposed ordinance several weeks ago for study, and the Mayor asked that the Councilmen read this proposed ordinance and stated that it probably would be considered at the next meeting.

March 3, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

CIVILIAN DEFENSE MATERIAL COMING

Tucson will be included in the distribution of emergency fire fighting equipment and other civilian defense and air raid precaution material, Phil J. Martin Jr., city manager, has been notified.

Martin has asked the office of emergency management for two portable pumps for the fire department, first aid materials, gas masks for civilians, and other property necessary for possible war emergencies.

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March 4, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

CITY BRIEFS

THE FOLLOWING HAVE SUCcessfully completed the American Red Cross standard first aid course under J. H. Freeman: W. E. Baucom, W. L. Bierbaum, Joseph Benintendo, J. W. Collin, H. E. Francis, R. M. Fuentes, Carmen Herrera, Paul H. Jones, Rau Journey, Fred W. King, Earl T. Knight, Jack C. Kastner, Henry H. Mayhew, Gus G. Mazon, James P. K. Pung, J. A. Rothe, E. B. Schilling, Otto Schulz, J. C. Sievert, W. H. Slaughter, H. C. Stein, Jess W. Toland, Fred L. Van Camp, J. Frank Miller, Paul A. Williams, George Hessler.

March 9, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Blood Donors Sought By Women's Service

Blood donors, office helpers fitted to aid with maps and other workers are needed by the American Women's Voluntary Service, 15 North Stone avenue. Blood donors will be given appointments with Dr. Victor M. Gore after being registered.

A class in the use and care of firearms will be given by Cecil Le Mesurier and 25 women not over 50 years of age are sought for a class in fire fighting and handling of incendiary bombs to be given by Captain R. P. Black of the Tucson fire department.

A group is also being formed to instruct housewives what to do in the event of an air raid.

March 12, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

FIRE WARDEN DRILL MEETING PLANNED

A fire drill for the benefit of volunteer fire wardens will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Municipal swimming pool, Tucson boulevard and East Second street. The meeting is called by Capt. Geo. Baker, district No. 4, which includes all territory between Country Club road and Park avenue; and from Speedway to Broadway.

All residents are urged to become acquainted with activities pertaining to civilian defense and to attend meetings when called by Captain Baker. A second drill will be held on the grounds of the Mansfeld junior high school on March 26th.

In case of fire from air raids a women's headquarters has been arranged at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Houston at 1224 East Sixth street. Mrs. Phil J. Martin Jr. is chairman of this headquarter's committee; assisted by Miss Ruth Eaton as secretary; Mrs. J. F. Newman; and Mrs. L. L. Moore, a vice chairman on women's activity for Pima county.

Other women willing to help are urged to telephone the captain, Geo Baker, telephone 5555, or Mrs. Martin, 2049.

The Ninth and Park fire department corps will conduct the drill.

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March 13, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

APPLICANTS TESTED FOR CITY FIRE DEPT.

Twelve men yesterday took the city civil service examination for fire hoseman. They were:

Constant Francis Weinzapfel, Emmett S. Claunch Jr., Glenn Davison Chalk, Manuel P. Pesquiera, Jack C. French, Fred Manzo Lopez, Wallace W. May, Jack H. Pemberton, Robert E. Preston, Autie A. Sanders, Joseph W. Wilson and Rogelio B. Zuniga.

March 15, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

FIRE DRILLS HELD AT N. SIDE POOL

A successful fire drill was held for volunteer firefighters of District No. 4 at the north side municipal swimming pool Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Fire Chief Hilles and members of the east side fire station conducted the drill. Present were about 30 men, five women and Captain George Baker.

The men are divided into three companies who can act in relays; they will be known as Company No. 1, Company No. 2 and Company No. 3, to make the different companies easily recognized they will use the colors of red, white and blue; these colors will be worn in the form of a first aid triangular bandage as a neckerchief, as the Boy Scout wears his triangular neck piece; this can then be used for emergency first aid purposes as well as being a distinguishing color for identification purposes.

The women of the district will meet at the central fire station Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock for detailed instruction in handling calls in case of emergency should all the firemen be called out for active duty; they will also serve as messengers if telephone service is disrupted. A white uniform will most likely be adopted by the women so as to be easily seen at night.

March 20, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Tanque Verde Has A.W.V.S. Section

Sixty women of the Tanque Verde area met at Tanque Verde school house, at 8 o'clock Wednesday, and organized a unit of the American Women's Voluntary Services, headquarters to be at the Igo ranch, Route 2, Box 481, Tanque Verde road.

Mrs. Martha Roberts was elected chairman; Mrs. Celeste Kelso, co-chairman. Vice-chairmen are Mrs. Helen M. Knagge, Mrs. Hilda Staggs, Mrs. Eva J. Mead, Mrs. Dolores Santa Cruz. Secretary is Mrs. Isabel Hillman; assistant secretary, Miss Dorothy Roberts; chairman of publicity, Mrs. Juanita Igo.

Twenty-five women have signed up for rifle practice. Captain Rudolph Black, of the Tucson fire department, will start a class in fire fighting and bomb control, March 24, at 7:30 o'clock at the Tanque Verde school house. Thirty-one women have already signed for this course. Thirty-six women have signed for Red Cross first aid courses. Six women volunteered to give blood for the "Blood Bank."

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March 17, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*: New Woman's Shop—

PORTER'S NEW WOMAN'S SHOP, offering 'the best in the west' for milady, will have its formal opening today. Pictured above is the facade of Porter's Tucson store showing the new portion of the building, at the left, which houses the smart shop, designed especially for the western woman, and the leather working shops where the boots and saddles known the world over are made. (Photo by J. Robert Burns.)

March 19 & 21, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Women's Unit Is Organized

Voluntary Services Branch Orgamized By Group At Tanque Verde

Sixty women of the Tanque Verde area met last night at the school to organize a branch of the American Women's Voluntary Services and elected Mrs. Martha Roberts chairman and Mrs. Celeste Kelso, co-chairman.

Captain Rudolph Black of the Tucson fire department will open a class in fire fighting and bomb control March 24 at 7:30 o'clock at the school for members. Thirty-one have signed up for this course. 36 have registered for the Red Cross first aid course and six have volunteered to give blood for the blood bank.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Helen M. Knagge, Mrs. Hilda Staggs, Mrs. Eva J. Mead and Mrs. Dolores Santa Cruz, vice chairmen; Mrs. Isabel Hillman, secretary; Miss Dorothy Roberts, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Juanito Igo, publicity chairman.

Headquarters of the group will be the Igo ranch, route 2, box 481, Tanque Verde road.

HILLES APPEALS FOR AUXILIARY FIREMEN

Fire Chief Henry Hilles, director of the civilian defense auxiliary firemen corps, appealed today for more volunteers for the organization.

More than 600 volunteer air raid wardens in the Tucson district have been trained or are attending courses now, he said, and now more auxiliary firemen must be obtained to fill out the organization.

All persons interested in the work are asked to contact Chief Hilles at the Central fire station on South Sixth avenue.

March 25, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

ARIZONA FIREMEN RECEIVE $25,926

PHOENIX, March 25. (AP)—The municipal pension funds of Arizona firemen were enriched by $25,926.04 during 1941 through remittances of fire insurance premiums by State Treasurer Joe Hunt.

Pensions funds are derived through a two-per cent division of premiums paid in a municipality during the year.

The Phoenix fund received an allotment of $10,720.45, the largest.

Others included:

Ajo $133.47, Benson $84.78, Bisbee $739.62, Douglas $784.53, Nogales $529.57, Patagonia $22.79 and Tucson $4,897.51.

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March 23, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*

March 24, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Tanque Verde residents are invited to attend a lecture on fire fighting and bomb control measures, to be given in the school at 7:30 p. m. today by Rudolph Black of the Tucson fire department. The lecture is part of the training program of the Tanque Verde AWVS unit. Raid wardens will meet with Black after the lecture. Tomorrow, the AWVS unit will meet to discuss organization of a Red Cross first aid class.

March 27, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Montgomery McClung, Retired Fireman, Dies

Montgomery McClung, 67, a familiar figure the past 12 years around the central fire station, died yesterday in a local hospital.

In frail health for the past few months, McClung came to Tucson from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was a city fireman. He spent most of his leisure hours talking with city firemen here and was well known among the local firefighters.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Bring chapel. Rev. Frank S. Williams will read the services. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Surviving are a son, John W. McClung, of Tucson, recently returned from South America; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Goodworth, of Beaver Falls, Pa.; and a sister, Miss Jessie J. McClung, of Pittsburgh.

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April 1, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Fire Damages Store Of Russell, Sheperd

Slight damage resulted, city firemen said, from an early morning blaze Wednesday in a building at 218 North Fourth avenue, occupied by Russell and Sheperd and owned by M. L. Tophoy.

Flames were confined to a rear room and were said to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. The alarm was turned in at 2 a. m. by police.

April 6, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Tucson Topics

Sunnyside and Emery Park will hold a mass meeting at the Sunnyside school house Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the interest of better community defense preparations. Speaker will be Capt. Rudolph Black of the Tucson Fire Department who will discuss "Fire Protection for the Home," and answer any questions put to him on the subject. Every member of both communities is invited to attend.

April 7, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Dads' Night To Be Held At Menlo Park

The Menlo Park P. T. A. will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday at Menlo Park school. Mrs. W. L. Bierbaum will preside at a short business meeting where the nominating committee composed of Mmes. R. B. Abrams, R. V. Kessler, and M. H. Babby will present a report. Election of officers will be held.

The dads belonging to the P. T. A. will then take over the meeting with Mr. M. H. Babby acting as general chairman. They will present a comedy which has been prepared by Mr. R. B. Abrams.

Mr. Jason Greer will introduce a member of the Tucson fire department who will demonstrate an inhalator to the group.

Mr. J. E. Leavitt will be in charge of the music for the program, and the refreshment committee is composed of Mr. L. B. Randell and Mr. Eugene Young.

A prize will be awarded to the home room group having the most parents in attendance.

April 2, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Citizens May Aid In Budget Problem

Mayor, Two Councilmen Say Advice Needed In View Of Revenue Losses

A committee of citizens may be named to assist city councilmen in solving the anticipated problem of a $76,000 shortage in the municipal budget for the next fiscal year.

Mayor H. O. Jaastad and two councilmen voiced approval of the plan in statements issued to the press Thursday.

Councilmen William Stuart Nicholas and J. O. Niemann, the latter chairman of the municipal lawmakers' finance committee, disagreed with Mayor Jaastad as to when the advisory body should be asked to participate in budget studies.

"I believe the citizen committee ought not function until in May or June," Mayor Jaastad said.

The fiscal year of the city begins July 1.

Councilmen Nicholas and Niemann asserted they believed the committee could begin research soon.

Gathering Data

"City Manager Martin now is assembling data from department heads as to needs for the next year," Councilmen Nieman said. "It might be well if a citizen group could work with him. However, the budget never is finally adopted until in August due to the fact that valuation figures cannot be obtained from the state tax commission any earlier."

"The idea of a citizen committee suits with my approval," Councilman Nicholas asserted. "I always favor receiving advice from citizens and I am sure that a group of businessmen could give the council good counsel in this instance. The sooner they get started functioning, the better pleased I shall be."

According to Martin, the city will be unable to meet maintenance obligations in the amount of about $76,000. Total revenue from advalorem taxes, business and professional licenses, water department charges and other non-tax income will not be sufficient to cope with expenditures as mapped for the coming 12 months.

Regulated By Law

A state law regulates increasing the levying of taxes for the operating fund to the point where councilmen will not be able to find sufficient advalorem tax money. In addition, non-tax income will be curtailed because of the lowering of real estate valuations and reductions in business and professional licenses.

Additional income must be found or operating spending must be cut.

Administration officials have said they do not desire a broad reduction in expenditures but that if more money is not forthcoming the whittling will be mandatory.

Councilmen have agreed to join forces with municipal office holders in other cities, as represented in the Arizona Municipal league, to bring about a 10-per cent diversion to cities of the state sales tax.

About 50 petitions are being circulated in Tucson with the aim of placing the issue before the voters at the November general elections.

Efforts failed to persuade Gov. Sidney P. Osborn to ask the legislature at its special session, opening Monday, to amend the sales tax law so that cities could share in the revenue. That makes it necessary that the issue be in an initiative form, Mayor Jaastad said.

Home Rule Lost

The legislature, the mayor continued, has taken home rule away from the cities in that the body has empowered the highway and other commissions to force upon cities expenditures they do not desire.

"For instance," he declared, "there are the minimum wage laws for highway laborers and mechanics, city firemen and policemen. We, as city officials, apparently have no voice in determining what the salaries of our employes shall be.

"The legislature tells us what to pay them but the lawmakers do not provide us with the money. Cities in Arizona gradually are losing the right to govern themselves."

Mayor Jaastad explained that he "does not believe the wages of policemen and firemen should be cut" but he declared city officials confronted with the problem of making budgets, should have the opportunity to determine the amounts of employes' pay checks.

Policemen and firemen now are being paid an average of $180 per month. Previously, the average wage for policemen was $165 and for firemen, $160.

Laborers receive 62½ cents an hour to contract with 50 cents or less paid them prior to the enactment of state minimum wage laws.

There are approximately 40 policemen, 37 firemen and 80 laborers on the city payroll. Income from the city water department is sufficient, as a rule, to approximately pay expenses of the police and fire departments.

The citizen committee to serve as advisors on budget making should consist of from three to seven, according to Mayor Jaastad and Councilmen Niemann and Nicholas.

It was said it may be possible that the proposal would be brought before councilmen when they meet next Monday evening.

Approximately 1,094,000 dairy milk cans were manufactured for use by farms and dairy plants during 1939.

Thoughts Of Raising Gardenias In Water Brought By Spring Air

It may be the effect of Spring. Then again, maybe it's the war or the boosted price of flowers and food.

Anyway, there's a freshman botany student at the University of Arizona who is getting set to "raise the biggest and best gardenias in town," he said Thursday, and he's going to start with tomatoes.

Allan Sterrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Sterrett, Indian School road, plans to raise tomatoes in water, without any soil matter. He became interested in the production of plants in water cultures, he said, when he recently wrote an English research paper on the subject.

"I'm going to start the experiment at home," he said. "I'll probably have to use wooden tanks for the plants because potentates have cut off the supply of the right metals.

"As soon as I find out how it works with the tomatoes," he declared, "I'm going to start on gardenias and grow the prettiest ones in Tucson."

Sterrett believes it is reasonable to assume that his plants will be superior to those grown in soil because, "If I give them all the chemicals they need in the tank, they won't have to go look for them."

It's probably Spring now.

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April 4, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

City Finance Is Improved

Increase In Water Receipts And Added Fines Boost City Income

Because of a dry winter, causing water department receipts to rise sharply, an excellent tax collection and high receipts from fines and penalties, the city started the final quarter of the fiscal year Wednesday with an overage of $87,780.81, James T. Manders, city auditor, reported Friday.

Accounts that were under estimates fell off by only $8,121.70, he said. Over-spent accounts totaled an excess of $18,248.30 with others under the estimates by $34,979.72.

The water department's average of $4,692.77 will average off, Manders said, because most of it represents equipment and material purchases early in the year. The same is true of $5,027.86 attributable to the transfer of $10,000 to the fund for building the new health and welfare department building.

An underage of $11,416.73 in the fire department, Manders said, was brought about because of the budgeting of funds for additional firemen. The miscellaneous fund, now under-spent by $5,403, faces the expenditure of $18,000 for a Negro swimming pool as well as an allocation to Tucson Regional Plan, Inc. and premiums on workmen's compensation insurance.

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April 10, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Mrs. P. J. Denny Heads Menlo Unit

Mrs. P. J. Denny was elected president at a brief business meeting of Menlo Park P.T.A. Wednesday evening, preceding a program arranged by the fathers of the organization. Other officers elected were Mrs. H. H. Hickman, first vice president; R. V. Kessler, second vice president; Mrs. Dean Frost, secretary; and Mrs. L. C. Peterson, treasurer.

M. H. Babby was chairman of the entertainment committee. He presented John Steger of the Tucson fire department, who demonstrated the use of an inhalator.

A humorous skit on "How Not to Do First Aid" was given.

April 17, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

FIREMEN CALLED

A short circuit in a Neon sign on Goldberg's jewelry store, 37 West Congress street, caused an alarm to be turned in to central fire station shortly after 9:30 o'clock last night. Firemen answering the call reported damage negligible.

April 19, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

THE YEAR WAS 1904 AND THE PROUD DRIVER of the fire department's one and only chemical engine was Alexander McNeil. Yes, the same Alex McNeil who this spring is being retired as second assistant chief of the Tucson department. The engine is drawn by Buck and Ted, first fire horses owned by the city, when they were retired in 1909. McNeil bought them himself to make certain they wouldn't be abused. Photograph was taken at Sixth and Broadway; that's the north end of the Santa Rita hotel in the background.

April 19, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Alex McNeil Represents Tucson Fire Department in All Phases

By HOWARD WELTY

There are two schools of thought on the question of why Alexander Patrick McNeil became a member of the Tucson Fire Department.

McNeil says he liked fighting fires.

His wife, Emma, says the truth of the matter is, he dearly loved the horses.

An impartial observer, sifting the evidence 40 years late, comes to the conclusion both are right. Any old-timer will tell you that a fire horse never had a better friend than Alex McNeil; and any fireman will tell you a big blaze never had a tougher foe.

Now, at any rate, Alex at 59 is about to be retired as first assistant chief. He himself doubts what the civil service doctors say—that he has high blood pressure, or something of the sort. "I could take 'em out (the doctors) and walk 'em to death on their own feet," as he puts it. At the same time, he concedes he is approaching the compulsory retirement age, and adds that maybe a wall would fall on him in the next big fire, anyhow.

Native Arizonan

McNeil was born in Tombstone on February 16, 1883, grew up on a ranch in the Chiricahua foothills, and was entirely innocent of schooling when his widowed father brought him to Tucson as a boy of 12 in 1895. He was enrolled in the old Safford school on Congress street, and graduated four years later.

His wife throws more light on the schooldays than does Alex himself.

"Ask him to tell you about the Spanish-American war," she says. "In 1898 the school broke up into two gangs, Gringoes and Greasers. Alex was leader of the American gang. His middle name isn't Patrick for nothing. They had to close down the school."

"Now, now, Emma!" says Alex.

Two things happened to the town fire department in 1900. The municipality purchased four horses, to supplment the hand-and-foot efforts of the volunteer squad. And young Alex, immediately thereafter, began hanging around the old fire house at Church and Library streets (site of the present courthouse).

Making himself useful, he was always on hand to trip the chains when Buck and Ted went wheeling out of the station with the chemical engine on drill nights. A year later the volunteers honored him by election to membership. This entitled him to participate in drills, and to attend the beer busts staged with funds collected from grateful property owners after a blaze. According to the custom of the day, however, no donation was anticipated if the house burned to the ground.

Alex's next promotion originated in a fire which broke out about 9 a. m. on June 28, 1903, in the San Xavier hotel, which was owned by the Southern Pacific railroad, and stood on the site of the present express station.

This two-story frame structure, one of the community's leading hostelries, burned to the ground, and several other buildings in the neighborhood were ignited.

Three days later, the town increased its force of full-time firemen by 100 per cent. Prior to that, Frank Norton was the only man on the payroll. Now young McNeil became the second paid fireman in department history.

Real "Full Time"

When they said "full time" in those days they meant it. Alex drew $75, slept in the hay room under a corrugated iron roof (Norton had the bell tower), and was an duty 21 hours a day, 365 days a year. He was given an hour for breakfast, lunch and supper; if he got sick or went to a dance, he paid for a substitute out of his own pocket.

It was not until 1910, indeed, when the department had grown to seven men, that the town gave firemen time off. Starting that year, the men were allowed 12 hours every seventh day. Conditions gradually improved, and since 1920 the two-platoon organization has been used, with only half the force on duty at one time. Currently, firemen have 24 hours on duty, followed by 24 off.

Physical improvements came fast after 1908, when a $25,000 bond issue provided the present station, a system of 20 alarm boxes, and the horse-drawn steam engine which still appears annually in the rodeo parade.

Buck and Ted, one of the original teams, were played out by 1909, after six years' service pulling a 5,600-pound engine with a hose cart tied behind. McNeil, fearing the horses might be abused, bought them himself at public auction and retired them to a corral which he built on East Sixth street.

Modern Trend

The department's first motorized equipment, a Velie truck, was purchased in 1914, but horses continued in use on the steam engine and other equipment until 1917, when the city purchased two Seagrave trucks—one of them still in service as an auxiliary.

In the same year that they re-

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VERNA E. YOCUM, Director

April 19, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

tired his steam engine, Alex was promoted to a captaincy, and he has been an executive ever since—rising to second assistant chief in 1930, and his present office in 1938. Since officers don't drive the trucks (whatever you and I would do if We were fire departmental captains), it thus happens, oddly enough, that McNeil's personal experience in conducting fast runs to blazes has been mostly with horses.

Of the close calls experienced in 40 years, McNeil recalls two in particular.

On August 17, 1908—he doesn't recollect the exact hour—lightning struck a house on the north side, killing a woman occupant and setting the dwelling afire. McNeil took the chemical engine out Sixth avenue, hell-for-leather, but flood water obscured a track repair job at the railroad crossing.

Thrill-Packed Ride

The engine bucked like a bronco as the horses plunged through the water and galloped on down the street. McNeil was flung forward between the animals, in imminent danger of being trampled, crushed or drowned. By a happy turn of luck, however, he struck upon and was able to cling to the wagon tongue. From this precarious perch he climbed back to the driver's seat and completed the run.

The other incident occured during a big commercial fire at Sixth avenue and Seventh street. After the blaze was extinguished, he discovered he had been working within range of an acetylene tank which had grown soft in the intense heat and puffed out like a frankfurter—but hadn't quite exploded.

He clearly recalls his first job as a paid fireman—a blaze in a dwelling in the 200 block on north Meyer street. What makes it stand out particularly in his memory is the fact there wasn't an alarm for 81 successive days thereafter—and that this interlude was ended by a series of four fires in 24 hours.

The department's toughest job, he thinks, was the Eagle Mills conflagration a few years ago, requiring every piece of equipment and every man in the system. "It's only a miracle there wasn't a big explosion," he says. "If there had been, the mayor and council would have had to go out next day and get a brand new department."

Money Couldn't Buy

How McNeil will occupy himself after his retirement, which probably will become effective May 1, is a question. He is looking forward to registering in the third draft April 27, and hopes perhaps the government will find something useful for him to do.

Whether the department will be the same without Alexander Patrick McNeil is not, however, a question.

Chief Henry L. Hilles, who has worked with Alex 28 years, summed it up the other day in a few words.

"Alex never worked an hour that he wasn't doing a damned good job. He has rendered the department and the city service that money absolutely couldn't buy. If ever a man was faithful, as faithful as an eight-day clock, Alex McNeil's the boy."

Good News For Colon Sufferers

The McCleary Clinic, HE1614 Elms Blvd., Excelsior Springs, Mo., is putting out an up-to-the-minute 122-page book on Colon Disorders, Piles and Constipation and commonly associated chronic ailments. The book is illustrated with charts, diagrams and X-ray pictures of these ailments. Write today — a postcard will do—to the above address and this large book will be sent you FREE and postpaid. —Adv.

VENETIAN BLINDS

P. D. ROW REACHES WAR LABOR BOARD

WASHINGTON, April 18—(AP)—The dispute between the Phelps Dodge Corporation and its employes at Ajo, Morenci, Douglas, Clarkdale and Jerome ever higher

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April 9 & 20, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

William Grant Is Killed In Auto Accident

Accountant Dies Instantly When Car Hits Pole On St. Mary's Road

Death from a 60-mile-per-hour impact with a telephone pole came at 12:30 Thursday morning to William McD. Grant, 627 South Park, accountant for the Power and Home Equipment company, as he was driving a late model, heavy car on St. Mary's road near Oury Park, police reported.

First indication of trouble came from Demetrio Hamilton, 654 Anita street, watchman for the Western Cotton Products company, West St. Mary's road, who phoned the police station to say that a car doing about 60 miles per hour had just raced past the cotton oil mill, striking a telephone pole with terrific force.

Hamilton later made a second call in which he said that a man was lying face down apparently dead by the badly injured automobile.

Killed Instantly

Capt. Roy Robinson, investigating for the police, found Grant, who had evidently been killed instantly.

The car which Grant was driving, police indicated, was registered to Faye Grant, the accident victim's former wife.

Grant leaves his father, John B. Grant, a sister, Gladys Grant, who is an employe of the Western Union, and a brother, Harry M. Grant, a hoseman for the Tucson fire department.

Following the accident, a wrecker was sent to pick up the car and the telephone company dispatched a repair crew to take care of the pole. The body was taken to Bring's funeral home.

LDS Scouts Win Field Day Contest Here

Deaf, Blind School Patrol Takes Second; Events Were Saturday

Wild Boar patrol of troop 4, sponsored by the Church of Latter Day Saints, took first place in the Boy Scout trainoree held Saturday afternoon on the athletic field of the Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Eagle patrol of troop 9 of the School for the Deaf and Blind captured second place and Pine Tree patrol of troop 6 of the First Methodist church took third honors. About 75 scouts participated.

