

RECOMMENDS MOVING NEGRO FIRE STATION

May Go to Maple Road
Location, According to
Mayor.

SAFETY BOARD MEETS

A negro fire company in the station at Sixteenth street and Ashland avenue will be moved either to the Maple road station or to Indiana avenue and the canal and the abandoned station turned into a repair shop for the fire department. Mayor Shank announced today after a conference with the board of public safety. The station is one of those recommended by the national board of fire underwriters be abandoned. The board of safety has received a new set of recommendations, which if complied with will promote Indianapolis from third to second class rating as to fire hazards. Insurance rates are regulated upon this rating.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS SUBMIT NEW REPORT

The new report of the fire underwriters, submitted to Mayor Shank by E. M. Sellers, manager of the Indiana Inspection Bureau, Inc., with E. R. Townsend, an engineer for the national board, conferred with the board of public safety and the mayor on April 7 about moving the city rating. Negotiations to this end have been under way for the last two years. The new report contains practical recommendations that have not been made heretofore and amounts to a review of the things which remain to be done to gain the promotion.

Among outstanding improvements yet to be made are:

Installation of fire hydrants so there will be one every 250 feet in the mercantile and manufacturing districts and every 500 feet in residence districts.

Appointment of fire department officials for indefinite terms.

INCREASE NUMBER OF BATTALION CHIEFS.

Increase of battalion chiefs from eight to ten and addition of one district to the four in command of such officers day and night.

Reassign men so companies in high value districts will have at least six men and at least four in low value sections.

Move Engine Company 6 and Ladder Company 7 to new station in vicinity of Central avenue and Fifty-Eighth streets.

Discontinue Engine Companies 16, 17 and 31 and put apparatus in reserve or place pumpers in service with companies now equipped with steam engines, and put engines in reserve.

Put drill tower recently constructed into use and operate a modern training school for firemen.

Test apparatus frequently.

Revise running card to provide for fourth and fifth alarm assignments and reduce number of companies responding to first alarm in high value districts to four engines and two ladder companies and three engines and one ladder company on subsequent alarm.

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Ten Counties Late in Filing Returns

Ten counties, including Marion, have failed to certify the vote for senatorial, congressional and local legislative offices with the secretary of State today.

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Labor Committee to Hear Semeno

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The Senate Labor Committee today decided to comply with the request of Gen. George Semeno that he be allowed to appear before it to answer the charges made against him in connection with the killing of Russian soldiers and the slaughter of Russians in Siberia who he was commander of the anti-Bolshevik forces there.

Mrs. Stillman Takes Stand for Herself

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 10.—Mrs. Anne E. Stillman took the stand in her own defense here today at the hearing of the divorce action of her husband, James A. Stillman, and denied categorically charges of misconduct between her and her husband.

She said she understood the Real Estate Board has given up its plan of erecting a building of its own.

Stray Stone Hits Boy—Kills Him

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 10.—Louis Richter, 20, watched four other boys throwing stones at each other. A stray one struck him in the back of the head.

"Oh, my," he said, starting for home. Walking a few steps he fell dead. Police are questioning two boys.

Marriage Licenses

F. W. Boyd, 221 North Illinois street, 26 Jessie Allen, 615 Congress ave., 19 Jules Ray, 299 South Sherman drive, 19 Ruth Mayer, Rural Route E, Box 121, 27

She Marries Youth and Learns Truth; Now Done, Forsooth

Because, she says, her husband, Harold L. Hall, represented himself to be older than he really was, Mrs. Elma Blinn Hall today filed in Superior