Events Listed

Events included emergency first aid, tying knots blind-folded, signalling and determining different objects by feel of the hands.

Harold Beck and R. T. Black of the Tucson fire department gave instructions in how to put out incendiary bombs. Members of the police and fire departments judged the first aid work.

A demonstration of how to handle live wires was given by Clayton Turnage of the Tucson, Gas and Electric company. John Barringer instructed in life saving.

Judges for the scout events were R. V. Kessler, W. Lynn Bierbaum, Walter Ellis, Rollin Burt, J. D. Tickle, Elbert A. Gump and Harry Goldstein.

A court of honor was held at the evening camp fire at which time first class, merit badge, star, life and eagle palm awards were made.

April 14, 15 & 16, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen:*

(See OFFENSIVES on Page 7)

Assistant Fire Chief Retiring From Service

Alex P. McNeil, 59, assistant chief of the Tucson fire department, will be officially retired tomorrow morning at a meeting of the city firemen's pension committee. McNeil served 39 years as a paid fireman and prior to that time served two years as a volunteer.

Meeting Of Pension Board Is Postponed

The meeting o fthe city firemen's pension board scheduled for Wednesday morning, during which Alex McNeil, assistant fire chief, was to have been officially retired after 41 years of service, was postponed, it was announced, because of the absence of Mayor H. O. Jastad.

Mayor Jaastad was summoned to Clifton to confer, as an architect, with school officials concerning a proposed building.

McNeil's service consists of 39 years as a paid fireman and two years as a member of the Old Pueblo's volunteer corps.

Firemen Asked For All Areas

Auxiliary Defense Workers Needed Because Original Squads Are Weakened

Auxiliary firemen are needed in all fire districts of the Tucson area, Fire Chief Henry L. Hiles, in charge of this phase of civilian defense, said Thursday.

Hiles explained that original squads had been weakened by removal of members to other cities and failure of volunteers who registered to take the training course.

Volunteers should telephone the central station, telephone 1241, or call at the station, 132 South Sixth avenue.

Districts in which men are most needed include No. 7, east from Park avenue to Country Club road between Broadway and 23rd street; No. 9, Menlo Park and El Rio; No. 10, South Tucson and the residential area adjacent to the Veterans' hospital.

Hiles said the all-Negro squad has been organized in district No. 6. This district extends from Park avenue to the city limits between Broadway and Fifteenth street.

April 21, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

war, and voted a resolution of commendation and appreciation to Alexander McNeill, who is retiring May 1 after 39 years as a member of the city fire department.

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April 21, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen:*

Need For Auxiliary Firemen Is Stressed

The need for more auxiliary firemen was mentioned today by J. C. Siebert, assistant fire chief, in a talk before the Hiram Luncheon club at the Masonic Temple. He said there are but 88 members of the auxiliary department and that there should be 330 to do an effective job.

He cautioned against using a stream of water against incendiary bombs, advocating a spray of water or sand. He said that a stream would cause the bomb to explode.

The question of securing new Hiram club members was discussed and a committee named to take action.

April 27, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen:*

Water Funds May Relieve City Shortage

Increased Receipts, Higher Rate Of Collection Cited By Tucson Mayor

Increased receipts from the water deparament and a higher rate of collection of delinquent taxes may eliminate the necessity of finding a tax source from which to get an estimated $78,000 which the city administration feared it was going to be short in the 1942-43 budget, Mayor Henry O. Jaastad and City Manager Phil Martin, jr., said Monday.

"I don't know exactly how we are coming out, but things look a little brighter than they did," Martin said, following several days of conferences with department heads at the city hall on budget problems.

"For one thing, the dry weather this spring has resulted in increased water receipts," Martin pointed out. Although it was not mentioned, unanticipated purchase of water by the U. S. Army here also swelled the income from this source.

Firemen Needed

Both Martin and Jaastad declared the city needs additional firemen, but whether they can be hired and still keep the city within its income is not yet known.

Both men said there appears little chance that any salary raises will be possible among city employes.

"The only increases in the budget will be essentially the same as last year," Martin declared.

The city manager said he expects to confer with the finance committee of the council between now and the middle of next month in drafting the tentative form of the budget. This budget will not become official until the state tax commission announces some time in August the assessed valuations.

April 27, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen:*

WOMEN WILL STUDY FIRE CALLS HERE

The receiving and transmission of calls from the central fire station to sub-stations in the event of an air raid or other war emergencies will be taught the women of district number 4 at a meeting of that committee tonight at 7:30 p. m.

The instructions will be held at the home of Caleb Houston, 1224 East Sixth street.

In the event of an emergency and all firemen are called out for duty, Fire Chief Hiles stated that women can be trained to handle the light work in the department.

It is also planned that the women of the district will have a food supply on hand for the firemen and serve as messengers if other means of communication are disrupted.

April 23, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

CHILD USES HOSE TO SAVE FATHER

When Terry Concannon, 6, smelled smoke Tuesday night, he fled to his father, William Concannon, asleep on the living room couch of his home, 707 Bean street.

It was his father's clothes afire, from a cigarette. Awakening his parent, who fled to the yard and lay down on the grass in an attempt to quench the flames, Terry grabbed the garden hose and put out the fire which almost had consumed his father's shirt and undershirt.

The fire department put out the fire on the davenport and estimated damage at $100.

April 28, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

HUBBARD CHOSEN ASSISTANT CHIEF

Captain Keith Hubbard will receive temporary appointment as second assistant chief when Alex McNeil, who now holds that office, retires from the fire department May 1, Chief Henry L. Hilles announced yesterday.

Hubbard will occupy the post until a civil service eligibility list for the assistant chieftancy is created. J. Forrest Ingle, city personnel director, said examinations would be scheduled at a later date.

From the eligibility list for captains, Hilles will appoint C. H. Whitfield as successor to Hubbard, he said.

May 2, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

C. H. WHITFIELD GETS PROMOTION

Promotion of Charles H. Whitfield, a hoseman, to captain in the city fire department, and appointment of Emmett S. Claunch Jr. from a recently established eligible list as a hoseman, was announced yesterday by J. Forrest Ingle, city personnel director.

Whitfield fills the vacancy created by the provisional appointment of Capt. Keith Hubbard as assistant chief to succeed Alex M'Neill, who retired as of yesterday.

Hubbard will hold the assistant chieftancy provisionally pending the establishment of an eligible list for that position by promotional examinations which Ingle now is preparing.

May 4, 1942, City Meeting:

The Mayor explained that in order to facilitate a more efficient functioning of Council committees he had divided them into two groups, the same Councilmen being on the various committees in each group. He then submitted for confirmation the following Council committee appointments for a period of one year, the first named being the chairman of the respective committees:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Group 1	Group 2
AUDITING AND FINANCE	PARK
J. C. Niemann	Homer L. Shantz, Jr.
W. Stuart Nicholas	William H. Codd
Fred D. Lee	Halbert W. Miller
BUILDING AND LAND	STREET AND SEWER
W. Stuart Nicholas	William H. Codd
J. C. Niemann	Homer L. Shantz, Jr.
Fred D. Lee	Halbert W. Miller
LICENSE	WATER
J. C. Niemann	Halbert W. Miller
W. Stuart Nicholas	Homer L. Shantz, Jr.
Fred D. Lee	William H. Codd
PURCHASING	
Fred D. Lee	
W. Stuart Nicholas	
J. C. Niemann	

On motion by Councilman Codd, seconded by Councilman Nicholas and unanimously carried, the above Council committee appointments were confirmed as submitted by the Mayor.

The Mayor then submitted for confirmation the following Board and new Committee appointments for a period of one year, the first named to be the chairman of the respective board and committee:

BOARD OF HEALTH	ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
Fred D. Lee	Homer L. Shantz, Jr.
W. Stuart Nicholas	Halbert W. Miller
City Health Officer	W. Stuart Nicholas
City Engineer	

On motion by Councilman Nicholas, seconded by Councilman Lee and unanimously carried, the above Board and Committee appointments were confirmed as submitted by the Mayor.

May 4, 1942, City Meeting:

The Mayor submitted for confirmation the following appointments on Citizens' Boards, Commissions and Committees:

TUCSON HOUSING AUTHORITY
Henry H. Langers) Appoint-
Mrs. Chester Smith) ments not
Earl Rooks) yet
P. M. Elias) expired
M. L. Tophoy - reappointment for) 5 yrs. beginning) on Feb. 24, 1942) submitted by Mayor)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
H. E. Heighton
Barney W. Reynolds
Byron Ivancovich
James Macmillan
James O. Nabours

BASEBALL COMMISSION
H. S. Corbett
Fred D. Lee
Frank A. Michel
A. L. Slonaker
T. R. Young
Al Flood

BOARD OF PLUMBER EXAMINERS
W. H. Baker) Already
O. K. Wheeler) appointed - appointment expires June 4, 1943

CITIZENS' WATER COMMITTEE
Fred Ronstadt
Wm. R. Mathews
G. E. P. Smith
Elmer Dow
James Hardie
A. P. Martin

BOARD OF EXAMINERS & APPEALS
Roy Place
M. L. Tophoy
Harold Schwalen
Frank J. Nelson
City Attorney

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MOTION PICTURE MACHINE OPERATORS
City Electrician
Fire Chief
Oran Sarrels

GREENS COMMITTEE
W. E. Barnum
A. R. Hoff
Fred A. Enke
Albert T. Hammonds
Julian H. Crutcher
H. E. Heighton
Halbert W. Miller

BOXING & WRESTLING COMMISSION
Chief of Police
Fred D. Lee
Homer L. Shantz, Jr.
Halbert W. Miller
A. F. Burke
Dr. S. D. Townsend
L. E. Brewer
"Pepper" Charpentier

CITIZENS' PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
A. P. Martin
J. C. Clark
John J. Durkin
Wm. Killen
Wm. R. Mathews
Wm. F. Kimball
M. L. Thornburg
Mayor and Council as Ex-officio members

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
R. M. Howard) Already
W. F. Curtayne) appointed
Charles E. Finney)

HONORARY CUSTODIANS OF OURY PARK PROPERTY
Miss Kate Van Buskirk
Mrs. W. A. Clelland
W. Stuart Nicholas
Mrs. H. H. d'Autremont
Pres., Oury Park Club
Pres., Oury Park Veterans
City Building Inspector
City Recreation Director

PARK BOARD
W. J. Bray
J. C. Brown
Matthew H. Lemen, Sr.
L. E. Nagel
R. L. Drane
Halbert W. Miller

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
H. E. Heighton
Byron Ivancovich
G. E. P. Smith
A. W. Voorhees
Homer L. Shantz, Jr.) City Manager) Ex-officio
City Engineer)
County Engineer)

PLAYGROUND BOARD
Salome Townsend
Joe Blaise
Dr. T. D. Fridena
Fred D. Lee
R. A. Bogle
Mrs. Phyllis M. Sanders

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May 4, 1942, City Meeting:

HUMANE BOARD
Dr. J. B. McQuown
Mrs. W. N. Bakewell
Mrs. Alice B. Schubert
Fred D. Lee
Rev. N. A. Dawson

TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Chief of Police
Fire Chief

AVIATION COMMISSION
Earl Billiter
W. Stuart Nicholas
Pete Waggoner
Martin L. Thornburg
E. W. Scruggs

LIBRARY BOARD
Mrs. Thomas Collins
Roy H. Robison
J. O. Niemann
Mrs. Fred Ronstadt
Rev. Arnold Sitz

On motion by Councilman Codd, seconded by Councilman Lee and unanimously carried, the foregoing Citizens' Board, Commission and Committee appointments were confirmed as submitted by the Mayor.

May 5, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

CIVILIAN DEFENSE TRAINING STARTED

With a first-day registration of more than 30, a civilian defense training school for instructors opened yesterday at the University of Arizona under auspices of the Office of Civilian Defense and the American Legion.

Poison gas and first aid treatment of victims was the principle topic yesterday. Today's schedule includes:

From 9 to 10 a.m., "Protective Clothing," 10 to 11, "Panic," 11 to 12, "Protection of Supplies and Clothing;" 1 to 2 p.m., "Practical Gas Protection;" 2 to 3, "War Chemistry;" 3 to 4, a motion picture on poison gases.

Out-of-town registrants for the week-long course included:

Paul Buss, Sells; Frank M. Randolph, Dave Hulton, Ajo; A. S. Orton, Bisbee; C. Leroy Hoyt, Ray; K. C. Rader, Nogales; W. K. C. Nourse, Marana; James M. Rimer, Benson, and George W. Scheerer, Douglas.

Tucson registrants included:

From civilian defense organization—Charles T. John, Morris Rosenbaum, James A. McGuire, Harold W. Freese, C. F. Altfillisch, H. T. Pearson, A. B. Wadleight, D. W. Borum, George Bideaux, William W. Akers, Vincent De Sanctis, Arthur Sylvester, L. W. Glaze and John Thomas.

Police—Harry Foley, Albert Hesselfberg, Kenneth Yeazell.

Fire department—R. T. Black.

City government — Richard McAlpin, Harry Blacklidge, Joe Higgins, W. S. Nicholas.

Sheriff's office—Clancy Wollard.

Gas company—W. L. Sanderson.

May 9, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

DEFENSE WORK DEMONSTRATED

Tucson Control Center Methods Outlined for First Time

The city hall control center of Tucson's civilian defense setup was demonstrated last night for more than 30 men from Tucson and other southern Arizona cities who are enrolled in a chemical warfare training school at the University of Arizona.

Councilman W. S. Nicholas, commander of the center, described its operation.

The city hall lobby has been equipped with full black-out paraphernalia, and is entered through a "light trap" doorway.

In an emergency, incoming calls are received over six trunk lines by women operators arranged along the north side of the lobby.

From, them, written memos are handed to the controller, Joseph D. McAllister, who sits at the head of the table around which the heads of the civilian defense services—police, fire wardens, medical, etc.—are arranged.

If the report involves fire, for example, Chief Henry Hilles decides what equipment is needed and dispatches it.

In a corner of the lobby, the plotting officer assigns a number to each incident reported, and shifts colored tags from a reserve board to an active board as units are dispatched.

The boards show at a glance what units have been assigned on each incident, and what units are still in reserve.

Messengers are assigned to each sector headquarters in the city, and will serve as runners if telephone communications are destroyed by bombing or sabotage.

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May 1 & 26, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Charles H. Whitfield Promoted To Captain

Charles H. Whitfield, hoseman in the Tucson fire department, has been promoted to captain and Ernest S. Claunch, jr., has been mase. hoseman, Chief of Police Henry L. Hilles announced today when he filed notices of the appointments with J. Forrest Ingle, personnel director of the civil service commission.

Whitfield fills the position left vacant by Keith Hubbard, who has been elevated to assistant chief.

Ingle said Claunch received the highest grade in recent civil service examinations.

DEMONSTRATION OF GAS masks and incendiary bombs will be given by Captain Rudolph Black of the Tucson fire department at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at the high school stadium. The demonstration is primarily for members of the civilian protection classes of the American Woman's Voluntary Services, but the public is invited to attend.

DEMONSTRATION OF GAS MASKS IS SET

Captain Rudolph Black of the Tucson fire department will give a demonstration of the use of gas masks and of putting out magnesium thermite incendiary bombs at the high school stadium Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. for members of the American Women's Voluntary Services classes in civilian protection.

Mrs. Lester Farber, chairman of the civilian protection committee, A. W. V. S., announces that new classes in civilian protection will begin in a short time and asks that all interested register at the A. W. V. S., 15 North Stone avenue. Mrs. Joe Fox is in charge of the demonstration program Wednesday evening.

May 8, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Camporee Will Be Held Over This Weekend

24 Patrols Will Take Part In Annual Affair In Santa Rita Park

A total of 24 patrols representing Boy Scout troops of the Catalina council will participate in the annual camporee to be held tomorrow and Sunday in Santa Rita park, South 22nd street and Fourth avenue, under the auspices of the camping and activities committee of the council of which C. B. Brown is chairman. Nearly 200 picked Scouts will demonstrate their prowess in campcraft, outdoor cooking, first aid, preparedness for emergencies and other scouting skills.

Pitching their shelters tomorrow morning, the youths will cook four meals in the open and 50 business and professional men and women of Tucson will judge the event during the two-day session, scoring the patrols on more than 100 phases of camping skill.

Bomb Instruction

Tomorrow afternoon Lt. LaSalle of Davis-Monthan Field, air base officer and former scoutleader of Phoenix, will demonstrate to the Scouts how to prepare their homes for gas attacks in case of invasion. At the evening campfire program the film, "Handling the Fire Bomb," will be presented through the courtesy of the Standard Oil company, and Capt. Rudolph Black of the Tucson fire department will demonstrate how to extinguish and control such bombs, using actual equipment.

Sunday morning Rev. Cecil Hoffman of Trinity Presbyterian church will conduct a non-denominational worship service for the youths on the camporee grounds, while other Scouts will worship at Santa Cruz Catholic church nearby. The entire two-day event is open without charge to the general public.

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May 6, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

City Employes Not Likely To Get More Pay

Martin Points To Loss In Revenue; New Plan By Ingle Completed

City Manager Phil J. Martin, jr., said Wednesday that he could see at present no possibility that any city employe will receive an increase in wages for the next fiscal year although the local members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employes have requested a raise for employes in certain classifications.

City administration officials have several times pointed out that while they expect additional revenues from the water department next year, this will probably not more than make up for the decrease in license fees, the increase caused by raises made necessary by the state minimum wage law and the necessity to hire additional police and firemen.

Meanwhile, however, J. Forrest Ingle, civil service commission personnel director, has completed his reclassification of city employes plan and submitted it to the commission.

Details Given

In addition to placing the entire personnel problem of the city on a logical and practical basis, the plan in complete fruition would also place wages and salaries on a similar basis.

"While I would have to work with the commission in outlining any salary changes, I believe a minimum pay could be established on a systematic service basis for about a $5,000 increase in the coming year," he said.

There was a possibility, it was indicated Wednesday, that the classification plan as submitted by Ingle might be adopted and the salary plan left for another year, thus giving an opportunity for establishing pay on a service basis at a later time.

Ingle said information he has requested and obtained from other cities comparable in size to Tucson indicates that police and fire employes are above the average, and because of the state minimum wage scale laborers receive more than most localities.

Ingle explained that the first step in establishing the classification plan is to establish functional categories regardless of department assignment.

To Establish Rates

After these categories are established, which may result in fewer or somewhat similar categories now existing, the rates of pay could be established. Tentatively, there will be four rates of pay in each classification. The rate each employe in any classification receives can be governed by experience and efficiency ratings, considering, of course, the condition of the city budget.

To do this, it is planned to establish the basic or lowest pay rate in any classification as the amount now given the lowest paid employe who would be in that classification. The number of employes and the higher rates would then be left to the manager, mayor and city council.

Those holding top jobs in any classification could, of course, take examinations for eligibility for more remunerative jobs in other classifications.

May 11, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

City May Gain More Revenue, Assessor Says

Improvements Made Before Materials Banned Seen Increasing Funds

City and county governing bodies, mulling over budget problems for the past several weeks, may find one bright spot in the picture for next year, it was indicated unofficially from the assessor's office Monday.

While it is much too early to get down to exact figures, it is expected that the increase in assessed valuations of new improvements will be greater than the increase of last year, when slightly over $1,000,000 was added to county tax rolls.

It was pointed out that tax rolls are made up according to the fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30. Consequently, the tax rolls will show little evidence of the drastically curtailed building activity caused by comparatively recent priority rulings. This effect will be felt when 1943-44 budgets are compiled on the basis of the smaller income.

If such a prospect becomes an actuality, it is expected to be especially heartening to the city, which is faced with decreasing revenue from several sources already.

Prepares Figures

Phil J. Martin, jr., city manager, said he hopes to have an approximate total budget figure by the end of the week or the first of next week. He began detailed work on the problem Monday after conferring for the past week with heads of city departments.

There is a possibility, he said, that eight additional firemen may be placed on the rolls if voters in the general election order a 10 per cent diversion of sales taxes to cities. It is possible, he added, that the employment of these eight men and employment of 10 additional policemen will be provided by budgeting their salaries through the miscellaneous fund. This, he explained, would make it possible to hire them next January, the earliest possible date any revenue could be received from an approved 10 per cent diversion of sales taxes to cities.

May 19, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*: Edited

club room at 122 West Congress.

A request for a raise in salaries of firemen in the city was made by Steve Tormey and was referred to the finance committee.

Polls Still Question

May 18, 1942, City Meeting:

Steve Tormey on behalf of the Fire Department requested that an increase in salary for members of the Fire Department be included in the 1942-43 budget and also requested that firemen on their days off be permitted to work for firemen who are off duty on account of illness.

After a discussion, the request for increase in salary was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration when the 1942-43 budget is being prepared, and it was the consensus of opinion that the latter request was a matter to be worked out with the Civil Service Commission.

May 30, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

STATION EMPLOYE BURNED IN BLAST

Pascal L. Mullins, service station attendant, was treated in St. Mary's hospital for superficial burns and arm lacerations after an explosion about 1:45 p. m. yesterday in the basement of the Associated garage, 185 North Stone avenue.

There was no one in the basement, but a sheet of flame flaring upward through a trap door burned Mullins, and singed hair on the face and head of J. D. Buell, 2935 East Drachman street, a gasoline truck driver.

In turning and running, Mullins plunged through a heavy plate glass window.

D. C. Perkins, operator of the garage, used a fire extinguisher to douse small blazes started in rags and papers within a distance of 15 feet of the trapdoor.

Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles said gasoline fumes collected in the basement probably were ignited by a spark from an electric motor.

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May 25, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Tucson Taxes To Be Cut In 1942-43 Year

Substantial Reduction Seen By Officials As Result Of Strict Economy

There will definitely be a decrease in the city tax rate for the fiscal year 1942-43, beginning July 1, City Manager Phil J. Martin, jr., said Monday.

While Martin said it is too early to determine what the reduction will be, it is understood there is a strong possibility that the rate will be about $2.15 per $100 valuation compared with $2.7832 for the present fiscal year ending June 30.

The reduction, one councilman pointed out, will be possible by enforcing strict economy in operational costs and doing without some items which could be used but which are not essential this year.

Can't Get Equipment

Purchase of additional equipment is almost out of the question this year, it was said by the councilman. He explained that even if money were budgeted for much of the equipment to be needed next year, it is doubtful if it could be obtained from dealers.

Hiring additional firemen or policemen is also out of the question unless the initiative proposing a 10 per cent diversion of state sales taxes to city channels is approved at the general election this fall.

Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles has asked for eight more firemen and Chief of Police Harold C. Wheeler has asked for 10 policemen.

The cost of hiring these men will be carried in the budget, however, under the miscellaneous account in event the initiative is carried. If so, the funds will become available in January of next year and are estimated at about $40,000 for the six-month period. This figure is less than half the $94,000 which would probably have been received by the city in the past year if such a law had been in effect.

Assessment Jumps

In considering the possibility for the lower tax rate, councilmen are taking into consideration a prospective increase of about $250,000 in assessed valuation in the city. Despite the fact that there may be fewer business licenses issued during the coming fiscal year, councilmen are of the opinion now that the total volume of business will yield the city about $100,000 from licenses. As of April 30 this year, license revenue to the city was about $104,000 and it was estimated that the total income from this source by the end of the year would be an additional $30,000.

The bond redemption fund is now $94,250.11, and approximately $12,000 more is anticipated by the end of the fiscal year. This fund, together with bond interest, makes up the sinking fund.

The councilman also said the sinking fund for retirement of bonds will be between one-third and one-half of the total budget. He said he thought the total budget would be in the neighborhood of $870,000, but that the definite tentative figure would not be known until next Monday night when the city manager presents the tentative budget.

One item which the councilmen are considering is what to do with about $16,000 from a special levy to pay for erecting an administration building at the Tucson Municipal airport. So far, the CAA has not approved the building plans.

June 2, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

SEVERELY BURNED IN GASOLINE FIRE

The condition of George Boyle, 42, of Willcox, who was burned severely late Saturday night when a can of gasoline exploded in his cabin at a South Sixth avenue tourist court, yesterday was reported "satisfactory" at St. Mary's hospital.

O. C. Robertson, sheriff's deputy, said he learned Boyle, who had just returned from visiting his wife, a patient at the hospital, was pouring the gasoline near a lighted gas heater. Fumes exploded, burning Boyle about the body. He was taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

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June 1, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*: Edited

sales tax to the city.

"Included in the budget are several items which will be paid out only if this tax is divided with the city, such as additional firemen and policemen," Mayor Jaastad said.

May Be Spent

June 3, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

City Firemen Fight Blaze At Warehouse

Two companies of firemen battled flames for three hours at the Dickey-Davis Wholesale company warehouse at 200 South Park avenue Tuesday night, finally extinguishing the blaze after it had done approximately $1,000 worth of damage, Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles reported Wednesday.

Hilles said he did not know the cause of the fire, which broke out about 7 p.m. Tuesday, but believed it was possibly spontaneous combustion among egg crates in the building. Butter and eggs which were in the ice box were not damaged, he said.

The interior of the building is badly burned, but the roof remains intact, although somewhat damaged, and the walls are still up.

The fire was difficult to fight because of the dense smoke rather than from roaring flames, Hilles said.

OCD Gives Rules For Air Attacks

Simple Instructions May Save Lives Of Many In Threatened Areas

Editor's Note: The following article on "What to do in an air raid" and "What to do in a gas attack" is carried in the Daily Citizen at the request of the United States office of civilian defense, James C. Sheppard, director of the ninth civilian defense region.

What to do in an air raid.

1. In any air raid or blackout, take cover immediately.

(A) If you are away from home, get off the street. You are 12 times safer in a building than standing or walking on the street. If you are in a car, pull to the side of the road immediately. Do not double park. Keep clear of fire plugs. Get out of the car, bus or street car and take shelter.

(B) If you are at home, take immediate blackout precautions. Extinguish all lights. Have your fire protection equipment ready. Go to your blackout room, it should be the safest room in your home. Stay away from windows. Bomb explosions shatter glass for considerable distances.

2. Don't use the telephone. Remember those persons who have been trained to protect you—the air raid wardens, fire watchers, auxiliary firemen, auxiliary police and many others, must be able to get really important messages through. Your personal calls have got to wait until after the all clear signal.

3. If you are caught in the open lie down on your stomach. You are twice as safe lying down as standing up.

Incendiary Bombs

4. If incendiary bombs fall play a coarse spray of water on them. Put out the fires started by the incendiaries first, then devote your attention to the bomb. The coarse spray of water burns the bomb up faster. A heavy jet, stream or bucket of water will make the bomb explode. If you have no way of treating the bomb with water, cover it with dry sand. Then with a blunt nosed shovel scoop the bomb onto a pile of sand. Dump the sand and bomb into a pail and take it outside.

5. Remember, obey your air raid warden and other members of the United States citizens defense corps. They are trying to help you.

6. Above all — keep cool — stay home—put out lights—take shelter—lie down—stay away from windows. You can help.

What to do in gas attack.

1. Serious injury may result from exposure to liquid gas which may fall from airplanes. It is, therefore, imperative to remain indoors and keep the windows closed.

2. War gases are heavier than air. If you are inside a building remain there, and, if possible, go upstairs. Do not complicate the military effort by leaving your house unless circumstances make it absolutely necessary. If you are outside and not able to immediately go indoors walk—do not run—get out of the gas area. Avoid puddles of liquid gas, basements, valleys and other low places.

3. If the windows of your room are broken, go to another room, or get out of the building.

4. If you have been exposed to a war gas—

A. Breathe through cloths wet with baking soda solution.

B. If you can go inside a building, do so, but first remove your outer clothing and leave it outside.

Washing Helps

C. Wash your hands and then your face with laundry soap and water.

D. Wash your eyes at once with a large amount of a solution of baking soda; one teaspoonful of baking soda in a glass of water.

E. Take a bath using plenty of laundry soap.

F. Wash your eyes again with baking soda solution.

5. If splashes of liquid gas have gotten on you—

A. Using small pieces of cloth, cleansing tissue or toilet paper, blot up as much of the liquid as you can, being careful not to spread it.

B. Daub the contaminated area with cloths wet with Clorox, Purex, Sani-Clor, etc.

C. Steps B, C, D, E, and F in 4 above.

6. Do not get excited. Lie down and cover yourself with a blanket. Your air raid warden will summon medical aid. There is no immediate serious danger from exposure to any known war gas if you follow these simple rules.

SOME RIDE

If you averaged 20 miles to a gallon, you could make 2446 round trips to the sun on the gasoline consumed in the United States during 1940.

Animals on Sweden's fur farms have decreased one-third since 1930.

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June 6, 1942, City Meeting:

Steve Tormey, a member of and on behalf of the Fire Department, requested that provisions be made in order that firemen on their days off may be permitted to work for firemen who are off duty on account of illness and whose accumulated sick leave has expired and that the pay received by the firemen working for the disabled firemen be turned over to the disabled fireman.

After this matter was discussed at length (during which the Fire Chief, Personnel Director, City Attorney and several members of the Council participated)

June 13, 1942, *Bisbee Daily Review*:

Three Tucsonans Burned in Blast

TUCSON, June 12. (AP) — Three men were burned in an explosion that wrecked the service station of an Associated garage two blocks from the center of town this afternoon, the second blast that has occurred at this station in two weeks.

Today's explosion, like the first, which was two weeks ago to the day, was attributed to gas or gasoline vapors.

The three victims today were Jeff Ball, Lewis Burton and Gilbert Tellez. All employes of the garage, who ran into the street with their clothing afire from the flames that burst through the heavy concrete flooring. All were rushed to a hospital.

The explosion shattered the heavy concrete flooring of the station.

June 13, 1942, *Bisbee Daily Review*:

Fireman's Duty In War Is Told At Annual Meet

PRESCOTT, June 13. (AP) — A fireman's duties in war-time received the major attention today of the Arizona State Firemen's Association at its 19th annual convention.

A demonstration of extinguishing thermite and magnesium incendiary bombs was given by Maj. Joseph Hensel of the Stanford war school.

Jay W. Stevens of San Francisco, assistant regional director of the division of fire protection, Ninth Civilian Defense Area, urged intensive training of auxiliary fire fighting forces. He pointed out the necessity of such a program because regular fire department personnel has been depleted by enlistments and the draft.

Governor Osborn warned that the war probably would be long, necessitating utmost sacrifices by civilians

He commended the firemen for their preparations against emergencies, and declared Arizona was a likely target of bombing attacks because of its position as a great copper producing state.

The association will elect officers tomorrow.

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June 4, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

WHOLESALE PLANT DAMAGED IN FIRE

Approximately $1,000 worth of damage was suffered when the Dickey-Davis Wholesale company warehouse, 200 South Park avenue, burned for about three hours Tuesday night. Firemen had difficulty putting out the blaze, not so much because of flames but because of the dense smoke.

Origin of the fire was not determined by Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles, but he believed it was spontaneous combustion among egg crates in the building. Butter and eggs which were in the ice box were not damaged.

While the interior of the building was badly burned, the roof remains intact.

June 7, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Tucson Organizations Fully Geared To War Programs

By EMILY BROWN

The civilian population of Tucson is today just about completely organized effectively to take care of its war time responsibilities towards men in the service and to function in case of an emergency. Approximately 10,000 citizens have, in one way and another, fitted themselves for these services and eventualities.

Men, women and children are included in the total number of volunteers involved, working with organizations on a specific wartime basis or with organizations which functioned along other lines in peacetime which now have programs dedicated either to civilian protection or to war relief and the establishment of recreational programs for the soldiers.

The most all-inclusive of these is Civilian Defense, a war-born organization which has enlisted the services of thousands to further a program which is daily taking more effective shape.

Civilian Defense, now streamlined, presents a picture like this:

Volunteers in Civilian Defense are now organized into seventeen specific groups, each with its particular jobs. These groups are coordinated under seven divisions, administration department; police department, wardens' division; emergency medical division; emergency public works and emergency utility service. In this way the efficient municipal set-up is used to its full advantage and the duplication of effort so evident in the first month of the war has been done away with. Tucson no longer has a Civilian Defense set-up and a municipal civilian defense set-up—it has been made into one efficient civilian protection agency, using volunteer workers as well as experts in each field.

Staff members, messengers and drivers form the administrative division. They are the men, women and boys who report for instant service at the Civilian Defense control station at the city hall the moment the alarm is sounded.

Auxiliary firemen and rescue squads are trained by the fire department as auxiliary units and are assigned regular stations as soon as they have completed the training.

The police department has its auxiliary police. Scheduled under this department were the bomb squads, whose duties have since been taken over entirely by the army.

The wardens' division, which includes the wardens themselves, fire watchers and emergency food and housing workers, embraces the largest group of volunteer workers, many of whom are now completing their courses of training. Tucson's warden system is in good shape and the men assigned to this division are taking their jobs seriously. Fire watchers will be organized next week. Emergency food and housing workers are to be furnished the wardens by the local chapter of Red Cross, which has conducted the training courses in this field.

The emergency medical division includes doctors, who, like the wardens and administrative workers, have been assigned specific stations. Nurses' aides—Red Cross aides—will be assigned to the doctors. The hospitals and their staffs are set up for emergency work, and in this division, too, Tucson stands ready.

Emergency public works includes demolition and clearance crews, road repair crews, and decontamination squads, made up of men already trained by their present work for these various jobs.

Blackout, warning and maintenance repair squads come under the emergency utility service and like-

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wise include highly trained men.

These are the functions of the six major groups:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Controlling and extinguishing major fires, organizing emergency equipment, storage, fire prevention, rescue of persons from demolished or burning buildings.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Control of traffic, patrolling of streets, guarding of special defense points, preventing looting, enforcing blackouts, controlling panic, removal of duds and time bombs.

WARDENS' DIVISION: Training of civilian population, controlling movements, clearing streets, assisting wounded, maintaining fire watch, insuring blackouts, extinguishing small fires, combating incendiaries.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION: Caring for wounded through stretcher teams, first-aid posts, casualty stations and hospitals.

EMERGENCY PUBLIC WORKS: Removing rubble, blasting unsafe structures, opening and repairing streets and roads, replacing traffic signs, chemical neutralization and cleaning of gassed areas.

EMERGENCY UTILITY SERVICE: Making necessary dispositions, installations, and plans to affect quick blackout. Installing public warning systems. Keeping public services in condition.

In Tucson, these divisions have been coordinated to provide a working emergency machine. An efficient set-up of control and administration has been set up and sufficient practice has been held to determine its effectiveness.

In the early months of the war, its was generally conceded that the people were ahead of their duly appointed and elected overseers, willing to do anything called upon to do but unable to find out just exactly what was expected of them. Today, the situation is virtually reversed—as far as Tucson is concerned. Administrators and executives, municipal and otherwise, have worked out a plan that is good in spite of all the conflicting national advice offered. The plan has been proven, but where, oh where, are those men and women who signed up? How many are active participants in the program? How many toughed out all the courses and hours of service required of them? How many dropped out when the going got hard? There are still jobs available.

Under the present set-up, training programs and assignment of trained workers is made from the Civilian Defense Office at the Chamber of Commerce. Those in charge of the control center, however, are responsible for the activities of the volunteers as soon as the whistle sounds.

Next would have come the Tucson chapter of the American Red Cross, which has 3,500 active volunteer workers working on its own program in addition to 6,000 men and women trained for participation in the various services of civilian defense and related organizations.

The Red Cross, which counts almost every citizen of every community a member, has a compactly organized program which is geared for almost immediate transformation from a peacetime relief agency to an active war service. Fulfilling various charter obligations, it has been specifically dedicated by the government to take over several very important war-time jobs.

Chief among these are: "To act as a medium of communication between the peoples of the United States and their army and navy," and to provide for the relief of

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URDAY MORNING, JUNE 13, 1942

Where Three Were Hurt in Local Blast

Three employes were severely burned in an explosion that shattered the four-inch concrete flooring of the Associated garage, 185 North Stone avenue, yesterday afternoon. Victims of the blast, attributed to gas or gasoline vapors accumulated in the basement, are Gilbert Tellez, 16, Lewis Burton, 34, and Jeff Ball, 38. (Photo by J. Robert Burns).

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THREE BURNED IN BLAST HERE

Accumulated Fumes Said Reason for Tragedy In Garage

BULLETIN

The condition of Jefferson Ball, burned in the Associated garage explosion, took a turn for the worse after midnight last night. His condition which had been serious became critical. The condition of Gilbert Tellez remained critical and that of Lewis Burton serious.

Three men were burned in an explosion that wrecked the service station at the Associated garage, 135 North Stone avenue, yesterday afternoon, the second blast that has occurred there in two weeks.

Yesterday's explosion, like the first, which was two weeks ago to the day, was attributed to gas or gasoline vapors accumulated in a small basement in the building.

The three victims yesterday were Jeff Ball, Lewis Burton, and Gilbert Tellez, all employes of the garage, who ran into the street with their clothing afire from the flames that accompanied the blast.

Rushed to Hospital

All were rushed to St. Mary's hospital. Attendants there said the men were suffering from severe burns, with Tellez's condition being the most critical. Tellez is 16 years of age, and lives at 68 West Council street. Burton, 34, lives at 835 East Indio road; Ball, 38, at 2935 East Drachman street.

Pascal L. Mullins, who suffered burns and arm lacerations in the first explosion, is still under treatment at the hospital from those injuries. His condition is good.

At the hospital last night the men told their employer, D. C. Perkins, operator of the station, that Burton was in the basement, handing up to Tellez and Ball items that were to be removed, and apparently Ball was on the stairway and Tellez near the trap-door entrance to the basement when the blast occurred.

The three fled onto the street with their clothing aflame, and there passersby intercepted them.

Floor Broken

The explosion shattered the heavy concrete flooring of the service station, buckling it into slabs. The flooring is about four inches thick.

Investigators were still uncertain last night as to whether gasoline fumes or natural gas comprised the combustible that exploded. The fact that the men at work in the basement had installed an electric fan, however, led Chief Henry L. Hilles to believe that a spark from this had set it off.

Hilles said that preliminary investigation indicated that gasoline fumes, rather than natural gas, were the agent, but that this had not yet been satisfactorily determined.

He said the gasoline fumes possibly were from seepage from leakage of the gasoline tanks under the front corner of the building, or the pipes leading to the pumps. The fact that the flooring over the ground between the pumps and the basement, as well as that over the basement, was buckled supports this theory, Hilles believes.

Seepage Possible

Heavier than air, the gasoline fumes may have seeped between the flooring and the ground into the space between the flooring and the basement ceiling, then collected in the basement itself, where lack of a vent prevented their escape before the fumes reached a dangerous quantity, the chief explained.

After the first explosion, which came up through the basement entrance without wrecking the floor, Perkins, operator of the garage, agreed to install a vent, Hilles said. He said Perkins told him yesterday that a plumber was to have started the installation last night.

Basement Work

Jack J. Kallbreier, another employe of the station, had a narrow escape from sharing the fate of his fellows, for he had been working with Burton in the basement until a few minutes before the explosion. The men were clearing the room so that the plumber could work.

Kallbreier said he came out of the basement ahead of Burton and, not seeing Burton run from the building after the explosion, thought he was still down there. Firemen in gas masks inspected the basement before police were able to ascertain that Burton had made his way upstairs when the blast occurred and had been taken to the hospital.

The flames from the explosion set fire to installations at the rear of the service station part to the building, and there also was fire beneath the broken slabs, but the actual damage from fire was slight.

Inspection Planned

Possibility that the fumes which caused the explosion were natural gas, instead of from gasoline, was scouted by Claude H. Webber, superintendent of the gas department of the Tucson Gas, Electric Light and Power company, but he said a precautionary inspection will be made.

"Our records show that a new main was installed on North Stone avenue in that section in 1936," Webber said. "We plan, however, to test the line just to make sure."

Webber also pointed out that natural gas is lighter than air, and its presence in dangerous quantities would have been noticeable upstairs.

Regarding the absence of a vent in the basement, Chief Hilles said he at present is not clothed with the authority to require such an installation, but that he had suggested it to Perkins and the garage operator had agreed to install it.

Now under consideration by the ordinances committee of the mayor and council is a measure, proposed by Hilles and compiled from similar laws in other cities, giving the fire chief authority to order correction of fire hazards and providing for punitive measures for disobedience.

June 16, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

City Officials Took No Action After First Station Explosion

A preliminary investigation of the explosion last Friday afternoon at the Associated Garage, 185 North Stone avenue, which caused the death of two men and critical injury to a third, revealed yesterday that nothing had been done by city officials to remedy a dangerous situation which they knew had existed for two weeks.

A similar explosion on May 29 had shattered one of the large plate glass windows of the garage, and P. L. Mullins, an employee, was injured.

Herreras Didn't Act

E. D. Herreras, city building inspector, said yesterday that he had issued no orders to D. C. Perkins, operator of the garage, following the first explosion, as to what should be done to prevent a recurrence. Asked if he had the legal authority to force Perkins to place a vent in the basement room in which the explosion occurred, he said that he did have.

Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles said yesterday that he had advised Perkins to place a vent in the basement room following the first explosion. He added that there was no assurance that such a vent would have prevented the fatal explosion last Friday, since it has not yet been determined what kind of gas caused the accident. It it was from gasoline, he said, such a vent would have been of little service, but if it was natural gas, the vent would have allowed it to escape.

Since Friday's explosion, Herreras has ordered excavation of a natural gas pipe line and also uncovering of the three gasoline storage tanks. The gas line has been uncovered and some small leaks found in it, he said. These were repaired temporarily and the line again covered pending its replacement.

To Test Tanks

Work of uncovering the gasoline tanks is expected to be completed today, Herreras said, after which a test will be made to determine whether or not they had been leaking.

Hilles said yesterday that an inspection following the first explosion provided little by which he could determine what manner of gas had been seeping into the small basement room. At that time, he said, he was unable to detect any odor of natural gas, but that the smell of gasoline was noticeable. Perkins, he said, had subsequently informed him that a check of the tanks as to the amount of gasoline placed in them and the amount removed failed to show that they were leaking.

Dirt which was being dug from about the tanks yesterday smelled of gasoline, but whether or not the dirt had been saturated from gasoline leading from the tanks or from some other source remained undetermined.

The condition of Louis Burton, the only one of the three injured men who is still alive, was reported to be extremely critical. Gilbert Tellez, 16, and Jefferson Ball, 38, died the day following the explosion.

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June 17, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

GARAGE BLAST BEING STUDIED

Martin Explains Checkup On Tragedy Will Be Pushed

A sweeping investigation into the explosion in the basement of the Associated Garage, 185 North Stone avenue, Friday afternoon which resulted in the death of two men and critical injury to another is being conducted by the city of Tucson, Phil J. Martin Jr., city manager, said yesterday.

Martin said he had ordered the investigation Saturday morning and that it was being supervised by Raleigh E. Stallings, city engineer. E. D. Herreras, who said yesterday that he had ordered the inspection, is merely conducting it under orders from Stallings, Martin said.

Did Not Know

Asked what action had been taken by the city following a previous explosion at the garage on May 29 which injured one man, Martin said that he did not know that it had occurred until after Saturday's disaster. He said that he had not been advised of the first explosion and had failed to notice newspaper stories about it.

One of the gasoline storage tanks at the garage had been partially uncovered by yesterday evening as workmen continued excavation of all tanks and pipe lines to determine whether or not they had been leaking.

Martin said yesterday that samples of earth taken from the excavation had indicated the presence of both gasoline and natural gas in the soil.

Leaks Found

Excavation of a two-inch natural gas line alongside the garage on Alameda street revealed several leaks, Martin said. The leaks have been temporarily repaired and the pipe again covered.

Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles said yesterday that he had detected the odor of natural gas coming from the fire hydrant in front of the station and that there were other indications that such gas had somehow been present either in or about the hydrant.

Martin said yesterday that he had been advised by John Lyons, city attorney, that it was his opinion that the city could not be held legally liable for the explosion, since D. C. Perkins, the garage operator, had been advised to vent the basement room in which it occurred but had not done so. Perkins had condoned a situation which he knew to be dangerous, Lyons told Martin.

"If necessary we will make an analysis of the soil excavated from around the tanks," Martin said, "to determine the presence of either gasoline or natural gas."

Jaastad Speaks

Mayor Henry O. Jaastad said that he had not talked with the building inspector regarding any action which was or was not taken following the first explosion May 29. Asked if he believed the city was in any way responsible for operation of the garage following the first explosion without a remedy being affected, Jaastad said: "That's a legal question which I do not propose to answer. Where the fault lies is something I do not know."

Herreras said last night that men working on the excavation job had complained about fumes during the afternoon and had stopped work until it became cooler.

Once the tanks are completely uncovered, he said, they will be filled with air as a test for leaks and gasoline will be run through the lines to test them.

June18, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Tucson Topics

A leaking gasoline line early yesterday caused a fire which destroyed a motor car owned by Ralph Thompson, 126 North First, avenue, the sheriff's office reported. Thompson, H. W. Day and Robert S. Reed were en route to the Davis-Monthan field, where they are employed, when the car, a 1937 sedan, caught fire on Craycroft road about a mile south of Broadway. Efforts of Thompson and his passengers to quench the blaze was unsuccessful. No one was injured by the flames.

June 18, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Engineers Helping in Study Of Tucson Garage Explosion

Engineers from the state industrial commission and the U. S. Bureau of Mines entered the investigation of the explosion last Friday at the Associated Garage, 185 North Stone avenue, which resulted in the death of two men and critical injury to a third.

Early yesterday morning, H. E. Hodgson, chief safety engineer for the industrial commission, and Frank S. Crawford, safety engineer for the bureau of mines, met with city officials and C. H. Webber of the Tucson Gas, Electric Light and Power company, for a discussion of the causes of the explosion and of findings to date.

Analysis Planned

Hodgson said that air and dirt samples from around the gasoline storage tanks now at the garage, which are being uncovered, had been sent to Pittsburgh, where they will be analyzed. The analysis will be made by the bureau of mines and it will probably be about two weeks before a report will be received.

He said that he was conducting the investigation for the commission purely as a preventative measure. "Our objective is to establish facts and have them presented in a logical order so that we can prevent a recurrence of such accidents."

Phil J. Martin Jr., city manager; Raleigh E. Stallings, city engineer; Henry L. Hilles, city fire chief; E. D. Herreras, city building inspector, and Webber participated in the meeting yesterday morning.

Report Prepared

A complete record of all statements made at the meeting was kept and will be included in a city report to be submitted by Stallings, Martin said. Martin said yesterday that the report would not be available until the investigation was completed.

Jim Collins, construction engineer for Tidewater Associated Oil company, was also here yesterday investigating the explosion for his company.

Collins said that it would be unsafe to attempt to test the storage tanks with air, as had been planned by Herreras, since such tanks were not built, or intended to stand up under pressure. They will probably be filled with water after they have been removed as a means of testing them, he said.

Leaks Found

The process of pumping the tanks dry began yesterday and two leaks in pipes leading from them developed at that time. One of the pipes in which a leak developed had been exposed since Tuesday morning. Electrolytic action on the pipes over a number of years had weakened them so that once exposed and a hard coating which had formed on the pipe was removed they began leaking, Collins said. Collins also said that he did not believe that gasoline fumes had penetrated into the garage basement where the explosion occurred. Gasoline fumes could not have got into the basement, he said, since such fumes would be under little, if any pressure, and would lie stagnant. He also stated that it was his contention that gasoline could not have penetrated into the basement without creating a channel and that the explosion would probably have been much worse had this occurred.

Installed in 1930

M. P. Walker, distributor for Tidewater Associated here and owner of the garage, said yesterday that he believed the tanks and piping being uncovered had been in the ground since about 1930.

D. C. Perkins, operator of the station, said yesterday that to his knowledge no one from the city had conducted an investigation of the first explosion after it occurred on May 29. Fire Chief Hilles, he said, had advised him to vent the basement room immediately after the first explosion. "I couldn't get anyone to do the work at once and finally got McCarty (local plumber) who was coming down to install the vent the day the explosion occurred," he said yesterday.

Perkins said yesterday that he and a representative of the industrial commission named DeFord had been down in the basement room the day before the last explosion to investigate damage done in the first one. Perkins said that neither he or DeFord detected gas odors of any kind. "It had just a damp basement odor like it always has," he said.

No Matches

Perkins said that he was sure that none of the three men injured had lighted a match while working in or near the basement. Burton, sole survivor, and who is still in a critical condition at St. Mary's hospital, was the only man in the basement and he was using a rubber encased flashlight, Perkins said. The two men who died of burns sustained in the explosion were Jeff Ball, 38, of 2935 East Drachman street, and Gilbert Tellez, 16, of 68 West Council street. Neither was in the basement at the time although one was on the basement stairs, Perkins said.

He said that he and his men had been leaving the trap door to the basement open at all times, except when a car was being serviced, to allow any natural gas or gasoline fumes which might accumulate there, to escape.

SANTA RITA DANCE AIDS ARMY RELIEF

Army Emergency Relief, beneficiary of all funds derived from Thursday night's dance at the Santa Rita hotel, is designed to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents, according to Maj. Gen. Irving J. Phillipson, executive director.

In a statement recently issued from the war department in Washington, D. C., Gen. Phillipson explained the new program as follows:

"Army Emergency Relief has been organized by the Army to give speedy financial help and other assistance to all soldiers and their dependents who deserve it, whenever and wherever such help is needed.

June 19, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

State Firemen Hear FBI Man Discuss Arson

PRESCOTT, June 19. (AP)—Mrs. Ewert Day, Winslow, was elected president of the ladies' auxiliary of the Arizona State Firemen's association at the organization's 19th annual convention today.

Mrs. Ina Reggin, Prescott, was named first vice-president, and Mrs. Lena Mercer, also of Prescott, was elected second vice-president.

Additional new officers are: Mrs. Alice Plontz, Prescott, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. A. C. Tewksbury, Clifton, Mrs. Harold Mitchell, Phoenix, and Mrs. Mary Dawson, Phoenix, members of the resolutions committee.

The new leaders were to be installed this afternoon.

FBI Agent Speaks

Firemen at their morning business session heard W. E. Miller, Phoenix, special FBI agent, discuss "Arson and Sabotage in Peace and War." Miller stressed the necessity for national checks such as are available through the FBI to determine whether fires at widely separated points in the country are related and attributable to sabotage.

The battle against arson committed to collect insurance was described by Jim Hall, Phoenix, of the department of arson investigation of the national board of underwriters.

Officers of the association were to be elected this afternoon.

June 23, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Pima Hospital Menaced When Court Burns

Brick Wall Saves Building As Tourist Cabins Are Burned To Ground

A blaze apparently started by a kerosene stove in one of the units of the 17-cabin Lilly Tourist Court, just west of the county hospital, late Monday completely destroyed five of the cabins, partially burned two others and for a time looked like it might menace the hospital itself.

Hospital employes said that the only thing between them and the blazing cottages was a small parking lot and brick wall. The wall evidently kept down the possibility of the fire spreading, they said.

A garden hose played continuously on the home of James Walker, owner of the court, who lives just west of the cabins, saved that building, according to eye witness accounts.

Property Lost

Furnishing and clothing of those living in the cabins destroyed were lost. The Walker home served to keep the homeless ones Monday night, until such time as they could find other quarters.

City firemen rushed to the scene but, in accordance with city rules, could not aid with the fire fighting since the property was outside the city limits. They did extinguish a burning telephone pole which had caught fire from nearby flames.

The only available fire-fighting equipment was at the Veterans hospital. It was hurried to the burning cabins. Two firemen with the equipment and a host of volunteers eventually got the blaze under control.

Chemical apparatus belonging to the county, housed at the county shops, put in an appearance but only as a safeguard for the hospital, county employes said. It was not used since the brick wall proved an effective barrier to the flames.

Both patients and employes at the hospital took the excitement as a matter of course. Hospital attaches said everyone concerned remained calm throughout the course of the burning buildings.

June 21, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

TUCSON FIREMEN ANSWER 2 CALLS

Smoldering gunny sacks in the Eagle Milling company, 177 Toole avenue, last night brought fire equipment from the central fire station. Damage was negligible, firemen reported. A night watchman found the sacks smoking in the stockroom of the building and turned the alarm. Cause was not determined.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last night firemen answered a call to 187 North Meyer street where grass was burning in a garage. No damage was reported there, firemen said.

Scouts Help

Harry J. Blacklidge, city purchasing agent, turned over to the Scouts a problem that confronted him in a bunch of old steel-rim, solid rubber fire truck wheels. Unable to figure out how to remove the rubber any other way, Blacklidge sent out a call for a squad of Scouts with their axes.

Further competition was injected into the drive yesterday, Williams reported, when Chief Henry L. Hilles, of the fire department, and Chief Harold Wheeler, of the police department, exchanged challenges that each department, man-for-man, could gather up a greater amount of rubber than the other during the next week.

June 24, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Boys' Band To Play At July Fourth Fete

VFW Organization Replaces Cavalry Band On Program For Tucson

The Veterans of Foreign Wars boys' band will replace the cavalry band at the Jaycee July 4th celebration, George Carter, music chairman, announced today. The V.F.W. band is directed by Leslie Brewer and is a top musical organization. Also playing a leading role in the July 4th show will be the Davis-Monthan field band under the direction of Warrant Officer W. O. Horton. Vocal music will be supplied by the Tucson Boy's Choir, under the direction of Eduardo Caso, and possibly a chorus from Davis-Monthan field. Hamilton Keddie will lead the entire audience in several patriotic songs.

Ade Abbott, general chairman for the Jaycee show, announces that the show is shaping up nicely and should be the finest July 4th celebration ever staged in Tucson. Despite the double holiday this year, more people are expected to remain in Tucson than usual and the Jaycees are making every effort to furnish enjoyable as well as patriotic entertainment.

Fitness Show

Bill Rodenbach of the Jaycees is working with Elmer Coble of the Tucson Y. M. C. A. and Lt. Harrison of Davis-Monthan field on a physical fitness show that will include amateur boxing, wrestling, and an exhibition of jui jitsu.

Rudy Black of the Tucson fire dept., in cooperation with Ham Keddie, is working out an exhibition of how to put out an incendiary bomb. Several of these practice bombs have been secured and Tucson will have a chance to see just how to save its homes from this type of destruction.

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June 23, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

RODEO DROPPED TO AID IN WAR

Council Action Reveals Decision; Dog Law Is Adopted

Purchase Made

Purchase of an electric refrigerator for the central fire station for $492.16, a new pump for $2,164.56, and a new diesel tractor for $3,249.69 was approved.

Fire Destroys Seven Tourist Cabins, Leaves 25 Homeless

Five cabins were burned to the ground and two others almost completely destroyed by fire which threatened to wipe out the entire 17-cabin Lily Tourist court, 2900 South Sixth avenue, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The blaze, believed to have been caused by a kerosene stove in one of the center cabins, destroyed most of the furnishings and the belongings of the tenants.

James Walker, who lives with his family in an adjoining home, is the proprietor, and has operated the court for the past year and a half. Walker declined to give an estimate of the damage, or state whether the property was covered by insurance.

A rather strong wind helped the fire and threatened Walker's home, as well as the Eagle Tourist court next to it.

Being just outside the city limits, the only fire-fighting equipment available was a truck from the U. S. Veterans hospital. Two firemen from the hospital, along with many volunteers, did as much as possible to control the blaze. According to Walker, the only thing that saved his home was a chemical tank brought over from the Pima county equipment yard, which is in the rear of the county hospital.

A city fire truck arrived at the scene, but, the blaze being a few feet outside the city limit, firemen did not try to quell the flames. They connected a hose and had it ready in case the wind shifted toward the hospital.

About 25 persons were left without homes, although several will stay in Walker's large house until they can find lodgings elsewhere. No one was injured.

June 29, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

FIRE BURNS PART OF TAYLOR HOME

The home of Bertha Taylor North First avenue and Wetmore road, was partially destroyed by fire Saturday night, the sheriff's office reported.

The living room was burned and other portions of the house damaged by water and smoke.

June 30p, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Fire Budget Cut

The fire department budget was cut over $17,000 with the transfer to miscellaneous under contingencies and sundries of an item included last year, but not spent because of lack of hoped-for revenue,

June 30, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Famous Flier Asked To Join In Celebration

James H. Macia, Jr., Who Helped Bomb Tokyo, Is On Way To Tucson

The Arizona flier who was a member of the bombing party over Tokyo, Lieutenant James H. Macia, jr., will be invited to participate in the July 4th celebration at the university stadium Saturday night, Ade Abbott, chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge, announced Monday.

Macia will visit his wife here this week. He was decorated with the distinguished flying cross in Washington last Saturday.

Official approval of the appearance has been obtained through telegraphic communication with Senator Ernest W. McFarland, although it has not been possible to reach Macia, as he is en route to Tucson.

A native of Tombstone and former U. of A. athlete, Macia served in the capacity of bombardier-navigator on one of the raiding planes.

Plans Are Rushed

Plans for the celebration are being rushed to last minute completion, Abbott said. The show will get under way at 7:30 p. m. sales, while refreshments will be Morgan McDermott post of the American Legion, in charge of S. A. Desporte of the Legion and Henry Conover of the Jaycees.

The "Tucson at War" parade will follow, including practically every organization in Tucson in any way connected with the war effort. George Chambers, Ferd Lauber and Jim Bloomfield have been working with C. E. Goyette on the parade. Lieutenant Fred Finney will serve as commentator for the procession.

Martial music will be furnished by the air base band, under the direction of Warrant Officer R. L. Horton, and the V. F. W. band, directed by Leslie O. Brewer. Vocal music will be presented by the Tucson Boys' choir, led by Edvardo Caso. Ham Keddie will lead the audience in community singing. George Carter is in charge of the musical program.

The YMCA, supervised by Elmer Coble, physical director, will present a physical fitness show, featuring amateur boxing bouts and an exhibition of jiu jitsu.

Kimball To Preside

Presentation of Macia and a talk by Senator McFarland will fill the remainder of the daylight show. State Senator William Kimball will serve as master of ceremonies.

James Boyle, state chairman with Fred Dragonette, finance county chairman, will appear on behalf of the treasury department in the interest of the sale of war bonds and stamps. Sgt. Ralph Sage will represent the Army; Chief Signalman R. J. Combs, the Navy and Staff Sgt. Jesse H. Bryant, the Marine corps.

An incendiary bomb demonstration will be staged by Rudy Black of the Tucson fire department.

John Miller is in charge of ticket with a flag ceremony by the handled by Frank Gonzales, the loudspeaker system by Kenneth Kelton and the fire department will handle the fireworks display.

July 7, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Fireman Given Special Rights By Councilmen

Ordinance Adopted Allowing Substitutes To Work For Sick Man; Pay Keeps Up

The full city council headed by Mayor Henry O. Jaastad moved through the regular order of business which included tabling the so-called "peddler" ordinance with speed and dispatch during Monday night's meeting.

Steve Tormey, Tucson fireman, introduced a note of uncertainty when he asked that one "sick" fireman be allowed to have other firemen substitute for him and turn the extra paycheck over to the ill firefighter.

Tormey explained that all firemen were "broke" and this particular member had exhausted his annual and sick leave for the year, amounting in all to 30 days, but that he was still unable to return to work and unless other firemen could work in his place he would draw no more pay until such time as he had recovered his health.

Is Just "Sick"

Interrogated by councilmen, Tormey intimated the fireman in question was not suffering from illness incurred in the line of duty but was just "sick."

For a moment the council was more or less taken back. Getting the ill fireman back on the payroll meant amending the city civil service ordinance, they said. How to go about that amending was a little too complicated for the majority of members.

There was little reason for worry, as things turned out. Apparently the "lobby" had been busy on the proposition for sometime, since City Attorney John Lyons had drawn the new amended ordinance, leaving only the actual passage of the measure to the council.

Questioned as to whether this would effect all city employes now under civil service, the council was told by J. Forrest Ingle that it would.

Emergency Provision

The mayor felt the matter should go to the city manager with the privilege of allowing him to work out the matter with the civil service commission, but the council was in a compassionate mood and decided to have the new amended ordinance read the three legal number of times. Members then passed the new measure without a voice being raised against it. Then they tacked on the emergency provision, which makes the new ordinance effective immediately.

The "peddler" ordinance was too "hot" to handle. It was brought up for first reading on motion of Nicholas, seconded by Shantz. There was much talk about having the matter aired to the end the "people" might have a chance to discuss the provisions. After the reading the ordinance was tabled. It can be brought up in the future only on motion of those who voted to table, it was explained.

Cohan Appointment

The matter of appointing Milton M. Cohan to the civil service commission in place of R. M. Howard, now with the federal O.P.A., was the subject of an opinion on the part of John Lyons, city attorney. The opinion stated Cohan was not eligible, since he resides outside the city limits. The matter of appointing a successor was laid over until the next meeting of the council.

The next obstacle the council was called upon to hurdle was that of furnishing water for the swimming pool at Carrillo school. A delegation headed by Dr. T. D. Fridena told the council "it was about time something was done to furnish water for the swimming pool". They related attempts to get the school board to act and said that now the school system was willing to furnish pipe to the pool if the city would furnish water.

Councilman J. O. Niemann countered with the suggestion that the city furnish the pipe needed and the school system pay for the water.

This failed to meet with the approval of Eddie Jacobs, who offered to furnish the pipe if the city would fill the tank after the pipe was laid. The city informed the Carrillo school delegation that it furnishes water only for charitable institutions.

The "charitable institutions" drew a howl of protest from James R. Contreras, head of Carrillo school parents, who inquired as to whether the Y.M.C.A. was considered a charitable institution that it was furnished water free by the city.

More Arguments

Council members tried to explain that the Y.M.C.A. free water deal was a swap between the city and that organization. Police were offered the use of the Y.M.C.A. pool, the council explained, and for that reason the city furnished free water. That failed to impress the Carrillo parents, who insisted they wanted water for the pool and they wanted it right now. This matter, they said, had been kicked around by the council for years and the time for action had come. They got the water. Jacobs furnished the pipe.

That just about wound up the evening with the exception of turning down the application of Byron C. Kemp for a transfer of liquor license to 171 North Sixth avenue. The council explained that location was in the "industrial area" and until the zoning was changed a license could not be transferred to it.

The council approved the action of the recreation committee in making its membership nine instead of seven. Added were Robert D. Morrow and Sam Fowler.

July 5, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

City firemen answered a call to extinguish a small paper fire in a junk yard near the city incinerator early yesterday evening. Damage was slight.

July 7, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Expenditures of City Exceed Budget Estimate by $52,579

Expenditures of the City of Tucson for the 1941-42 fiscal year exceeded budget estimates by $53,579.49, and receipts were $56,895.03 in excess of expectations, leaving a net cash balance at the close of business of $3,315.54, James T. Manders, city auditor, reported yesterday.

From eight accounts, expenditures were less than had been estimated, one was exactly the amount estimated, and 13 were overexpended to produce the net overexpenditure of $53,579.49.

Only two receipts accounts amounted to less than the amounts anticipated, while the other eight exceeded the estimates to account for the net excess of $53,895.03 in receipts.

Over-Spent Accounts

Over-spent accounts were administration, $1,352.42; police, $11,041.25; animal shelter, $2,799.75; waste collection and incineration, $4,475.27; sewer department, $593.03; sewer farm, $6,799.60; golf course, $1,404.15; recreation department, $1,042.85; shop, $16.91; store, $14.85; city hall, $1,829.74; contingencies and sundries, $28,070.71; water department, $29,263.37.

The fire department was $15,342.94 under its budget; police and fire signal system, $938.91; inspection service, $1,309.26; engineering and superintendent of streets, $2,568.14; street department, $8,246.77; parks, $2,154.44; baseball park, $314.34; miscellaneous, $4,249.61.

Only receipts accounts to fall below expectations were the permits and inspections, by $3,311.61, and golf fees, by $13.36.

Tax receipts were over by $4,333.15; licenses, by $1,990.75; water department, by $37,916.25; fines and penalties, by $9,921.25; swimming pool receipts, by $954.65; farm income, by $1,163.62; miscellaneous, by $2,277.40; automobile lieu taxes, by $1,662.93.

RADIO DIAL

TODAY ON THE AIR

Station	Kilocycles
KOY, Phoenix, CBS	550
KRFC, San Francisco, MBS	610
KTAR, Phoenix, NBC, BN	620
KVOD, Denver, BN	630
KFI, Los Angeles, NBC	640
KPO, San Francisco, NBC	680
KECA, Los Angeles, BN	790
KGO, San Francisco, BN	810
WBAP, Ft. Worth, NBC, BN	820
WFAA, Dallas, NBC, BN	820
KOA, Denver, NBC	850
KHJ, Los Angeles, MBS	930
KOB, Albuquerque, NBC, BN	770
KNX, Hollywood, CBS	1070
KRLD Dallas, CBS	1080
KSL, Salt Lake City, CBS	1160
WOAI, S. Antonio, NBC, BN	1200
KVOA, Tucson, NBC, BN	1290
KTUC, Tucson, CBS	1400

HORACE HEIDT—George Gershwin's famous "Rhapsody in Blue" is Horace Heidt's big production number on tonight's program. Guest star is Bobby Riggs, former amateur tennis champion and now a leading pro. KVOA, 6:30 p. m.

NEW CBS SHOW—Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou, the little girl character he creates with his unusual voice, headline a new CBS program. In addition, Tenor Jimmy Cash, Felix Mills' orchestra and Actor Bill Goodwin are heard during the half-hour show. KTUC, 7 p. m.

CONTEMPORARY HISTORY

National network news: KVOA.

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July 8, 1942, courtesy Chief Joseph A. Roberts collection:

FIREMEN TO HONOR RETIRED MEMBERS

Nineteen members of Tucson's old volunteer fire department will be guests this evening when two veteran members of the professional department, recently retired, are honored at a banquet given in the Pioneer hotel by the local chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Alexander McNeil, former assistant chief, and C. B. Goudy, former captain, are the retired firemen. McNeil, second paid fireman in the department's history, also is a former volunteer.

The 19 volunteers were listed as Joseph A. Roberts, John I. Reilly, Harry Sayers, Frank Gans, Frank Robles, Henry Doe, George Doe, Irving Doe, Ramon Montes, C. Tellez, Tom Mills, Esau Mills, Frank Granido, Adolph Appole, Jesus Camacho, Navor Cruz, George Scholefield, Jim Hughes and S. W. Purcell.

FIRE FIGHTERS TO HONOR 2 VETERANS

The local chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters will honor two veteran members of the professional department, recently retired, at a banquet to be held in the Pioneer hotel tonight. Nineteen members of Tucson's old volunteer fire department will be guests.

The retired firemen are Alexander McNeil, former assistant chief, and C. B. Goudy, former captain. McNeil, second paid fireman in the department's history, is also a former volunteer.

The volunteers who will be guests are listed as Joseph A. Roberts, John I. Reilly, Harry Sayers, Frank Gans, Frank Robles, Henry Doe, George Doe, Irving Doe, Ramon Montes, C. Tellez, Tom Mills, Esau Mills, Frank Granido, Adolph Appole, Jesus Camacho, Navor Cruz, George Echolefield, Jim Hughes and S. W. Purcell.

July 9, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

CITY HALL HEARING TO BE HELD FRIDAY

The city civil service commission will conduct a hearing at 3 p. m. tomorrow at the city hall on a proposed change in the civil service rules to provide for one employe substituting for another who has exhausted his sick and vacation leave.

The change, requested by the fire department, would make it possible for an employe kept from work by illness beyond his sick and vacation leave to continue to be paid if fellow employes on another shift filled his place.

July 10, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

FIRE LOSSES FOR HALF YEAR SMALL

With losses totaling only $15,000 during the first six months of the year, Tucson to date shows one of the best fire records in years, Chief Henry L. Hilles reported yesterday.

Fire destroyed more than a quarter of a million dollars in property last year, including damage to the Carnegie library, Woolworth store, Wyatt clinic and Roosevelt hotel.

There have been no major blazes in 1942, Hilles reported, but he added: "Figures for six months don't mean a thing. A single act of carelessness in the next six months can knock the record sky high."

Banner year of the past five was 1939, when losses totaled only $18,000. Damage amounted to $112,000 in 1937, $54,000 in 1938, and $97,000 in 1940.

City firemen yesterday were called to extinguish a brush fire in the 200 block on Mission street. No damage was reported.

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July 16, 1942, courtesy Chief Joseph A. Roberts collection:

Tucson, Arizona,
July 16, 1942.

Fireman's Pension and Relief Board,
City.

Dear Sirs:--

I respectfully request that my pension be dropped temporarily, to accept a war service job as fire chief of the army air base at Marana.

And request that at the termination of the job, I be placed back on the city fire department pension roll.

Sincerely,

J.A. Roberts

July 22, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

STORM CAUSES ONLY ONE FIRE TUESDAY

Only one fire was reported during Tuesday night's wind and rain storm, despite the damage done to power lines all over the city, Chief Harry L. Hilles said this morning.

The blaze, which was caused by lightning, flared up on the roof of a house owned by Mrs. Beatrice Soderberg at 603 South Sixth avenue. Chief Hilles and several auxiliary firemen were passing the building on their way home from a practice drill, rushed to the aid of the occupants and put the fire out before it could spread. Damage was confined to a slightly burned roof, Hilles said

July 18, 1942, ***Arizona Daily Star:***

RDAY MORNING, JULY 18, 1942

Post-War Plans Call for High Building

Restricted "for the duration" to one story and a two-story facade, the Woolworth building at 36 East Congress street will be extended to at least five stories, as illustrated in this architect's drawing, as soon as possible after the war, it was announced yesterday by Robert C. Parnell, secretary-treasurer of the Central Building association, which owns the property. The new building, which replaces the brick and wood structure that was destroyed by fire last November, will be opened for public inspection next Wednesday evening.

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July 21, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

LINEMAN, WORKING HIGH ON POLE, DIES

Paul Ellsworth, about 41, a lineman, yesterday died while at work atop a pole in the power company station, at North Fourth avenue and Eleventh street. He was employed on a new government power line coming into Tucson from Parker dam.

C. W. Gardner, coroner, learned Ellsworth was stringing insulators atop a pole in the yards when he suddenly slumped down. There was no electric current near-by. Fellow workmen brought him down to the ground and called the fire department for a resuscitator. Ellsworth failed to respond.

Death apparently was from heart disease, Gardner said, but ordered a post-mortem to determine the exact cause. No inquest will be held.

Ellsworth's home was at Mesa. He came here a few days ago.

July 23, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

City firemen yesterday afternoon were called to the home of M. H. Volk, 528 North Tyndall avenue, where a window awning had caught fire. Damage was slight, firemen reported.

July 25, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

A broken gasoline line caused a fire which destroyed all the upholstery and wiring of a 1929 Durant belonging to E. Valenzuela, of the Indian village. The fire occurred at 7:30 p. m. on North Main and West Alameda. The Central Fire station answered the call.

July 26, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Damage estimated at $10 was caused yesterday by a fire in a storage room at the home of P. Calgodas, 24 West Twenty-fifth street, the city fire department reported. Cause was not determined. Engines were out only 17 minutes on the call.

July 30, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

WOMER FOR FIRE TRAINING SOUGHT

Additional women are needed for training in the auxiliary fire department for service in air raids, it was announced yesterday by Henry L. Hilles, chief of the fire department.

Women fire auxiliaries will meet tonight at fire station No. 3, Ninth street and Park avenue, at 7:30 o'clock.

Hilles explained that the women will be used for logging calls, handling alarms, checking apparatus locations, and telephone work. So far, only about a dozen have been trained in the work. The group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

EXAMS ANNOUNCED FOR POLICE JOBS

Applications will be received until August 10 at 5 p. m. for examinations for the eligible lists for assistant chief and captain in the Tucson fire department, J. Forrest Ingle, city personnel director, announced yesterday.

Applicants for assistant chief must have the equivalent of a high school education, and have served in the department at least six years, two as captain. Employment in the department can be substituted for high school work up to four years, or two years of college for one year of departmental service.

Applicants for captain must have high school educations and four years employment in the department, with the right to substitute additional school work for departmental employment.

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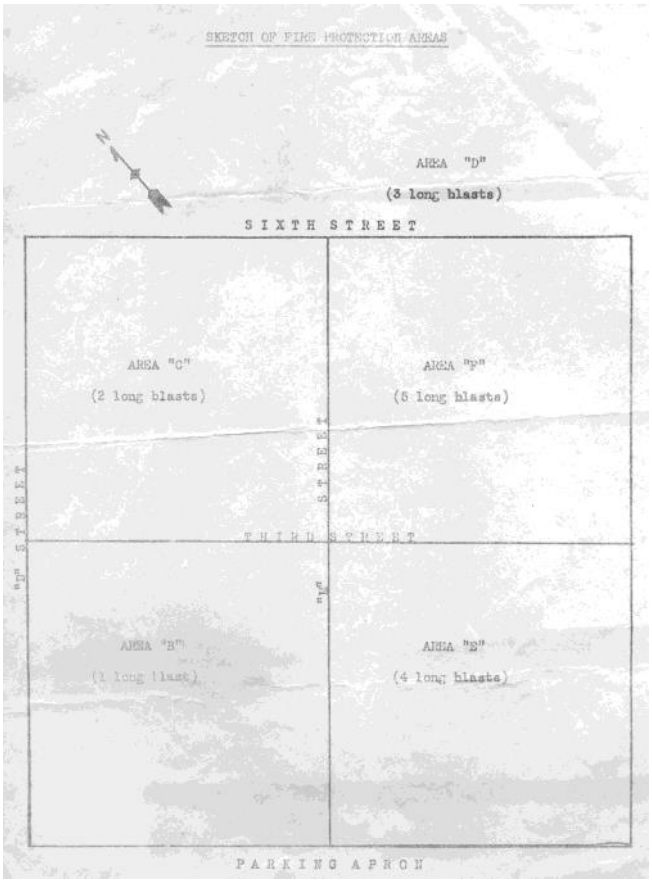

August 3, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

FORMER FIRE CHIEF TAKES MARANA POST

J. A. Roberts, former fire chief of Tucson, has been appointed fire chief at the Marana airport and has asked, effective July 15, to be taken from the pension rolls of the city, the firemen's pension board said today.

The board said the request had been granted and that the first half of July pension was the last which Roberts drew.

The board received the financial report of the firemen's pension fund, which showed there is $73,093.25 in the fund. Of this, $62,600.65 is invested and $10,492.60 is on hand.

The fund is now furnishing pensions for three firemen: Harry H. Chappell, Alexander McNeill and C. B. Gowdy.

Other than hearing the financial report, no other business was transacted.

August 4, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

ROBERTS IS FIRE CHIEF AT MARANA

J. A. Roberts, former Tucson fire chief, has been taken from the city pension rolls and returned to active duty as fire chief at the Marana airport, the firemen's pension board reported yesterday.

The board's report shows $73,093.25 in the firemen's pension fund of which $62,600.65 is invested, with the remainder on hand. Three firemen are now drawing pensions from the fund.

August 7, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Voice of the People

This column is open for the opinions of readers. Letters should be confined to 300 words, be free of libelous matter and must carry signature and address.

HELP NEEDED

Editor The Star:

Referring to the meeting for women at Fire Station No. 3 held last Thursday evening: The daily newspapers and Radio Station KTUC are due a vote of thanks for their splendid publicity and with their kind help in the future there should be enough women and girls respond to where it will relieve the worry of the city firemen as the clerical work of the four fire stations being cared for when all firemen are out on fire calls.

Chief Hilles told of how in London an area of four square miles was ablaze at one time; that Tucson's entire area is but 8.5 square miles; London's area is 117 square miles; New York, 219, and Tokyo, 257 square miles. He told of how even underground telephone wires were not safe from bombs, as bombs penetrated as deep as 26 feet; that telephone and electric light systems would be the first to suffer from an air raid; therefore, messengers are needed in addition to clerical workers; girls with bicycles would be most valuable aid; four or five women are needed at each of the four stations; long detailed reports are made on each fire call, no matter how small; the location of the fire, exactly which group of firemen are attending; if messages have to be caried, they must be written and a written message received in answer; the National Board of Fire Underwriters have to have detailed reports; who owns the property and who occupies it; amount of loss sustained; what time did the crew leave and what time did they return. Then also, there is a very comprehensible file of streets, intersections, fire alarm boxes and engines and trucks listed, which women must know how to read and interpret correctly. At the Central station is the apparatus for transmitting calls to all stations at once. When men return to stations a two-gong signal is sounded to the other stations to let them know the job is finished. Captain Siebert explained that new information about putting out bombs is exactly opposite to what has been taught previously. The firemen are willing and waiting, daily, to teach these things to those who will ask for an appointment or just stop in for half an hour occasionally until you become familiar with the work. Women need not join the Waacs to be a soldier in time of need; to be able to defend the home and the home town, where's one's most valuable possessions are, is of great importance. Fire Chief Hilles asks for and needs the help of women of Tucson. Station No. 3 is to be headquarters, where a locker for food and first aid material is to be kept. Dates for future meetings will be announced later.

JUANITA MOORE

Oddities

Forest fires in Canada in 1941 burned an area of 4½ million acres at a total damage of $13,242,179.

Canada's bee industry produced honey and wax valued at $3,276,200 in 1941.

August 16, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

WIRES BROKEN IN STORM HERE

Some Rain Accompanies Wind and Dust In Tucson

Heralded by clouds of dust and a high wind that uprooted trees and sent loose objects scudding over the landscape, Tucson had a 12-minute rain last night shortly before 8 o'clock. The government weather bureau reported .20 of an inch fell in the short time.

The wind and the rain each played a freakish prank on two parked motor cars, the police reported.

Wires Down

Three primary wires carrying 4100 volts were blown down at Third street and Campbell avenue, falling across a parked coupe. The writhing wires consumed a front tire on the machine. An area of three blocks surrounding the corner were blacked out by the accident. An emergency power company crew, guarded by police, was dispatched to the scene and had the wires repaired a few minutes after 10 o'clock.

The fire department responded to the alarm but the machine did not catch fire. The owner could not be found, firemen reported. Apparently the car had been abandoned temporarily.

In a rented garage at 1815 East Third street, Police Sergt. Albert I. Moon reported the rain weakened ground beneath wooden blocks on which a motor car was resting for the war's duration, and sent the machine rolling through the garage doors. The owner is absent from the city, Moon said.

Few Affected

Power wires blew down in an alley between Sixth and Seventh avenues and Speedway and Helen street, the power company said, but only a few houses in the immediate vicinity were affected by the break. They were not high voltage wires.

Trees were uprooted and blown down at 316 East Twelfth street, 1029 Palm road and 1217 North Tyndall avenue, police said. At Sixth and Toole avenues, a large tree fell across South Sixth partially blocking the roadway.

The storm blew into Tucson from the southeast. Late last night lightning still shimmered through the norwest skies, lighted by a sickle moon indicating the storm swept on that way.

The last census showed that 15,000,000 head of livestock were butchered at home during 1940, as compared with 12,000,000 head during 1930.

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August 17, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

LIGHTNING STRIKES LIGHT POLES HERE

Rain blew in again out of the southeast last night with a heavy display of lightning that struck two electric power poles but inflicted no serious damage. A tree was uprooted at 1203 North Tyndall avenue.

Saturday night, .22 of an inch of rain fell in Tucson accompanied by a high wind that blew down numerous trees and power wires.

Last night's rainfall apparently was confined to the residential and business areas since the government weather bureau reported only a trace. Fire started in a power pole in the rear of 109 East Speedway but the fire department quickly had the minor blaze under control. Lightning severed a live wire in the rear of 726 North Norris avenue, the home of Walter C. Roediger, and the electric current kept the loose strand sizzling and spluttering like a Fourth of July "sparkler," until an emergency crew from the power company arrived on the scene.

A neon sign above a photographic shop at 120 East Congress street, shorted out and caught fire just after the rain ceased to fall. Firemen said the cause could not be determined. Damage was slight.

August 18, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Firemen were called shortly before noon yesterday to a market on the northwest corner of Stone avenue and Broadway, where wooden crates at the rear of the building had caught fire. Damage was slight, firemen said.

August 21, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

AY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 1942 The Arizona Daily Star

Women Are Needed to Assist Firemen Here in Case of Raid

Capt. C. H. Whitfield of the Tucson fire Department yesterday issued an appeal for more women to volunteer for emergency air raid fire dispatching work in conjunction with the regular and volunteer fire departments.

"We need trained women to be on hand at the various fire stations to dispatch runners to fire companies who may be out fighting fires during air raids and to tabulate incoming fire calls," he said. "Having women available for that purpose would release men for the actual duty of fighting fires that might be caused by incendiary bombs or other causes."

132 Are Active

Capt. Whitfield said that at present there were 142 men and 10 women listed as "active" on the books as volunteer emergency air raid fire fighters. The volunteer fire department is an essential branch of the civilian defense air raid organization.

Because many persons originally signed as volunteer firemen have moved away or because of other reasons are now not participating, Capt. Whitfield said that the fire department would welcome applicants for the course which it is giving for volunteer firemen. Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles has charge of the school, with Capt. Whitfield and Capt. F. W. King acting as instructors.

Training Given

The course of instruction includes first aid training in general first aid and in gas, bombing and fire first aid. All students must pass the first aid courses before they can become qualified volunteer firemen.

The volunteers, who are drilled for two-hour periods monthly, learn how to lay fire hose, handle fire nozzles under pressure, and to fight fires. They are also instructed in the proper way of directing streams of water on incendiary bombs.

Every volunteer fire company is given a chance to man an old reserve fire truck, which is not normally used by the department unless a regular truck is undergoing repairs. The students are allowed to handle the truck and its equipment. Various companies are encouraged to conduct spirited competitions in the laying of hose to hydrants, coupling hose, and making ready to fight a fire.

Organization Provided

The organization of the volunteers is similar to that of the regular fire department. The city is broken up into areas, or districts, in each of which is a company. Leadership for the companies is provided by captains, battalion chiefs, and district battalion chiefs.

Three districts need more men, Capt. Whitfield said. They are district 7, bounded by Broadway, Park avenue, 25th street and Country Club road, district 9, bounded by Spruce street, Silverbell road, Drachman, and the west city limits, and district 10, beginning at the south city limits on South Ninth avenue, South Third avenue, and extending out beyond the Veterans hospital.

The department can use about 24 women to keep records, and man all the city fire stations in the absence of firemen, so that fire calls will not go unheeded during an air raid.

BOND IS GIVEN, GIRL RELEASED

Miss Herlihy Waives Any Preliminary Hearing In Death Case

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Red-haired Margaret Herlihy, wan and highly nervous, waived preliminary hearing in justice court today on a charge of murdering her twice-married husband, debonair Capt. David D. Carr, attached to a Fort Huachuca anti-tank division.

She was released in custody of her attorney, Frank Thomas, while a new bond of $5,000 was posted by Chester Morris, owner of a small restaurant, and C. C. Edwards, barber shop proprietor. At the request of acting County Attorney John F. Ross, the bond also was signed by the girl's father and mother, Lt. Col. and Mrs. E. G. Herlihy.

Climax of Quarrel

Miss Herlihy, who fatally wounded the captain Saturday as a climax to a quarrel in which, she said, he beat her, entered the courtroom of Justice of the Peace E. L. Stewart on the arm of her father and Thomas. Mrs. Herlihy sat beside her during the brief proceeding.

The 21-year-old beauty's paleness was accentuated by the fact she wore no makeup. She was attired in a brown street dress with a canary yellow collar and a hat of natural tan straw.

Ross said after the proceeding that a formal information would be filed against Miss Herlihy shortly. Her arraignment will be in superior court at Bisbee, the county seat, probably about October 1, he added. Under Arizona law, the county attorney has 30 days in which to file the information.

Dies in Hospital

Carr died in a Douglas hospital at 9 p. m. Saturday, 20 hours after Miss Herlihy fired two bullets into his body at her home. The shooting followed an evening spent at Agua Prieta, a resort town across the Mexican border.

Ross said he had obtained a

August 22, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

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Exceptional Mother Has Long List Of Foster Sons In Armed Forces

Purcell Claunch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Claunch, is a fire controlman first class and chief fire controlman in the United States Navy after two years of service. The sixth in a family of nine children, Purcell is on convoy duty with the Atlantic fleet.

Mrs. Emmett Claunch Ideal Example To Parents Of Service Men

By JEANNE d'ARC RICHEY

Do you have 22 sons in the armed forces? Mrs. Emmett Claunch does. At least, 20 of them can be claimed as foster sons, and two are her own boys, Purcell and Jack. She also has a daughter serving in the Army Nurses Corps. Martha, formerly with the Canadian Ambulance Corps at Camp Edward, Ontario, is now stationed at Mondeth Field, Columbus, Ohio, where commando troops and glider pilots are being trained.

Purcell, 20, is in the United States Navy on convoy duty with the Atlantic fleet. Jack, a member of the Army quartermasters' corps, aviation supply, was on Bataan at the time of its fall. He is now a Japanese prisoner of war.

Has Been Nurse

From 1923 to 1933 Mrs. Claunch was on night duty in the maternity ward of a local hospital. Recently, at the charter meeting for the Navy Mothers' club, it was discovered that of the 40 mothers representing sons serving in the Coast Guard, Marines, or Navy, Mrs. Claunch had assisted at the births of nearly one-third of the boys. A few of the heirs, now all Navy men, whom she recalls usher-

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boys. A few of the heirs, now all Navy men, whom she recalls ushering into the world are: Jack Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller; Robert Bunch, son of Mrs. Pauline Bunch; Bill White, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White; Dick Ballas, son of Mrs. Louise Ballas; Jack Du Mont, son of Mrs. Frank Strasser; Terry Doyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doyle; and Bill Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Young.

Wonderful Mother

But these are not the only reasons courageous Mrs. Claunch is an exceptional person. She is the mother of nine children and is still in the process of rearing twelve youngsters. The additional three are two nieces, Jeanne and Lola Lee Smith, and their small brother, Roger, who have been making their home with the Claunch family for the past 8 years.

The children in order of their appearance in the family are La Verne, who is married and living in Nevada; Martha, the daughter who is a United States Army nurse stationed at Columbus, Ohio; Evelyn of Tucson; Delirah, former outstanding Tucson high school student and now receptionist at the agricultural department of the government in Phoenix; Emmett, jr., member of the Tucson Fire department and former University of Arizona boxing champion; Purcell, United States Navy now on convoy duty with the Atlantic fleet; Jack, member of the Army quartermaster corps, aviation supply, who was stationed on Bataan at the time of its fall; Jim, a high school student; and Clayborn, who will be in junior high school this fall.

Jack and Purcell were both born in Tucson as their parents have made their home here for twenty-one years. Mr. Claunch has been with the city fire department, for the past 20 years, and was a captain at the time of his resignation a month ago. He is now employed in defense work at Las Vegas, N. M.

The last word received from Jack was a postal card sent some time in April. His family received it the Saturday before the fall of Bataan.

"Dearest Folks," he wrote: This place is bleeding hell but I'm still alive. Here's hoping that you never have to see anything like this. It might do some of the people back there some good if they did.

Survivingly yours,

Your loving son.

P. S. Things are beginning to look better."

On July 20 in the issue of "Life" magazine, an article appears on page 34 entitled Fall of Bataan. The picture on the upper left hand side of the page shows prisoners of war at Manyelon. Kathleen Claunch is almost sure her Jack is the second boy from the left in the center line of soldiers.

She heard from Purcell by long distance phone the other day. He called from New York and said he was fine. Now he is out on the water once more.

But sweet dispositioned Mrs. Claunch keeps herself busy doing things for other mothers' boys, and it makes things easier.

Gave Time And Home

Before an organized group of Navy mothers was formed, the women interested in the welfare of marinemen met with Mrs. Claunch to make mittens. Her home, 3027 Geronimo avenue, was converted into a sewing room where scrap material was, in turn, converted into warm mittens for use by the Mariner and Coast Guardsmen in the north Atlantic ocean.

Now Mrs. Claunch participates in the distribution of cookies to boys in service passing through Tucson on troop trains. Each evening a group of Navy mothers, assisted by Miss Jeanne Smith and Miss Mary Ballas, meet the trains at the station and give out dozens of home made cookies. Through the medium of her large family and their numerous friends, Mrs. Claunch has heard many complimentary things about the attention service men receive from the mothers at the Tucson station.

Mrs. Claunch can be considered a shining example for other mothers throughout the country. With all her responsibility and anxiety she is cheerful and optimistic, and for her boys and others like them she will continue to believe and trust as she does in the final outcome of this conflict.

August 21, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

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August 27, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

EFFORTS TO SAVE DROWNED GIRL FAIL

Efforts of the fire department to revive Lynda Gale Castoe, 18 months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Castoe, proved useless Wednesday afternoon when the infant was found floating in an irrigation ditch near the Tucson Auto Court. Even a pulmotor used by firemen was unable to save the child's life.

According to a sheriff's report, the child floated down stream about 900 feet from the Castoe home before her body lodged on a concrete bulkhead. She was discovered by a neighbor who screamed for help, sheriff's deputies said.

Mrs. Edith Castoe, mother of the child, said that Lynda had been feeding her kitten a few minutes before her death. The Castoes are newcomers to Tucson, having moved here from Buckeye for employment at the Arizona Construction company at Marana.

The body will be sent to Buckeye this evening for funeral services and burial. The Arizona Mortuary is in charge.

August 28, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

CASTOE FUNERAL TO BE IN BUCKEYE

The body of Linda Gale Castoe, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Castoe, who drowned Wednesday in an irrigation ditch, was sent yesterday to Buckeye for funeral services and burial.

The tragedy occurred on the Casa Grande highway, just east of the overpass, and near the auto court home of the child. The fire department pulmotor squad, which reached the scene six minutes after a call to them, were too late to save the child's life.

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September 1, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

G. P. SCHOLEFIELD 64-YEAR ARIZONA RESIDENT, IS DEAD

George P. Scholefield, a resident of Arizona 63 years, died yesterday morning at his home, 3914 East Monte Vista drive.

Coming west from Utica, N. Y., at the age of 19, Mr. Scholefield went to work in Globe in the Old Dominion Mine, then known as the Silver King. Three years later he married and with his wife moved to the Santa Rita mountains south of Tucson, where they homesteaded the cattle ranch on which they lived until Mr. Scholefield retired two years ago.

The first cattle inspector for the territory of Arizona, Mr. Scholefield served 16 years in that capacity. During his early ranching days the Apache Indians were on the warpath and Geronimo, famed Indian warrior, raided the Scholefield property stealing horses and cattle but never attacking the ranch home. Ranching neighbors were killed, however, by the marauders. Scholefield was a member of the posse that later captured Geronimo.

Active in early day politics, Mr. Scholefield served as councilman at large in Tucson from 1904 to 1916. He was a captain in the volunteer fire department and both he and Mrs. Scholefield were members of the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society.

First man to be initiated into the B.P.O.E. in the Arizona territory, Mr. Scholefield was a lifetime member of the Elks organization, which will be in charge of the funeral service to be at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Reilly Undertaking Company chapel. Burial will be in the Elks plot in Evergreen cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Scholefield are the widow, Mrs. Clara A. Scholefield, of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Helen A. Brodie, of Tucson; a son, Carl B. Scholefield, of Globe; and six grandchildren, A. Major Brodie, Blissie Scholefield, Carol Scholefield Tuttle, Catherine, Virginia, and George B. Scholefield.

Former Chief and member of TVFD:

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September 2 , 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Tucson Fire Turns Number Out Of Home

Mother Narrowly Escapes As She Attempts To Save Baby; Loss Is High

A major tragedy was narrowly averted late Tuesday when Mrs. Steve Negary, mother of an infant son, heard the fire department sirens scream while she was visiting a corner store, rushed back into her burning home at 132 North Hoff street for the boy, was partially overcome by smoke and carried from the building only to learn that another soldier's wife, Mrs. Elton Maury, had carried the child to safety.

An exploding oil stove was the cause of the fire, according to Robert Russell, who roomed in the building. He placed coffee on the stove to cook, stepped out for a second and the stove exploded, spraying oil over everything in the vicinity. Russell called "fire" but by that time the entire building seemed to be ablaze, he said.

Within a few moments the building next to the rooming house was also on fire.

Saves Children

Mrs. Thomas Miller, mother of three small children, one a boy only six months old, heard Russell cry out, grabbed the three children and made for the hallway from their front first-floor rooms. The hall was blazing. Mrs. Miller made her way to the rear, tore a screen from one of the windows and lowered the children to safety.

All the Miller clothing was burned, she reported. Her soldier husband, on duty at Davis-Monthan field, knew nothing of the fire until he returned home later.

James Arnold, who operated the rooming house under lease from Drachman - Grant, was taking an afternoon nap when he was awakened by the commotion. He escaped, partially clad, into the street. His clothing was destroyed by the blaze.

Almost trapped were Mrs. Charles Clemons and her eight-year-old daughter in a second floor room, just above where the fire first broke out. They both escaped by letting themselves down to the roof of an adjacent garage.

More fortunate was Mrs. William Moss, who raced from the second floor to the street at the first alarm, escaping personal harm but also losing most of her possessions in the flames.

Loses All Clothing

The new personnel at the Marana air field made the news when Mrs. Ray Wallace reported the loss of all clothing, including uniforms, belonging to her husband at the air school.

Not long after the first building caught fire the roof on the house just to the south was blazing. Firemen checked that before it spread to the building proper. Damage by water accounted for the loss sustained at that location, owned and operated by Ben Cramer.

The Southern Pacific fire fighting organization helped city firemen in saving the Cramer property.

Neighbors joined together in housing and furnishing clothing to victims of the blaze. Both buildings were of brick and frame construction. Damage to the two buildings was estimated at about $9,000.

September 16 , 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

EXAMINATIONS TO SECURE men for the eligibility list for fire captain in the Tucson fire department will be held at 1:30 p. m. Saturday in the council chambers of the city hall, J. Forrest Ingle, personnel director of civil service, said today.

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September 2, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

BLAZE WRECKS TUCSON HOUSE

Occupants Have Narrow Escapes as Blast Starts Fire

Fire, starting from an oil cook stove explosion, flashed through a boarding house at 132 North Hoff street, in mid-afternoon yesterday, sending occupants, mostly women and children, racing for their lives to the street. The flames quickly spread to another rooming house next door at No. 128 and partially destroyed that building. No one was injured.

Damage was estimated at between $9,500 and $8,500 to the two buildings and contents. A soaring pillar of smoke from the crackling flames could be seen over the city, and a large crowd gathered at the scene.

Stove Explodes

Robert Russell, who roomed at the rear of the boarding house, operated by James Arnold, at 132 North Hoff, had just placed a pot of coffee on the oil stove, he said, and stepped to the doorway for a bucket of water, when the stove exploded spewing oil and flames over the room. Russell said he only had time to cry "Fire!" until the whole house seemed ablaze. He lost all of his personal belongings.

Mrs. Thomas Miller, and her three children, two girls, 5 and 2 years old and a six-month-old baby boy, heard Russell's frantic cry in their first floor room. Mrs. Miller seized her children ran to the doorway leading into the hall and the front room. The hallway was full of smoke and flames were creeping along the floor. She slammed the door and made for a window. Kicking out the glass she lowered her children to the yard outside and then climbed through herself. On a dresser lay forgotten $30 in currency that went up in flames. Her husband is a soldier stationed at Davis-Monthan Field. He was on duty at the time. The Millers' clothing also was destroyed.

Baby Saved

Mrs. Steve Negary, had left her two-year-old son asleep in care of Mrs. Elton Maury, another soldier's wife, as she went to the corner for food for the youngster. The screaming fire sirens were Mrs. Negary's first knowledge of the fire. She raced homeward and before bystanders could halt her, rushed into the burning building in search of her child. Partially overcome by smoke she was carried from the building and friends informed er the baby was safe, in care of young Mrs. Maury who had carried the youngster to the street when the alarm was sounded in the house.

Clothing Burned

James Arnold, operator of the boarding house, was dozing in his bed when the fire burst through the building. He escaped, minus his shirt, to the street. Arnold is recovering from an operation. Both his clothing and that of his wife was consumed in the fire.

Mrs. Negary, in searching through the fire-charred house after the flames had been put out, discovered a railroad ticket to Michigan she had purchased and left on the dresser, and which she believed burned up. Scorched, it still was sufficient to obtain a duplicate from the railroad company. She also found a pair of shoes for her small son.

Mrs. Charles Clemons and her eight-year-old daughter, were trapped in their room just above where the blaze originated. They escaped by climbing out a window to a galvanized iron garage adjacent, as the outside stairway to their room burned high.

Mrs. William Moss, alone in her second-floor apartment, raced to the street at the arim leaving most of her clothing and personal possessions behind.

Uniform Gone

Mrs. Ray Wallace, whose husband is at the Marana air field, returned home to find her belongings gone. Her most insistent anxiety was over loss of her husband's uniform. Mrs. Dan Boyle was sitting outside on the boarding house porch when the fire broke out. She was unable to save belongings in her second-floor room.

Meanwhile the roaring flames had spread to the rooming house next door to the south. The roof of the building caught first but firemen were able to check the blaze before it spread far into the building. Water damaged most of the five apartments.

Mrs. Scott Adair, who with her husband, occupied a second-floor apartment next the burning Arnold structure, raced to the street, then hurried back into the apartment for clothing. She seized her husband's smoking jacket and an anklet sock and ran back out to the street. However none of their clothing was destroyed.

Adair arrived home from downtown, bound for work at the Marana base, just after the fire broke out.

Other Occupants

Others who occupied the apartments in the building owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cramer, at 128 North Hoff street, were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vogle, and their two children, who escaped into the street, when the fire reached out for the building in which they lived; Mr. and Mrs. Garziano Alesii, who were absent at the time; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Sullins, and their son C. W. Sullins; and Mrs. N. E. Edwards, who was at work at a downtown laundry company. Young Sullins and his parents were absent during the fire.

Water from the hoses of the city fire department and the Southern Pacific railroad's fire fighting crew which aided in combating the flames, caused most of the damage in the Cramer building. Only the roof was burned badly by the flames. The railroad crew joined the fire battle from the nearby railroad yards. Hoff street in that block faces into the tracks about a block above the railroad station. It is the first street, east of Fourth avenue on East Ninth street.

Owner Away

Mrs. Cramer was across the street when the fire swept onto the roof of her husband's building. He was away for the day inspecting mining property, she said. The Cramers do not live in the building.

By a freak of wind the home of Frank Brewster, at 134 North Hoff street, and as near to the Arnold building as the Cramer structure, was not touched by the flames. Brewster was not at home.

Late yesterday afternoon, neighbors and friends were aiding those left homeless, in establishing temporary quarters in their homes.

The Arnold building is owned by the Drachman-Grant Realty Company and rented to Arnold, while insurance on the building and on the Cramer building, is held by the same company. Both are of brick and frame construction.

FIRE PREVENTION PLANS DISCUSSED

The Chamber of Commerce, in cooperating with city officials and Fire Chief Henry Hilles, has already begun preparations for "Fire Prevention Week," officially proclaimed for October 4 to 10, C. Edgar Goyette, chamber secretary, said yesterday.

Plans are being made to intensify interest in fire prevention, particularly as related to war, and it will be observed on the widest scope possible this year.

Hilles said yesterday that although definite plans had not been formulated for Tucson as yet, work would be started here within the near future.

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September 5, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

An alarm of "fire" shouted by someone in the neighborhood of Fifth avenue and Tucson boulevard shortly after 8:30 o'clock last night resulted in a telephone call to the city fire department. Firemen responding to the call said they could find no evidence of flames in the vicinity and wrote it down as a false alarm.

September 12, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Loss estimated at $25 resulted from a fire yesterday at the home of William Obregon, 454 Otero street, the city fire department reported. Cause of the blaze in the adobe structure was unknown, firemen said.

September 17, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

FIREMEN QUALIFY FOR PROMOTIONS

Twelve firemen have qualified to take examinations for captaincies in the city fire department, J. Forrest Ingle, city personnel director, announced yesterday.

Ingle said the promotional examination will be conducted September 28. Due to the fact that but three men who were qualified applied to take the examination for promotion to assistant chief, the examination for that post has been cancelled, Ingle said.

Instead, under the civil service rules, the three will be certified to the eligible list in the order of their educational and experience qualifications which entitled them to take the examination.

Appointment of an assistant chief from this list, all three captains, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Alex McNeill several weeks ago, will leave a vacancy for captain to be filled from the list created by the forthcoming captaincy examinations.

September 22, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

LEGION TO HEAR SPEAKER

Capt. R. T. Black of the Tucson fire department will talk on incendiary bombs and fire protection during air raids at a meeting of Morgan McDermott Unit No. 7, American Legion Auxiliary, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting, at the Legion hall, is open to the public.

September 24, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Fire Auxiliary

Women's Volunteer Fire Department, under O.C.D., will meet at the Central Fire Station, South Sixth avenue, at 7:30 o'clock this evening. The meeting is open to the public.

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September 16 , 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

EXAMINATIONS TO SECURE men for the eligibility list for fire captain in the Tucson fire department will be held at 1:30 p. m. Saturday in the council chambers of the city hall, J. Forrest Ingle, personnel director of civil service, said today.

September 27, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Capt. Black Explains Handling Fire Bombs

Capt. R. T. Black, Tucson fire department, explained different kinds of incendiary bombs and methods of disposing of them at a meeting of Morgan McDermott Unit No. 7, American Legion Auxiliary, Thursday evening at the American Legion Hall. He stated that it is necessary for all housewives to know how to handle fires in case of an air raid.

Mrs. Charlotte Helbig, president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Gladys Phenecie led community singing, accompanied by Mrs. Hazel Brown. Helen Fox won the attendance prize of defense stamps.

The next meeting will be Oct. 8.

September 28, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

BLAZE DESTROYS 2 FRAME HOUSES

Two frame shacks, one a two-story structure, in the rear of the Kappa Sigma fraternity house, 1701 East Speedway, were completely destroyed by a fire which started at about 5 a. m. yesterday.

Several trunks, two good saddles, books and other belongings of students staying at the fraternity house were burned in the blaze whose origin was undetermined. It was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock by Mickey McGuire, 2017 East Third street, who happened to be driving by.

McGuire entered the house and roused several of the students, who proceeded to move away about eight cars which were in danger. The paint on at least three of the cars was damaged somewhat, and several windshields were cracked by the blaze.

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September 24 & 28, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

CIVILIAN WORKER KILLED AT MARANA

Boyd Keese, 24, a civilian employed by the Sundt and White Construction company, was electrocuted shortly after noon today while working on power lines at the Marana air base.

Keese, who was working with his brother, B. J. Keese, at the time, accidentally came in contact with a high voltage wire. The pulmotor squad from the Tucson fire department rushed to the base but was unable to revive him. Besides his brother, Keese leaves his father and a sister of Texarkana.

This is the first fatality at the Marana base, the public relations office said.

Navy Mothers Will Meet At 8 Tonight

Navy Mothers' club No. 240, will meet at 8 o'clock tonight at the V. F. W. hall, 121 East Broadway. Contributions will be received to add to the fund which will purchase a defense bond in honor of the founder of the club, Mrs. Emma Jones.

A short program will be presented following the business session. The Silvertone Quartette, composed of children of Capt. E. B. Hicks, chaplain at Fort Huachuca, will sing.

Capt. Rudy Black of the Tucson fire department will speak to the mothers. His topic will be the instructions as to the handling of incendiary bombs.

September 29, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

STUBBORN FIRE IS FINALLY HALTED

City firemen were unable to blanket a fire which broke out in the basement of the Copper State Mercantile Co., 422 North Fourth avenue, about 11 p. m. yesterday, until 4:30 a. m. today.

Fire Chief Harry Hilles said the cause of the conflagration was probably a carelessly thrown cigarette or match and that the flames got a good start before the blaze was discovered and reported.

Damage to the Copper State Co. had not been estimated today, Hilles said.

For some time it looked like a store of wines and beer in the basement of the Acme Distributing Co. next door, would be destroyed, firemen said.

A heavy breeze made fighting the fire difficult, according to both police and firemen.

FIRE ENTHUSIAST PAYS FOR HIS FUN

Police said nothing could keep Charles H. Miller, route two, from going to the fire last night at North Fourth avenue and Seventh street.

They said they tried to flag him down at Sixth street and Fourth avenue but he came on. Again they tried to route him away from the fire, without avail.

Miller ended up by running over a length of fire hose, nearly hitting one fireman and several of the police force, they said.

When he was eventually halted it was within a few inches of a fire truck, firemen related.

Police took the matter in hand and charged him with reckless driving. This morning he pleaded guilty to the charge. Magistrate Paul J. Cella fixed a fine of $30 or told Miller he could work it out within 30 days in jail.

Miller paid the fine.

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September 29, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

FLAMES DAMAGE TUCSON STORES

Fire Causes Great Loss To Business Houses On North Fourth

Firemen early this morning apparently had under control a fire which caused considerable damage to business houses on North Fourth avenue between East Sixth and Seventh streets.

Breaking out in the basement of the Copper State Mercantile company, 422 North Fourth avenue, the wind-swept blaze destroyed practically all of the merchandise in that building and did considerable damage to the Acme Distributing company to the north, and the Grabe Electric storage quarters to the south.

H. Rosen, owner of the wholesale company, could not be reached for an estimate of the amount of goods which apparently were being ruined by fire and smoke. Managers of the Acme Distributing company, however, estimated that they had stored in the adjoining basement between $30,000 and $35,000 in wines and liquors that had recently been put in storage for the winter season and that this supply was being threatened.

What damage was suffered by the Grabe storage, containing a considerable number of electric refrigerators, stoves and radios, could not be ascertained.

While the smoke coming from the basements of the three companies was not discovered until about 11 p. m., firemen stated it was possible that some of the stored goods in Rosen's section of the building had been smouldering for some time. Three fire trucks answered the call, and men from the stations were being aided by auxiliary firemen in their attempt to quell the blaze.

Main difficulty in bringing the fire under control was a strong northeast wind which sent smoke floating as far as five blocks from the site of the fire.

Water poured into the three buildings reached nearly a foot in depth after the first hour, at which time firemen were barely getting things under control.

September 30, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

LOSS IN BLAZE HERE IS HEAVY

Much of Merchandise Lost In Fire Irreplaceable In War Time

Known damage by fire of approximately $26,000 and an unestimated loss from smoke and water reaching possibly half that amount, yesterday was reported by owners of a beer distributing agency, a mercantile store and a warehouse, at 426-424-420 North Fourth avenue, as result of a blaze that began shortly before 11 o'clock Monday night.

Insurance adjusters and proprietors all day yesterday were attempting to untangle masses of wrecked merchandise, ranging from womens hairpins to crated refrigerators. The fire was of undetermined cause.

Flames Spread

Originating in the Copper State Mercantile Company basement among piles of school supplies, flames spread to the storage warehouse of the Grabe Electric Company on the south. On the north, the Acme Distributing Company had only water and smoke damage, in the basement, where wines were stored. Beer, kept upstairs, was not damaged and the company was operating as usual yesterday.

Billowing smoke, silhouetted against a bright moon, rose high over the city, attracting a large crowd to the scene. Firemen poured water from seven hose lines into the building interiors. Keith F. Hubbard, assistant fire chief, said 180,000 gallons of water were used to combat the fire. The last fire truck left the scene shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Floor Caves In

Spreading rapidly, among school tablets, hair combs and other notions in the mercantile company basement, the flames destroyed the wood flooring above, causing its collapse with hundreds of items, such as gloves, pins, Christmas decorations and toys, and nail polish, into the scorching lower space. Smoke, and intense heat filled the building space, warping pipe stems and plastic articles in the front of the store.

Hymer Rosen, vice-president of the company, called from his home, made four attempts to reach business records inside the building before he was able to stagger out with the account books.

Partly Insured

Rosen placed his company's loss at between $20,000 and $21,000, adding that many articles were irreplaceable during war times. The loss was covered partly by insurance, he said.

Creeping through a building partition, the fire struck next at the Grabe warehouse where space was stacked with refrigerators, radios, heating units, stoves and commercial freezing units. In the basement some $5,000 worth of cabinet radios

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added impetus to the flames which tore through the wood flooring above, to bring crashing down, the heavy articles stored above.

Refrigerators, some of them crated, were jumbled with remains of radio sets, cooking and heating stoves. Smoke poured through the storage space, laying soot blankets on all things untouched by fire.

Loss Estimates

V. T. Hanna, head of the electric company, said he could estimate loss only on the radios buried in the basement, placing that amount at between $4,000 and $5,000. Total loss only could be reached by a complete check, Hanna said. The stock was covered by insurance, he said.

In the distributing agency, stocks of wine still were covered with water, and Otto Ruelas, a partner in the concern, said the amount of breakage and loss would be discovered only when water was pumped out of the basement area. The entire beer and wine stock in the building was valued at between $20,000 and $25,000, he said.

The group of buildings, of brick and stucco construction are owned by Fred Adams, local jeweler. Insurance on the three store spaces and building, amounted to $10,000 Adams stated. At 10 o'clock, the fire was not discernible when Maurice T. Guiney, merchant patrolman, checked the building at that time. The fire department call was received at 10:43 o'clock. Three trucks answered the call. Assistant Chief Hubbard was driving home down Fourth avenue when the truck sirens clarioned a fire call, behind him. Hubbard returned and directed fire-fighting until the last truck left the scene.

Charles H. Miller, 47, was arrested shortly before midnight, by police diverting traffic from the fire, after he ignored warnings and drove over a fire hose, narrowly missed striking several firemen and a parked fire truck. Patrolmen who charged Miller with reckless driving, said he had been drinking.

In police court yesterday, Miller was fined $30. He gave his address as route 2, box 90.

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September 30, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Loss In Blaze Monday Night Will Be Large

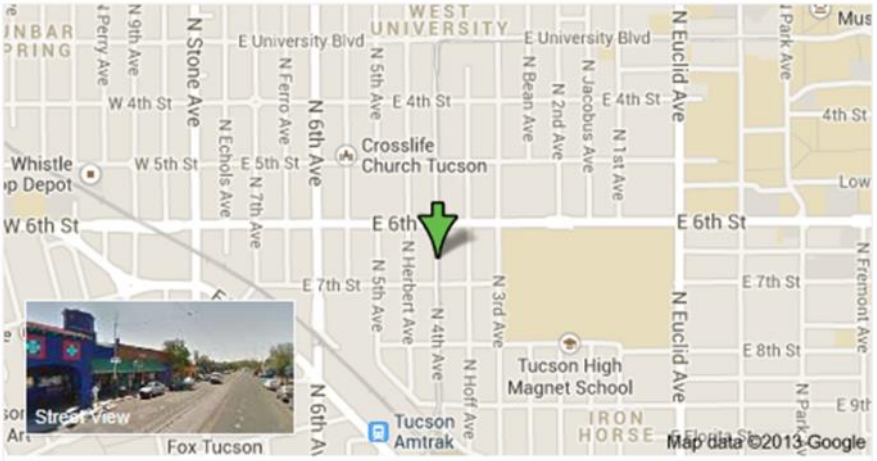
Known Damage $26,000 But More Expected As Final Check Completed

Not for several days will the total loss by fire, smoke and water be known, insurance adjusters said today, as they untangled debris from the basement of the Copper States Mercantile Co., 420 North Fourth avenue where the blaze originated Monday night, and looked over the situation at the Acme Brewing Co., next door, as well as the warehouse of the Grabe Electric Co., adjacent to the two.

Known damage is about $26,000, they said, but that amount represents losses suffered by the Copper States Mercantile concern and Grabe Electric Co. General merchandise was destroyed, some of it not replaceable, in the basement of the first named establishment, while radio sets stored in the Grabe warehouse were damaged to the extent of about $5,000. The total Grabe loss will not be known, according to officials of that concern, until the entire stock has been checked.

Fred Adams, local jeweler, owned the building, which was insured for $10,000, he said.

The fire was reported at 10:48 Monday night but was not extinguished until about 4:30 a. m. the following day, Fire Chief Hilles said. He also gave as his opinion that a carelessly thrown cigarette or match was the cause of the blaze.



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October 3, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Davidson PTA Has Guest Speakers

The first meeting of the Davidson P.T.A. was held Thursday afternoon at the school. Mr. Harvey Tate of the University of Arizona was guest speaker. His subject was "Home Food Production and Winter Gardens."

Sgt. Rudolph Black of the Tucson fire department spoke on preventing and extinguishing fires in the home.

Officers, chairmen, teachers, and the principal, Mr. G. A. Clawson, were introduced to the parents. Mr. Clawson gave a report on the school.

The project for the year will be landscaping the school yard and the driveway.

A carnival to be held October 24 will be the means for raising the money for the enterprise. The membership drive, with the rooms competing for prizes, has started under the direction of Mrs. Wilford Hardy, membership chairman.

The program was directed by Mrs. P. M. Breeding. Refreshments were served by Mrs. P. L. Stockwell and Mrs. W. Hardy. Mrs. J. K. Young, president, presided at the session.

bridegroom, drove here from California to be present at the ceremony.

October 6, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Two Burglars Are Caught In Local School

Merchant Patrolman Seizes Pair After Fire Found In One Building

"I opened the door. The first thing I saw was one of the guys streaking it across the room to an open window. My gun was out, cocked, and I told the 'mug' to halt or I would kill him. He kept on going. I began to squeeze the trigger. Again I warned I would shoot. By that time the fellow was half way through the window. He stopped," so narrated Maurice Guiney, merchant patrolman this morning. "I would have killed him in another second."

Guiney told of running down and catching, single handed, Alejandro Matus, 530 West 26th street, and Lambert Estrada, 520 West 27th street, in the Mission View school after they had allegedly set fire to the Ochoa school less than an hour before and made good their escape, at least temporarily.

Building Looted

Not only did the pair set the Ochoa school afire but looted the building of pencils, pens and school supplies in general, police reported.

The fire call reached the station at 12:07 a. m. today. Police answered and as it turned out Guiney was on his way to the scene to check the school, which is on his rounds. They found a fine blaze going and turned in a call for help.

Firemen found the blaze confined to a small room off the principal's office and put it out after some time. It was Guiney who noticed the one broken window and evidence that the place had been ransacked before the attempt at arson.

A hurried check showed some articles missing but both police and Guiney agreed the necessary thing was to run the culprits to earth. Guiney said he thought the arson attempt was by younger children who saw visions of school being "out for the duration." He suggested to Richard Tripp and Paul G. Denny, both city police, that they begin an immediate check of other schools in the vicinity.

According to the police report on the affair, Tripp and Denny hurried around to the Carrillo and Drachman schools but found everything in order.

Guiney, carrying out his part of the plans, drove to the Mission View school. Guiney said, "I drove around the building several times. Apparently nothing was wrong. I used my spot light but still could

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Police, after looking over the accumulation of school supplies, called the principal, Mrs. Lay Ballfinch, who came to the station and identified the articles as coming from the Ochoa school.

Change Stories

The men, when questioned said they, in company with an Indian, were out together but steadfastly denied they had broken into the Ochoa school and set it on fire. Police said they changed their stories when confronted with the positive identification of the articles they had stolen from Ochoa and which were found on their persons when caught inside the Mission View school.

At 7:15 a. m. today police considered the case closed, they said. This morning both Matus and Estrada were charged in police court with burglary and bound over for action of the Pima county authorities.

Police said arson charges would probably be filed as well.

Both youths gave their ages as 19 and told police they were cotton pickers.

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see nothing suspicious but on 'a hunch,' decided to enter.

Finds Culprits

"I make the school on my regular rounds anyhow, so I let myself in. The first thing I saw was one of these 'eggs' running like a flash across the room to the open window. The other one ducked down behind a desk.

"I almost killed the one who was making for the window. He would not stop and what was I to do. They were fully grown and they looked bad. Just in time he stopped.

"They were all 'hopped up' with marihuana and acted funny. Eventually I got the 'cuffs' on them and pulled both into my car. Not until they were in the car did I know they had these long school shears on them. I could feel the long points sticking into my side.

"I got them to the station just as quickly as I could. There the police searched them and took all their loot. I was glad to see those big shears on the police desk instead of sticking into me," Guiney said.

"I couldn't search them out there, it takes two men to do that, one to hold them steady and the other to do the work."

October 3, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Harvey Tate Is Meeting Speaker

Davidson School PTA met Thursday to hear Harvey Tate of the University of Arizona speak on "Home Food Production and Winter Gardens." Sgt. Rudolph Black of the Tucson Fire Department was a second speaker on "Prevention of Fires in the Home."

Officers of the PTA, teachers, and the principal, V. A. Clawson, were introduced. Mr. Clawson reported on plans for this year's projects which are the landscaping of the school-yard and a new driveway. Funds are to be raised at a carnival October 24.

Announcement was made that the membership drive is nearing completion under the direction of Mrs. Wilford Hary, chairman. Mrs. P. M. Breeding directed the presentation of a program.

Mrs. J. J. Young presided at the business session. Refreshments were served by Mrs. T. R. Stockwell and Mrs. Wilford Hardy.

A wooden storage shed in the rear of the George Green home, 407 East Second street, yesterday was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin, the city fire department reported. Trunks, tools and rugs were consumed by the flames. The damage was not estimated, firemen said.

October 6, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

CITY FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

Receipts Are Higher Than Expected, Expenditures Balance, Report

Receipts exceeded expectations in every account and the net overexpenditure was less than $600 for the first quarter of the city's fiscal year, James T. Manders, city auditor, reported yesterday.

Total receipts were $256,680.10, or $23,251.64 more than had been anticipated for the period.

Receipt anticipations are based on experience in past years and estimates for the forthcoming fiscal period, while expenditure allocations are divided on a calendar month basis without regard to seasonal outlays, Manders explained.

Tax Collections High

In the receipts column, outstanding was the tax item, $9,970.89 over the amount expected, thanks to high collections by the county treasurer.

Water department receipts were $4,758.74 over anticipations, due to extremely dry weather; fines and penalties were over by $2,084.50; miscellaneous receipts by $4,221.17, due to a payment for land by the Tucson Housing Authority, this money to be spent by the city in purchasing land for a Negro recreational center; licenses by $1,132; permit and inspection fees by $54.90; farm income by $46.47; swimming pool receipts by $123.35; lieu tax, by $657.89.

Over-expended were the fire department, by $31.98; waste collection and incinceration, $2,435.64; sewers, $395.03; sewer farm, $1,214.08; parks, $444.50; golf course, $1,023.44; baseball park, $278.87; recreation, $241.03; city hall, $1,312.68; water department, $11,731.10.

Under-Expenditures Listed

Under-expended were administration, by $1,005.89; police, $1,431.04; police and fire signals, $119.24; city pound, $68.81; inspection service, $114.24; health department, $175.18; street department, $4,171.71; engineering and superintendent of streets, $2,747.16; shop, $245.51; miscellaneous, $2,194.16; store, $15.81; contingencies and sundries, $6,244.37.

October 7, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

TWO ARE HELD IN SCHOOL FIRE

Youths Break in and Steal Also, Police Say

Accused of setting fire to the Ochoa school after ransacking the principal's office, two 19-year-old youths yesterday were held for action of superior court after a preliminary hearing before Justice C. W. Gardner.

The blaze, discovered a few minutes after midnight yesterday by an unidentified passerby who pulled the corner fire box, was checked by firemen before it gained much headway. The flames consumed a portion of the basement stairs. Damage was estimated at $75.

Alejandro Matas, 530 West Twenty-sixth street, told James C. Herron, city detective, he touched a match to a cotton mattress stored in a basement closet of the school. He could offer no explanation for the act yesterday. With Lambert Estrada Fuentes, 534 West Twenty-ninth street, young Matas broke into the building through a south window. The pair forced open the principal's desk, taking a flashlight and a small hand mirror. They discovered no money, they said.

After setting the fire, the youths fled, leaving an empty wine bottle on the office floor. It was the bottle's discovery, in part, that led Police Captain Roy G. Robinson to order a check of other city schools, in the event the offenders, intoxicated, might attempt a similar crime elsewhere. His surmise proved correct.

Merchant Patrolman Maurice Guiney, who had offered to check schools outside the corporate limits but still in the urban area, discovered at the Mission school, in Government Heights, some 20 blocks from Ochoa school, evidence of someone breaking into the building. Guiney followed the tactics of the prowlers and surprised the two youths in the building, he said. Matas attempted to escape but halted when Guiney threatened to shoot.

Brought to police headquarters, the pair yesterday made statements, at first implicating a third youth who they said set the actual fire and broke into the building. Later they admitted, police said, they were attempting to "put the blame on him so that we could go free," and that in reality there was no one else involved in the crimes.

The pair were apprehended before anything was disturbed in the Mission school building, police said. Formal charge against the youths was burglary. They were held under $1,000 bond each.

October 14, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

The women's volunteer fire department of the Office of Civilian Defense will meet at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow at fire headquarters. The session will be open to the public.

MAN ACCUSED OF ARSON, BURGLARY

Maurio Larriva, of 925 East Seventeenth street, yesterday was ordered held for action of the county attorney on charges of arson and burglary in connection with a fire early Sunday night at the home of Pedro Sandoval, 1107 East Mill street.

Police say Larriva set fire to stove wood in the living room of the Sandoval home and stole a sewing machine and a quantity of meat. The fire was discovered and put out by neighbors before serious damage was done by the flames. The stolen meat, police said, was found in the Larriva icebox. The sewing machine has not yet been recovered.

October 20, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Local Enlistments Are But Start On Road To Real Glory

This story does not contain a date-line from Guadalcanal, Australia or any foreign battle front. Nor has it been received from any wire service covering this global war. The locale is Tucson, and the date is Monday. It concerns the largest contingent of recruits ever accepted in one day at the local Marine Corps recruiting station. No dramatic newspaper copy has paid tribute to recruits—yet every war hero was once a recruit.

Seven native Tucsonians have volunteered their services in the Marine Corps, and have been accepted for enlistment. Their names are: Edward Lambert Kern, Gus George Mazon, jr., William Clyde Crowell, Cornelius Warner, Robert Windson Stewart and Edgardo DeLucas. These six men who have today been enlisted in the Marines may provide tomorrow's headlines in every Allied country throughout the world.

Action Displayed

Since December 7, when the Japanese began hostilities against the United States, the fighting actions of the Marines have been displayed on the front pages of newspapers throughout the nation.

Those Marines who have already materialized their heroic hopes, as pilots of torpedo-planes which crashed the decks of enemy ships; those Marines who forced a landing on the Solomons in the face of enemy barrage; those Marines who have established air-bases in malarial jungles; those Marines who at this very moment are fighting on battlefronts in actions which will form tomorrow's headlines, they—all of them—began their service careers just as these six Tucsonians are now beginning theirs.

class of 1916. He has been at Fort [illegible] since [illegible]

Future Heroes Of Marines 'Join Up'

The procedure which crystallized their heroism was no different than that of these six men. Each of them once visited a recruiting station where they awaited anxiously and hopefully—to learn if they could volunteer their service of patriotism and fighting in the defense of our country.

No Conscription

Significant is the fact that these six men volunteered their services—the Marine Corps has no conscription. Enlistment in the Marines is tantamount to a direct transfer to the fighting front, following specialized training. These are the men, and thousands more like them, who are spearheads of American victories against vicious enemies.

Tucson may well be proud of these Marine recruits, who are native sons.

Kern, 19, is the son of Carl Kern of 622 North Third avenue. He attended Tucson high school and recently has been employed by the Fox theatre.

Mazon is 20, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Mazon of 1821 East 13th street. He was a cheerleader while attending high school here, and also has been employed by the Fox theatre. His father is a member of the Tucson fire department.

Crowell, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crowell of 627 South Third avenue, distinguished himself in high school baseball here before his graduation, and during this past summer he played outfield with the Laundry Lions in the Tucson semi-pro league.

Kin of Pioneer

Warner, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warner of 709 West Congress street, is the great grandson of one of Tucson's earliest pioneers, Solomon Warner. Warner graduated from high school here, and had been attending the University of Arizona. He withdrew from the university to volunteer his services with the Marines. He has a sister who is now a senior at the university.

Stewart, 20, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Stewart, who has operated the Casion press in Tucson for many years. Young Stewart graduated from Tucson high school, and has a sister, Eleanor, who is attending the University of Arizona.

DeLucas, 22, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugenia DeLucas of Douglas. He was born in Douglas and is a graduate of Douglas high school. He played three years of football and basketball while in high school and cherishes the fact that the football teams of which he was a member won four of six games from Bisbee during those years.

Special Mention

The Marine corps recruiting staff for Tucson, with offices in the post-office building, is also deserving of special mention.

Staff Sgt. Jesse H. Bryant is in charge, and is a native of Texas.

His two asistants are Sgt. H. Cowan Drachman, member of an old Tucson family, who studied at the University of Arizona following attendance at Culver Military academy, and Sgt. J. H. Van Horne, who was a chemistry instructor and track coach at Tucson high school for 17 years and relinquished his position only last September to enlist with the Marines.

October 20, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Pension Fund For Firemen Is Questioned

Economic Handicap Seen In 10 Years Unless Court Action Favorable

The firemen's pension fund, created under state law, will remain solvent by paying pensions from interest on principal for about 10 years, but there is a danger that it might then become an economic handicap, Joseph D. McAllister, city treasurer, commented today in outlining the city's interest in a suit in Maricopa county involving the source of this fund as presently administered.

A citizen in Maricopa county has brought suit against the Arizona corporation commission for approximately $35,000 which he alleges is the amount deducted from fire insurance premiums for the past two years at the rate of two per cent on each premium. The citizen contends this money should have gone to organized fire departments, whether or not the policy covered property within a city.

As now administered, only the two per cent on policies covering property within a city goes to the firemen's pension fund, the remaining portion of the money going into the state general fund.

Explains Statement

Explaining further his statement as to the economic handicap on which the pension fund might operate after about 10 years, McAllister said that on the present rate of income from policies on property within the city two more retirements could be adequately financed from interest on an estimated $90,000 principal next June 30.

Then, with the mounting number of retirements in the next few years, the city should receive the estimated $6,000 which can be available if the Maricopa suit is settled to favor the city. McAllister said it is estimated that $35,000 has already gone into the general fund.

With the suit settled to favor the city, additional funds would become availabel each year, with Tucson receiving its share of the total paid in the state.

October 28, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Firemen Given Higher Posts

Two Will Be Promoted To Position Of Captain As Of Nov. 1

Fire Chief Henry Hilles has selected Firemen R. F. Freeman and H. E. Francis to be advanced to the position of captain in the fire department to become effective November 1.

Freeman and Francis were picked from a list of six firemen who had successfully passed both the written and oral examinations and ranked first and second on the list respectfully.

The other four successful candidates taking the examination were Harold M. Mickola, W. L. Bierbaum, Forrest H. French and George A. Clauberg.

Examining Board

The board of examiners for the civil service commission that give the written and oral test and who certify as to the rating and ranking of contestants in the examinations are: Professors O. A. Simly and Woolford D. Webb, both of the University of Arizona staff, and R. C. Parnell.

Chief Hilles states that he is in need of four more able bodied men who desire to join the fire force. The vacancies are caused by firemen joining the armed services.

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October 21, 1942, City Meeting:

A communication from the Town of South Tucson, requesting the use of City of Tucson fire trucks and equipment on a monthly, yearly or per fire contract between both towns, was read, and after a discussion this request was referred to the Acting City Manager and Fire Chief for consideration and report at the next meeting.

October 24, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Eight members of the Tucson fire department will be given oral examinations for promotion to the eligible list for captains Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the city hall, J. Forrest Ingle, city personnel director, announced yesterday. One vacancy is to be filled from the eligible list to be established by the examination, the written phase of which has been completed.

October 25, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

FIRE IN MAILBOX DAMAGES LETTERS

Contents of a mail box on the southwest corner of Fifth and Main streets, yesterday afternoon were destroyed, partially, by fire, from a lighted match tossed into the federal receptacle.

Only three letters, Harold Collins, postmaster, said, were burned so that they could not be placed in another envelope and forwarded to their original destination. Of these, two could be returned to the sender, and only one was destroyed completely.

Firemen, called to the scene at 4:20 o'clock, used dry ice to smother the fire, Collins said. The chemical put out the fire without even staining other letters in the box. A partially burned wooden match was found inside when Collins opened the mail box in the presence of firemen.

Collins said he learned from neighbors, a group of loungers had been seen around the corner during the hours previous to the alarm.

October 27, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Firemen were called late yesterday afternoon to extinguish a blaze after a wooden shack had caught fire in the rear of the L. G. Grijalva home, 126 West Fourth street. The entire shack, used for storage, was burned. Origin of the fire was undetermined by firemen.

October 28, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

ELIGIBLE LIST FOR CAPTAINS IS GIVEN

From a list of six eligibles for a captaincy in the city fire department, two present vacancies will be filled, J. Forrest Ingle, city personnel director, announced yesterday.

R. P. Freeman, H. P. Francis, Harold M. Mickola, W. L. Bierbaum, Forrest H. French and George A. Clauberg, were high six in a group that successfully passed written and oral examinations of the civil service commission for the captaincy, Ingle said.

October 29, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

TWO FIREMEN ARE GIVEN PROMOTIONS

Selection of two firemen, R. F. Freeman and H. E. Francis to be advanced to the rank of captain, was announced yesterday by Fire Chief Henry Hilles. The promotion to become effective November 1.

Four other firemen, beside Freeman and Francis, successfully passed oral and written examinations. They were Harold M. Mikola, W. L. Bierbaum, Forest H. French and George A. Clauberg.

Four vacancies in the fire department still exist, Chief Hilles said, appealing for applications from able-bodied men. The jobs pay $150 a month.

October 29, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

HAROLD M. MICKOLA IS NAMED CAPTAIN

Fire Chief Henry Hilles announces that he has promoted Harold M. Mickola, fireman first class and one of the successful candidates to pass the oral and written examinations for promotion where he ranked third, to captain in the fire department where he will serve as inspector.

Chief Hilles states that due to so many of his firemen joining the armed services he is still short four men for a full quota of members and that any strong capable men that are desirous of work and want to join the department should report at once.

November 2, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

NIDEVER PENSION GIVEN APPROVAL

Approval of a pension for Logan P. Nidever, retired captain of the fire department who entered the service in November, 1921, and was relieved of his duties October 15, and who is now living in Long Beach, Calif., was given by the board of trustees of the firemen relief and pension fund committee at its monthly meeting today.

Refunding of the amount of premiums paid in by two other members, R. L. Conrad and Charles S. Schmid, who resigned recently to enter other lines of business, were ordered.

The committee consists of Mayor Henry O. Jaastad, Fire Chief Henry Hilles, Assistan Fire Chief John C. Seivert, Captain Robert P. Freeman, Captain Harold Michola, Fireman First Class Charles Whitfield, Treasurer Joseph D. McAlister, and Carl Hitt, secretary.

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November 2, 1942, City Meeting:

Chief Henry L. Hilles, of the Tucson Fire Department, reported that he and the Acting City Manager had met with the Mayor of South Tucson concerning the use of the City of Tucson fire trucks and equipment in the Town of South Tucson, but no agreement could be reached until after the meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of South Tucson, which will be held in the near future.

November 11, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

PROTECTION ASKED FOR SOUTH TUCSON

An offer by the town of South Tucson to pay $2,200 to the city of Tucson for fire protection for the rest of the fiscal year will be considered next Monday night by the Tucson city council, Phil J. Martin Jr., city manager, said yesterday.

Under the arrangement suggested, fire apparatus and firemen of Tucson would be available to fight fires in the city of South Tucson.

South Tucson has set up a budget totalling $3,700, of which $1,500 has been spent in installing new fire hydrants. The offer of $2,200 for fire protection services followed a series of conferences between officials of South Tucson and Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles, of Tucson.

November 10, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

South Tucson Offers $2200 For Fire Aid

Tucson Council Will Take Up Proposal At Its Monday Meeting

Following suggestions made at informal meetings between officials of South Tucson and Tucson's fire chief, Henry L. Hilles, the council of the former municipality voted at its meeting last night to offer Tucson $2,200 for fire protection for the balance of the fiscal year.

This suggestion will be considered by the Tucson council at its meeting next Monday night, City Manager Phil J. Martin, jr., said today. It is his understanding, the city manager said, that $2,200 was the maximum amount available to the city sister city for fire protection this year and that acceptance of the offer will not in any way obligate Tucson beyond the present fiscal year.

The decision to make the offer was reached after an examination of their finances which, according to a report submitted by City Clerk Grace Weil, were in excellent condition.

A total of $8,700 was set up in the new budget, effective July 1, 1942, for new fire plugs and equipment. About $1,500 of that amount has been used in putting in new fire plugs, so nothing remained but to settle on the type of fire protection that would best suit their purpose, the council said.

Sales Tax Not Figured

Neither did the council think it a good idea to count the sales tax money before it became an established fact. How much it would receive under the cities allotment of 10 per cent, it had no way of knowing, Harry Juliani, city attorney explained to the council. Since there was a definite "if" in connection with that source of income, the council thought the wise things to do was to accept the city offer of $2,200 instead of attempting to purchase new fire fighting equipment.

Mrs. Weil suggested to the council that something should be done about the promiscuous dumping of trash on several of the city's vacant lots. It was becoming an established practice, Mrs. Weil informed the council, and unless something was done to end the situation the accumulation of trash would soon become an eye sore, not to speak of the sanitary angle of the problem.

To Have Stencils Cut

The tax-conscious group first thought it might erect metal signs telling the illegal dumpers to keep off, then decided it was cheaper and would be just as effective to have stencils cut, not only to care for the vacant city lots but others to warn persons traveling through school zones to slow down.

The council also thought $6 per day was about the right amount to pay the substitute city marshall who had taken Ora Shinn's place for a period of three days.

Mayor Walter L. Ellis presided. In attendance were Councilmen Frank N. Benitz, Jeter M. Glass, and William G. Schoch.

November 10, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Test Of Wage Freezing May Be Made Here

Effort To Raise Minimum Fire And Police Pay May Hit Snag

The first major test in Arizona of the federal wage freezing order is expected to result from a meeting here Sunday of the Fraternal Order of Police. The meeting will be held at the Santa Rita hotel.

Minimum salaries of police and firemen in Arizona are set by state law at a point which is believed by many too low to compensate for the increased cost of wartime living. Hence, there is a move under way to request amendment of the state law at the forthcoming session of the legislature in January. Acting Police Chief Harold C. Wheeler said definite action along these lines would be sought at Sunday's meeting.

Wage Act Might Conflict

While lawmakers might be in sympathy with such a request, there is a strong possibility that any alteration of the salary act looking toward a boost would be in direct conflict with the freezing order, one of Tucson's monetary experts said today.

Whether the legislature, if persuaded that the need of policemen and firemen is really urgent, will amend the law and permit a test through the courts remains to be seen, but "neutral" sources indicated the odds were considerably in favor of Uncle Sam.

Automatic Boosts Certain

In any event, automatic increases by reason of already established policies considering length of service and experience for police and firemen are not affected by the freezing order.

Contrary to a previous impression, latest information on the salary freezing order indicates that the pay of officials and employes of political units is affected to the same extent as that in private employment.

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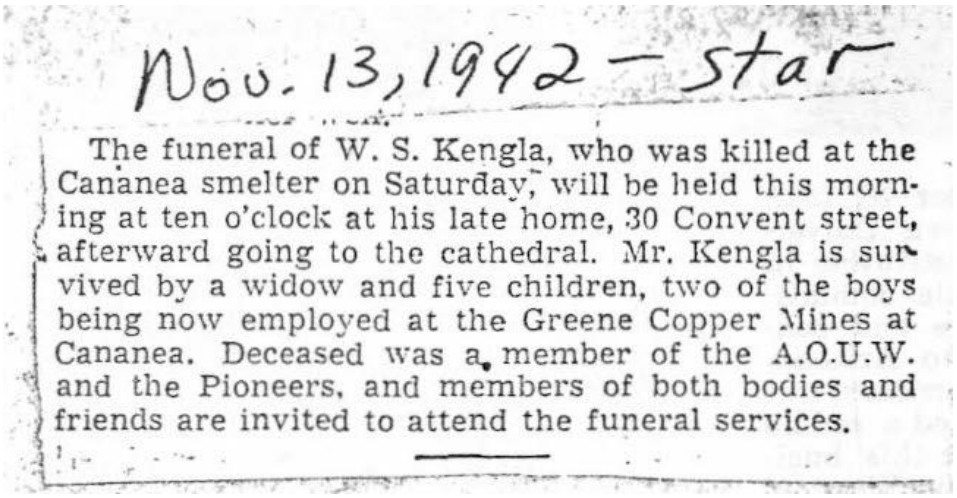
November 13, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*: **Former TVFD member:**



Nov. 13, 1942 – star

The funeral of W. S. Kengla, who was killed at the Cananea smelter on Saturday, will be held this morning at ten o'clock at his late home, 30 Convent street, afterward going to the cathedral. Mr. Kengla is survived by a widow and five children, two of the boys being now employed at the Greene Copper Mines at Cananea. Deceased was a member of the A.O.U.W. and the Pioneers, and members of both bodies and friends are invited to attend the funeral services.

November 12, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Summer Fires More Numerous This Year

An increase in summer fires reported for Tucson this year over last year is attributed by Assistant Fire Chief J. C. Slevert to the unusually large movement of merchandise.

Fire calls this summer totaled 182 as against 127 for the summer of 1941, an increase of approximately 41 per cent.

Slevert said that merchandise being moved is much more susceptible to fire than that which is stationary. He also pointed to the increase in territory brought about by the recent annexation of Colonia Solana and an area of about the same in the El Encanto district as contributing to the increase.

The assistant fire chief said the department is undersquipped and under-manned and that the advent of two large fires at the same time would find the department unable to properly cope with the situation, even with the help of the 88 auxiliary firemen who have been well trained to assist in an emergency.

November 12, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

FIRES IN CITY SHOW INCREASE

Calls Answered During Summer 44 Per Cent Over 1941 Total

Fires in Tucson increased approximately 44 per cent in number this summer over a year ago, according to figures released yesterday by Assistant Chief J. C. Sievert. The Tucson fire department answered 182 calls from June 1 through October of this year and 127 during the same period last year, Sievert said.

The increase in fires may be partly traced to more merchandise being moved this year than last, he said. Sievert explained that merchandise in the process of being moved is more susceptible to fire than stable merchandise. Another factor responsible for fires is the increase of territory covered by the fire department this year over last year, he stated. The Colonia Solana district and an area of approximately the same size in El Encanto district has been included in the city limits since a year ago.

Population Gains

Approximate figures given by the chamber of commerce yesterday show a 9 per cent increase in the population of Tucson proper over a year ago, and so the number of fires has increased out of proportion to the influx of people.

According to Sievert, the local fire department is under-equipped and under-manned.

"If two large fires broke out in Tucson the same day, I don't believe we could adequately cope with them," he said. "Even with help of the 88 auxiliary firemen of the civilian defense committee, who are well trained, the two fires would be difficult to put out. The auxiliary firemen are poorly equipped because they are scattered throughout the city."

No Priorities

In the matter of equipment, Sievert said the fire department has no priority on hoses, fire engines, boots, water-proof clothing and other essential items. Manpower is also less efficient than a year ago, he said.

"We have lost five men to the army, navy, marines and air corps, three have resigned for jobs with better pay, three have retired and one is subject to call for the armed forces any day," he said. "All the men we have lost, except one, have been replaced, but it takes a year of training before they will be efficient fire-fighters."

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN REAR OF HOME

Firemen late yesterday afternoon were called to extinguish a blaze at the home of F. R. Lathrop, 219 East Fifteenth street. A shed in the rear of his home, belonging to C. Scribner, 435 South Fifth avenue, was completely destroyed by the blaze before firemen arrived.

The back porch of the Lathrop residence was only partly damaged. Firemen were uncertain as to the cause of the original blaze in the Scribner shed.

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November 16, 1942, City Meeting:

The matter having been previously assigned to the Acting City Manager and Fire Chief for study, the City Clerk read a second communication from the Town of South Tucson, wherein the Town of South Tucson agreed to pay the sum of $2,200.00 to the City of Tucson for fire protection for the balance of the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 1943. Harry O. Juliani, attorney for the Town of South Tucson, requested the Mayor and Council to include in its service to the Town of South Tucson certain fire alarm boxes along South 6th Avenue. In reply to questions by members of the Council, the Acting City Manager and Fire Chief reported that the installation of fire alarm boxes would be impossible under priority regulations, besides prohibitive in cost.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Councilman Nicholas, seconded by Councilman Codd and unanimously carried, that the proposition of the Town of South Tucson be accepted, provided that such arrangement would not affect insurance rates in the City of Tucson. The Acting City Manager was instructed to contact the Insurance Rating Bureau for information.

November 17, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

SOUTH TUCSON ASKS FIRE AID

Seeks Fire Protection From City; Manager Martin To Study Problem

The city of South Tucson, desirous of getting fire protection from the city of Tucson, on payment of $2,200 until next June 30, will have it if City Manager Phil J. Martin Jr. finds that such action will in no way affect fire insurance rates in the city of Tucson.

Martin was instructed last night by the mayor and council to investigate the matter and to learn if the city, by extending fire protection to South Tucson, will prejudice the interests of Tucson citizens. If fire insurance rate boards do not intend taking any action in raising insurance rates here, Martin was told to give immediate protection to Tucson's sister city.

Juvenile Problem

An ordinance, designed to combat Tucson's juvenile crime problem, which is twice as bad as it was this time last year, according to Harold C. Wheeler, chief of police, was given its first reading last night. Second and third readings will be given the ordinance at the next council meeting, at which time it will become law.

The ordinance provides that no child of 18 years of age may be on the city streets or in public places after the hour of 10 p. m. without an accompanying adult. It further provides penalties, including a fine of not less than $5 or more than $20, or not more than five days in jail, for any parent guilty of permitting his child to be on the streets after 10 p. m.

Gardner's Troubles

The problem of persons playing tennis on the city courts at the high school, while wearing hard heeled shoes, was brought to the council's attention by Loveless Gardner, city recreation director, who said that the only way the practice could be controlled was by passing a punitive ordinance.

The matter was tabled until it could be learned who actually had title to the property—the city or the city park board.

The city manager was authorized by the council to negotiate a lease with American Airlines for land for an additional building at its local terminal.

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November 26, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

MRS. SHERWIN'S DEATH SUICIDE

Burns Fatal for Tucson Woman After Long Illness

Mrs. Edward Sherwin, 71, prominent in Tucson and Boston, died at 4:15 p.m. yesterday at a local hospital as the result of severe burns which were self-inflicted about 9 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, 1208 North Plumer. No funeral arrangements have been made as friends wait for word from her only living relative, a sister, Miss Edith May of Wickford, R. I.

Mrs. Sherwin had been severely ill and in constant pain for many months, friends said, and that was the reason given for the suicide. She poured kerosene over her head and clothing and ignited it during the momentary absence of her nurse, Miss Helen Buttrick. Her constant companion for 25 years, Mrs. Helen Topping, was away from the home at the time shopping for a Thanksgiving dinner which Mrs. Sherwin had planned for today.

Flames Smothered

When the nurse and neighbors found Mrs. Sherwin she was badly burned, but they smothered the flames in a robe and called for an ambulance. The police and fire departments answered calls put in by neighbors, the former investigating the conditions surrounding the fire and Mrs. Sherwin's condition.

Mrs. Sherwin was born November 29, 1871, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel May Jr., of Boston. She grew up and was educated in New England. She married a railroad executive, Edwin Sherwin, and they established a home at Wellesley, Mass. He died about 25 years ago.

Club Leader

Throughout her years in the east she was prominent in club and social activities. During the first World War she drove an ambulance in France and was engaged in other war work abroad. Her sister, Miss Edith May, was also in war work in France, assisting in the management of a hospital. On Mrs. Sherwin's return from Europe she was the benefactress for a Serbian family which she brought to the United States, and also accompanying her back to the United States was Mrs. Topping, who has been her constant companion for the past 25 years.

About 23 years ago Mrs. Sherwin moved to Tucson where she had maintained a home since then. She also kept a summer home in Oracle and kept her Wellesley, Mass., home open until about 16 years ago. She was active in philanthropic work in Tucson and the series of lectures on international affairs which she gave here for many years were for charity purposes.

Visits Sister

Almost the only break in her Tucson residence came in 1932-33 when she went to Europe, during which she visited her sister, Miss Edith May, who owned a private girls' school in Florence, Italy. Miss May that year was decorated by Mussolini for her work in international relations and citizenship. Miss May returned to the United States last year and is now resident at Wickford, R. I.

Mrs. Sherwin's mother, Mrs. Helen McClees May, spent several winters in Tucson until her death December 20, 1938, at the age of 90 years. The only living relative left by Mrs. Sherwin is her sister, Miss May.

November 28, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Fire early last night caused damage estimated at $200 to a shed and garage building in the rear of 917 North Seventh avenue, the fire department reported. Furniture and mattresses were destroyed by the blaze. The home was occupied by E. B. Peel family, firemen said.

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December 1, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

FIRE PROTECTION FOR SISTER CITY DELAYED LONGER

Further negotiations will be necessary before the city of South Tucson can have fire protection accorded it by the Tucson city fire department, in view of a ruling made by the Equitable Rating Bureau of Arizona, which informed City Manager Phil J. Martin Jr. that property within the Tucson city limits must be given adequate protection at all times.

South Tucson recently offered $2,200 for fire protection for the remainder of the fiscal year, and negotiations hit a snag when Mayor Henry O. Jaastad asked that the deal be deferred until the city manager learned if local fire insurance rates would be affected by the arrangement.

Under existing conditions, the fire department, if sent on a call to South Tucson, would have to be recalled if a major blaze developed in Tucson.

December 2, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Tucson Big Brothers Cancel Holiday Plan

The annual Tucson Big Brothers Christmas basket has been discontinued because of the war, it was announced following a meeting of the leaders of the movement yesterday. The drive has been an annual event since its inception in 1924.

Funds were obtained through the sale of special editions of the Arizona Daily Star and were used principally to purchase foodstuffs. Since these are seriously restricted this year and there are also few people now without employment it was thought inadvisable to continue with the work for the duration.

The Tucson fire department and a group of women headed by Mrs. Catherine Beetson will continue the collection and repair of toys, which will be distributed through the Elks lodge, and the annual Christmas tree party handled by the Tucson Lions club and city recreation department will be continued on a limited basis.

December 1, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

NIGHT CLUBS IN CITY INSPECTED

Theatres Also Checked in Move to Avert Danger Of Tragedy Here

An inspection of all Tucson theaters and several night clubs was made yesterday by Fire Chief H. L. Hilles in a move to make sure that a tragedy such as that which snuffed out the lives of 484 persons in a Boston night club Saturday night cannot be repeated in this area. Following the inspection, the chief announced last night that the theaters were in very good condition, but that improvements of exits at one of the night clubs was recommended.

Correction Ordered

Building Inspector E. D. Herreras, who is working with the fire chief in the inspection and correction of congested conditions in the city's places of entertainment, stated last night that the conditions existing at this night club would be correced immediately. Any other unsafe conditions found to exist in the city will also be eliminated at once, he declared.

Conditions in other night clubs visited were declared to be satisfactory, Chief Hilles declared. In one such place there are a number of hanging decorations, but these were tested and found to be fireproof, he said. In all the theaters the exits and other fire protective facilities were found to be entirely satisfactory.

Theater Smoking

"We would like to stop the practice of smoking in the theater lobbies," the chief declared, "but this can only be accomplished by a city ordinance." He emphasized the fact that, working in conjunction with the building inspector who has authority to order necessary alternations to unsafe buildings, he will make sure that no conditions will be allowed to continue in this area that are likely to lead to a tragedy such as that at Boston.

Consideration of an ordinance that would prohibit smoking in theatres was asked by Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles, who cited the recent disastrous Boston night club fire as a reason for greater vigilance in fire prevention. The council took no action on the proposed measure, but will study it.

Bails Resolution

HYDRANT STOLEN FROM CITY FOUND IN SALVAGE PILE

A city fire hydrant, stolen last January from the northeast corner of Main street and St. Mary's road where a motor car crash had torn it loose from its moorings, yesterday was found by city police on a scrap metal pile at First avenue and Thirteenth street.

The heavy plug was returned to the city water department.

A report made by police at the time said the theft occurred when water department workmen left

the scene for a half hour to obtain more tools for repair of the water main.

December 2, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

INSPECTOR CHECKS FOR FIRE HAZARDS IN TUCSON PLACES

The possibility that Tucson could have a fire such as the one in Boston Saturday night, which killed 484 persons, "is rather remote," Capt. Harold Mickola, fire department inspector, said here yesterday, after virtually completing an inspection of all public gathering places in Tucson.

"In one or two instances we found exits which were partly obstructed, unused, or the doors of which swung inward," Capt. Mickola said. "We are making recommendations to the property owners to correct such faults, and if they don't, the city building inspector has to the power to force them to do so. We don't anticipate any trouble, however."

Capt. Mickola said all fire captains were taking turns being fire inspector so that all will be familiar with every building in the city. Then, in the event of a fire, any captain on active fire-fighting duty would be in possession of all the facts and information about the construction of buildings, gas pipes and valves, and electrical wiring and switches.

Big Brothers Abandon Annual Christmas Campaign This Year

Because the war has made work available to virtually everyone, has imposed a serious restriction on the supply of foodstuffs and means of delivery, and has directed the attention of the public to the more urgent activities associated with the war effort, the annual Tucson Big Brothers Christmas Basket drive will not be held this year, it was announced yesterday.

Decision to discontinue the drive, perhaps for the duration, was reached at a meeting yesterday of leaders of the movement, which has been an annual event here since its origin in 1924.

Harry Embleton, P. E. Howell, L. R. Martin, Loveless Gardner, Robert D. Morrow, George R. Chambers, and Henry L. Hilles attended the meeting.

Few In Need

Since the funds collected in the drive, conducted through the sale of a special edition of the Arizona Daily Star each year, were used principally for the purchase of food to be distributed in baskets to needy families of the community, the fact that this year finds very few households in such need has removed the chief purpose of the fund, committee members decided.

Moreover they agreed, war-time restrictions on the food supply have made it almost impossible to provide standard food baskets, and tire and gasoline limitations impose almost insurmountable obstacles to distribution.

And few of the 1,000-odd volunteers who annually have participated either in the drive for funds or in the preliminary arrangements, preparation of baskets, and deliveries can be expected to bring the same enthusiasm to the work this year, with their interest absorbed by other pursuits incident to the prosecution of the war on the home front, a committee spokesman pointed out.

Still Repair Toys

Certain collateral activities, however, will be continued, it was explained, particularly the repair or manufacture of Christmas toys by the Tucson Fire Department and a group of women directed by Mrs. Catherine Beetson.

These two groups have been carrying on this work throughout the year, the women making rag dolls, and their products this Christmas will be distributed to children through the cooperation of the Tucson schools and the Elks lodge. The firemen, incidentally, still have time to reconstruct some more broken or worn-out toys if they receive them in the next few days.

The annual Christmas tree project handled by the Tucson Lions club and the city recreational department with the financial assistance of the Big Brothers will be continued on a limited basis, it was announced.

Trees From Mountain

The recreational department will acquire the big downtown community tree as well as those for schools and institutions for children, and the Lions Club will be asked to hold its annual Christmas party at the site of the big tree, substituting a program of entertainment in place of the distribution of candy and fruits—items virtually impossible to obtain in quantity this year.

The recreational department obtains the trees from the Catalina Mountains through the co-operation of the U. S. Forest Service.

Another phase of the program, the Big Brothers scrip placed at the disposal of school authorities to handle emergency cases, such as the provision of spectacles for children of poor families, which cannot be met through the usual agencies, will be continued with the funds remaining in this account from previous drives, it was decided.

The Big Brothers campaign started in 1924 and has continued since then except for one year, 1936, and annually more than 1,000 persons, as individuals and as representatives of some 15 civic organizations, have participated in it.

WOODWORKING TO BE TAUGHT BY NYA

The Tucson National Youth Administration, 424 Federal Building, is taking applications from youths between the ages of 17 and 24 inclusive who wish to be trained in woodworking at the Randolph Park woodshop, Mrs. Lucy Mims, head of the local NYA office, said yesterday.

Fred E. Woodworth, supervisor of the shop, and Wilford E. Biggs, foreman, teach youths the use of

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December 3, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

FIRE DESTROYS BAR AND CAFE

Wagon Wheel's Losses at Ajo, Mission Roads Over $5,000

Fire of undetermined origin early yesterday destroyed the Wagon Wheel bar and cafe, at Ajo and Mission roads, with an estimated loss of $5,000, only partly covered by insurance.

The blaze, which apparently started in the rear of the place, gained too great headway before its discovery to prevent the structure from burning to the ground. A passing motorist honked Jack Coleman, proprietor, to wakefulness shortly after 2 o'clock, but already the building was lighting up the sky.

Stocked With Liquor

Coleman, who only recently had stocked his bar heavily with liquors for the Christmas season, told sheriff's deputies he closed the place at 1 o'clock and retired to his home, about 200 yards west of the building. There were no fires left burning in the kitchen or elsewhere, he said.

The building, of frame construction, housed a bar, a small dance hall, and a kitchen. It was owned by M. P. Walker and was covered by a $1500 insurance policy. Some $500 worth of repairs recently had been completed in the place.

Coleman said his stock of liquor and furnishings were not covered by a cent of insurance.

Telephones Deputies

Smoke and flame mounting into the sky attracted the notice of an all-night cafe proprietor on South Sixth avenue, more than two miles away. He telephoned deputy sheriffs. They arrived on the scene a few moments after Coleman had been roused by the motorist, who had driven away on the proprietor's appearance.

By that time the blaze had gained too great headway for an attempt to save anything in the flaming building. Coleman had operated the place slightly more than a year.

December 8, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

ROBERTS OBTAINS COMMISSION AND WEDS SAME DAY

Thursday, December 3, was a great day for Joe Roberts Jr., according to word received yesterday by his father, Joe Robers Sr., retired Tucson fire chief. Joe Jr. not only was graduated from Williams Field advanced training school and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. army air corps, but also on the same day married Jean Catherine Driver of San Francisco.

Lt. Roberts enlisted three years ago with the Seventh Cavalry, later being transferred to the air corps.

The wedding ceremony was performed at Mesa after the graduation exercises. Lt. and Mrs. Roberts have gone to Greenville, S. C., where he will be stationed.

December 9, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

WRONG HOUSE WAS LISTED BY HILLES

It was erroneously reported in the Star yesterday that a 50-gallon drum of gasoline had been confiscated by city fire inspectors in the furnace room of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity house, 1025 North Park avenue.

The cache instead was found in the basement of the adjoining Greek letter organization, the Alpha Tau Omega house, 1041 North Park avenue.

In reporting the discovery of the inflammable fluid, unlawfully stored according to a city building code, Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles said he confused the next-door-to-each other Greek letter houses and turned in Zeta Beta Tau instead of Alpha Tau Omega.

December 8, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Gasless Christmas Is Facing Frats After Fire Inspection

A "gasless" Christmas was in prospect last night for many a University of Arizona fraternity man following an anonymous telephone conversation to the city fire department which led to the discovery of a cache of an estimated 138 gallons of gasoline in a small sheet metal shed in the rear of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, 1701 East Speedway.

The gasoline was stored in two small beer kegs, four old automobile gas tanks, a 32-gallon metal drum, several large garbage cans and numerous one-gallon containers.

A quick fire inspection of other fraternity houses early in the afternoon, yielded a full 50-gallon drum of gasoline at the Zeta Beta Tau house, 1025 North Park avenue, and a drum containing about 30 gallons in the rear of the Phi Delta Theta house, 1539 East speedway. The Zeta Beta Tau's extra supply of the precious fluid was stored in the furnace room.

No arrests were made, but the gasoline was confiscated and taken to the city shops, where it will be held until a legal ruling is obtained.

A section of the city building code makes it unlawful to store more than one gallon of inflammable fluid in any building without proper safeguards or a special permit from the fire department.

Fraternity men at all three houses denied ownership of the gasoline and expressed surprise that it had been cached on the premises of their respective houses unknown to them.

Capt. Harold M. Mickola, city fire inspector, and Patrolman Dave Putney investigated the telephone tip which led to the discovery of the Kappa Sigma cache of 138 gallons, good for over 2,000 miles of driving according to present rationing standards.

Putney offered the theory that the fraternity men had stored the gasoline for use in trips home during the Christmas vacations. He added that many of the fraternity members, not owning cars, and

nity basements was strewn with empty beer and other bottles, relics of happy times. Two of the houses were ordered to clean out rubbish-filled furnace rooms which constituted fire hazards.

The canvas covered half-filled 50-gallon drum found by Chief Hilles in a trailer at the rear of the Phi Delta house was said to contain kerosene until Hilles got a stilson wrench and discovered otherwise. A rubber syphon (Oklahoma ration card in the collegiate vernacular), a funnel and a five-gallon pail were found beside the drum.

The afternoon check-up, conducted by two squads of inspectors, swung the fraternity underground into action as soon as the first house had been visited.

One of the brothers rushed across the street to warn fellow "Greeks" that the gas gobblers were coming. He had finished the job and was hustling out the door when he bumped into an incoming inspector much to his obvious chagrin.

Basement doors unaccountably refused to be unlocked and mysterious rappings, tappings and shuffings preceded the inspector tours into one of the undergrou labyrinths, but outside of the Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta and Zeta Beta Tau houses all others were gasless.

December 8, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star*:

Gasoline Cache Confiscated

An anonymous telephone call to the fire department yesterday led Capt. Harold M. Mickola, fire inspector, to a cache of 138 gallons of gasoline, stored in a motley array of containers in a shed behind the Kappa Sigma fraternity house, 1700 East Speedway. Quick inspections of other fraternity houses revealed a 50-gallon drum of fuel at the Zeta Beta Tau house and 30 gallons of gasoline at the Phi Delta Theta house. Patrolman Dave Putney (left) and Capt. Mickola are shown taking an inventory of the illegally stored gasoline. (Photo by J. Robert Burns.)

December 8, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

U. Of A. Hoarders Lose To Firemen

235 Gallons Of Gasoline Seized In Raids On Frat Houses

Gasoline, carefully stored against another travel day by University of Arizona fraternity brothers, is gone forever, Fire Chief Harry L. Hilles said this morning. This was the aftermath, Hilles asserted, of yesterday's raid on several fraternity houses which turned up approximately 235 gallons of perfectly good gasoline illegally stored.

The largest cache of the lot was found at the Kappa Sigma house, 1707 East Speedway, where 150 gallons were located in a sheet metal shed in the rear of the house. Beer kegs, old gas tanks and one regular gasoline drum were all used as containers, the fire department reported.

Neighbors Worried

It all came about when worried property owners in the vicinity of several fraternity houses called police and told them of the large quantities of forbidden fluid stored on nearby premises in violation of city fire ordinances.

Patrolman Dave Putney turned the information over to the fire department since police were powerless to act under present city laws. Hilles had little difficulty in finding a section of the city ordinances which would apply and moved in without delay.

Consternation reigned on the campus as firemen began a systematic search for illegally stored gasoline.

In quick order the department members uncovered 50 gallons at the Alpha Tau Omega house at 1041 North Park avenue, not in the Zeta Beta Tau home, as previously reported, and from there went on to the Phi Delta Theta house, 1539 East Speedway where they uncovered another 35 gallons.

Bought Before Rationing

The gasoline was all purchased before the advent of rationing, as nearly as the fire department could tell, Hilles said, and it may have been put away for almost any reason. Putney, on the other hand, maintains the gasoline made up a pool, more or less, for community use as occasion demanded.

Regardless of the purpose intended it will now gas up fire department and other city owned equipment, Hilles asserted. He has asked for a ruling from the rationing board but so far has heard nothing from them, Hilles said.

Storing gasoline without a permit is a misdemeanor, Chief Hilles stated, and calls for a penalty up to and including a $25 fine.

Gasoline may be stored on the premises only in one or five gallon sealed containers, Hilles set forth, otherwise it must be put away safely in an underground storage tank.

Arthur H. Otis, dean of men at the University of Arizona, when asked this morning what his office intended to do in regard to the offenders, countered with:

"What did they do that was wrong?"

Dr. Alfred Atkinson, president of the university, said he had not had time to investigate the case.

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December 10, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

The Women's Auxiliary of the Tucson Fire Department will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the central station at which time Captain R. T. Black will address the members on the subject of first aid and fire control. The group extends an invitation to women who have recently arrived in the city to become members as it is still lacking its full quota of membership.

NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN GAS CACHE CASES

No charges have been filed in connection with the confiscation of 266 gallons of gasoline from three University of Arizona fraternity houses Monday, and the gasoline now is stored in the tank at the city shops, Henry L. Hilles, chief of the fire department, said yesterday.

Hilles said there was some doubt about instituting charges against the fraternities themselves, and no individuals professed knowledge of the identity of the owners.

He indicated that the gasoline would be returned to any fraternity members willing to claim it who had proper facilities for its storage, but made it apparent that such a claim might entail prosecution for violation of the city building code which makes it illegal to store gasoline in such a manner.

Hilles and John C. Sievert, assistant chief, accompanied by other members of the department, searched fraternity houses Monday afternoon after discovering 138 gallons in a shed at the Kappa Sigma house, the presence of which was revealed to them anonymously.

In two houses, the Alpha Tau Omega and the Phi Delta Theta, investigators also found gasoline, including a 50-gallon drum stored in the furnace room of the Alpha Tau Omega house, and they said there were indications that the campus "grapevine" had circulated word of their expedition to other houses in time to permit removal of gasoline from them.

December 15, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Firemen's 'Playhouse' Looted; Children Are Robbed of Toys

If orphaned Jose doesn't get that longed-for tricycle; if bright-eyed, bed-ridden little Annie, who has prayed for a baby doll all her own—if hundreds of other underprivileged and institutional-cared-for Tucson children are disappointed by a toyless Christmas—charge it to sneak thieves who broke into the Big Brothers' "playhouse," stole as many of the toys as they could make off with and maliciously destroyed the remainder.

The toys, estimated at 250 pieces, weren't new. They were hand-me-downs from the more fortunate, which city firemen, under the direction of Jack Kastner, had spent many painstaking hours repainting. There were tricycles for the Joses, and dollies for the little Annies. Now they are gone, or destroyed.

Theft Discovered

Discovery of the theft was made Saturday afternoon, when Kastner and George Chambers, one of the founders of the Big Brother movement, went to the rodeo field fair building, where the toys were stored, to collect them for distribution to the Preventorium, orphanages, and crippled children's home.

The room was littered with smashed toys and broken dolls. The packing cases in which the toys had been packed were empty and overturned.

"I'd like to get my hands on the guys that did this," growled Kastner.

He said a few of the pieces could be repaired. The majority, however, had either been stolen or completely destroyed.

Entrance Is Mystery

The thieves, according to Kastner, apparently gained entrance to the storage room by scaling a high board wall which partitioned it off from a similar storage compartment. How the vandals gained entrance to the building proper was a mystery to Kastner. A padlock on the storage room was locked and apparently untampered with.

"After gaining access to the room where the toys were stored, the thieves must have collected their booty, smashed what they couldn't makeoff with, and departed by scaling the wall," said Kastner.

Meanwhile, city firemen, working spare time, will do their utmost to salvage as many of the toys as possible, and citizens wishing to contribute used toys, which can be hastily repaired, are urged to turn them in at any of Tucson's fire stations, so Christmas will be a happy day for Jose and little Annie.

FOREST TREES ARE AVAILABLE

Coronado Again Open to Persons Looking for Christmas Trees

The Coronado National Forest will again be open to persons seeking Christmas trees, C. A. Merker, forest supervisor, reported yesterday. Although local dealers estimate that the supply of Christmas trees in Tucson will be cut approximately 50 per cent this year, Merker does not expect many Tucsonans to use the amount of gasoline necessary to drive 70 miles to Mt. Lemmon in the Catalinas, the nearest available supply of growing trees.

Welfare Trees

A city welfare department truck will be driven to Mt. Lemmon today for approximately 50 trees, cut annually for Christmas display in city hospitals, churches, children's homes and a few schools, Loveless Gardner, Tucson recreational director, said yesterday. One of the trees will again be set up in front of the Fox theatre, and a Christmas eve entertainment there will be sponsored by the Lions' Club and the city recreation department, he said.

This year Christmas trees will be supplied from the Coronado Forest for USO quarters, Merker said. Davis-Monthan Field will also receive a supply of approximately 20 trees, he stated.

Supply Limited

Although individuals and organizations receiving permits at Mt. Lemmon are welcome to cut trees, Merker asserted the supply of trees is so limited that cutting them for commercial sales is not warranted. Groups of individuals who wish to send trucks or station wagons to the forest for a load of trees will be permitted to cut the trees if the names of the persons for whom they are being cut are given to the forest ranger on duty at Mt. Lemmon, according to Merker.

GOVERNMENT BUYS RANCH IN COCHISE

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December 15, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

South Tucson Gets City Aid Against Fires

Agreement Concluded To Let Firemen Protect Southern Neighbor

Apparently the last objection, on the part of the city of Tucson, to furnishing fire protection to South Tucson has been overcome, Harry O. Juliana, attorney for the smaller municipality, said this morning, when the council last night accepted the city's proposition of $2,200 for protection through the present fiscal year.

The chief objection voiced by Tucson councilman was the possibility, that if and when Tucson sent fire equipment into South Tucson, the city rates on fire insurance might suffer.

Done With One Proviso

At a recent council meeting Acting City Manager Phil Martin, jr., was asked to look into the matter. If fire rates were effected, then the whole thing must be called off, city fathers stated.

Martin consulted with rate makers who gave him the "go ahead" signal with the one provision that in the event Tucson was menaced by fire while equipment was in use in South Tucson, that equipment must be called back into the city proper.

South Tucson city fathers, in last night's meeting, saw that possibility as none too grave and consented to writing that proviso into the new agreement.

City Receives $2,200

Under it the city will receive a total of $2,200 which will cover the services of fire fighting equipment, up to July 1, 1943.

South Tucson gets the fire fighters, that is, if they are not needed simultaneously in the greater city.

The South Tucson council also gave heed to a letter received from the census bureau in Washington to the effect the official population of that municipality is 1,066 souls. It was figured on the 1940 census.

The council was then informed by Juliani that would be the proportion upon which it would receive its quota of the sales tax.

December 17, 1942, *Tucson Daily Citizen*:

Big Brothers' Warehouse Of Toys Robbed

Act Of Vandalism Arouses Wrath Of Firemen And Others Here

Both city police and sheriff's deputies were considerably upset this morning when they learned the Big Brothers toy warehouse in the rodeo field fair building had been broken into, possibly last week some time, since the burglary was not discovered until Saturday, and numerous toys taken with others smashed up.

"It is hard luck for the underprivileged youngsters who usually get the things, but why hasn't the matter been reported to the authorities," they waned o know.

Reported Too Late

City Fireman Jack Kastner, according to his own statement, would like to "take a crack at the guy who did it." one deputy said, "but if that is the case why should he not report the matter to the proper authorities. It may be that we could have found the man or boy for him."

Kastner and George Chambers reported that when they visited the storerooms on Saturday they found a goodly stack of toys gone and others so badly damaged by acts of vandalism that repair may be out of the question.

Toys, they said, had been collected by the Big Brothers and then put in repair by city firemen.

Kastner, according to a published report on the affair, said the one or more burglars climbed over a fence surrounding the building, but he was unable to tell how they got into the building proper, since the lock was not disturbed.

Sheriff's deputies remarked that might be one of the mysteries that law enforcing agencies could solve. "They were willing to try, at least, if given a chance," they summed up.

County Clerk Undoing Work Of Toy Thief

Mrs. Hall And Staff Getting Together Toys For City's Underprivileged

Most Christmasy spot in an otherwise drab county building is the office of the county clerk, Mrs. Belle D. Hall. The clerk and staff not only have their own Christmas tree set up and alight but are engaged in an all-out effort to repair damage by vandals to the Big Brothers' stock of toys.

About the time city firemen reported the toy warehouse had been robbed of its precious toys and whatnots, Mrs. Hall and her deputy clerks decided to do something about it.

Undo Vandal's Mischief

They couldn't catch the thief, even though it would give them a "deal" of pleasure, but they could purchase or otherwise accumulate some toys to replace those missing or damaged beyond repair.

Mrs. Hall began the movement when she wandered into a downtown store. There, perched where they would catch the eye of the first wary child in tow of an unwary parent, sat a pair of dolls and they were, of all things, twins!

It was to much for Mrs. Hall and the purchase was made not for her own kin but for some unknown, underprivileged child who might have gone without, due to the act of vandalism on the part of parties unknown.

Example Followed

The rest of the office followed Mrs. Hall's example.

Meanwhile the gaily decorated tree in the office took on added color and light. "Happiness," said one, "is where you find it." The heart of a child, they concluded, is the most obvious place to look for it."

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December 16, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

SOUTH TUCSON TO GET FIRE SERVICE

Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles said yesterday that even though he had not received any official instructions to afford fire protection to the city of South Tucson, fire apparatus would be dispatched to the town if a real need occurred.

Formal notification that the South Tucson city council had agreed to provisions set up by the city of Tucson had not been received at the local city hall yesterday. Under the amended agreement the city of Tucson will dispatch fire equipment to South Tucson in the event of fires, but reserves the right to withdraw equipment if a major fire develops in Tucson at the same time.

Feeling that such a coincidence would be an exigency so rare as hardly to merit consideration, the South Tucson council agreed to the provision and also to pay $2,200 for protection for the remainder of the fiscal year.

December 17, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

The Fire Department and Outside Districts

For many years it has been a distinct policy of the city administration of Tucson to confine the use of its fire department to the corporate limits of the city. The justice of this limitation is obvious. Fire protection is highly desirable. It is one of the biggest inducements that the city can offer to adjoining territory to come into the city of Tucson. If areas beyond the corporate limits can get fire protection for little or nothing why should they come into the city and pay city taxes?

This question has come up again, and again the city administration is handling it like a hot potato. The mayor and the members of the city council seek to dodge the question, and make the fire chief the goat. And so Mr. Hilles, the fire chief, announces that even though he has not received official instructions he proposed to dispatch aid to South Tucson when needed.

Now Mr. Hilles has a good record in Tucson. He has never been arbitrary or wild. He has never abused his authority. Consequently when he acts even though he lacks "official" instructions, the chances are that he has been told "unofficially" to do that very thing by some one having real and official authority. Can it be that City Manager Martin has been presumptuous enough to do such a thing? Or has it been Mayor Jaastad?

This matter is important, because bound up in it is a precedent. If we are to furnish fire aid to South Tucson, then we are duty bound to furnish it to other outlying sections that deliberately stay out of the city in order to escape city taxes. If we furnish aid to other sections we will have to enlarge the fire department which is something the taxpayers of Tucson will have to pay. And what is worse, if we furnish this aid freely, then the corporate limits of Tucson will remain static for years to come.

There is still more bound up in this question. There are such things as building ordinances that seek to limit fire hazards within the city limits which do not legally apply outside of the city limits. As for South Tucson it has been hitch-hiking on Tucson for years. Taxpayers of Tucson pay money for municipal developments beyond the city limits. South Tucson has benefited from many of these developments without putting up a cent or turning a hand. The Tucson police authority has no authority in South Tucson. And now we propose to give or sell fire protection to this little municipality! The fire chief says he will do it without official instructions!

No one knows better than Fire Chief Hilles, himself, that he has no authority for such use of the city's fire department. In fact that is a matter that is beyond his authority. If he persists in such an attitude the good record he has made as fire chief will be marred, because if necessary the Star will seek an injunction to prevent either him, the city council, the city manager or mayor from such illegal use of municipal equipment designed to insure the safety of the city.

December 19, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Wardens Sort Toys for Needy Children

Sector salvage wardens, under the direction of Mrs. Lewis Romine, chief warden, and Mrs. J. E. Haston, yesterday helped the Big Brothers to sort toys destined for Tucson's needy children. As fast as city firemen finished repairs on toys the women checked lists and included toys for children in boxes marked for various schools for distribution. Working at the Central Fire station yesterday were, left to right, Mrs. Ralph Hart, Mrs. G. S. McRae, Mrs. Romine, Mrs. Haston, Mrs. William Casto, Mrs. O. W. Timberman, Mrs. Earl Calkins, Mrs. Arthur Sewell, Mrs. R. T. Black, and Mrs. Ruth Southard. (Photo by J. Robert Burns.)

December 22, 1942, *Arizona Daily Star:*

Contracts for South Tucson Fire Protection Are Drafted

Contracts providing for the furnishing of fire protection to South Tucson by Tucson were ordered drawn up yesterday, Phil J. Martin Jr., city manager, said.

Nothing can be done about giving South Tucson fire protection until the contracts are approved and signed by the councils and mayors of both towns, Martin said. Action on the matter probably will be taken at the regular monthly meeting of the city council here Monday, January 4.

Proposition Submitted

The city of South Tucson first broached the proposition to the city of Tucson, offering $2,200 for fire protection for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending June 30. On November 16 the local city council approved the proposition in principle, instructing the city manager to investigate what effect such action would have on local fire insurance rates.

Martin said that both the Insurance Rating Bureau and the National Board of Underwriters informed him that protection could be given South Tucson without prejudice to local interests only if it were stipulated that fire apparatus may be withdrawn in the event of need in the city of Tucson.

Amendment Accepted

South Tucson accepted the amended proposition last Monday night, and Tuesday Fire Chief Henry L. Hilles, replying to questions, said that, although he had not been given official notification, he would provide protection to South Tucson.

Martin yesterday said that Hilles had misunderstood the action of the local council in approving the tentative deal, and that the local fire department would not give any protection to South Tucson until given explicit permission by both the mayor and council and himself.

In the event anyone objects to the arrangement between the two cities, he may be heard on the evening of January 4, Martin concluded. He said that he thought the deal was a good one for Tucson from a financial viewpoint, however.

MANY RENT FORMS DISTRIBUTED HERE

Between 6,000 and 7,000 landlord-tenant forms have been given out since his office opened December 10, James R. Wyatt, Tucson Defense Area Rent director, said yesterday.

"Very few complaints from either tenants or landlords have been received since the new regulations have gone into effect," Wyatt said. "We were agreeably surprised at the spirit of cooperation shown by all and, of course, appreciate it.

"If any of the forms received by tenants do not, in the opinion of the tenants, contain true statements of fact, we urge them to return them, or to come into our office."

Plenty of forms of all kinds, dealing with various phases of rent control, are now available, Wyatt said. The office of the rent director is located in the basement of the southeast corner of the county courthouse.

PREVENTORIUM TO OBTAIN $350 FUND

Children of the Preventorium will receive at least $350 in the form of a Christmas dinner, toys, and improvements in the institution's facilities as a result of Saturday night's city-county employees annual Christmas dance. Mrs. Helen Brodie, chairman of the event, said yesterday

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December 1942, courtesy http://opvfb.com/cot-fox/1928-ahrens-fox-restoration/

This photo was taken of the Ahrens Fox on the line circa December 1942 at the FW Woolworth Fire in downtown Tucson. The engine operator (Driver) is Earl Knight. Earl joined the Tucson Fire Department as a Hoseman - October 16, 1913. Resigned - September 11, 1917 (Unknown reason - possibly WWI) Reappointed Hoseman - September 2, 1921, Promoted to Lieutenant - June 1, 1923 Promoted to Driver - May 16, 1926 Retired - January 1, 1943 Died - April 9, 1964

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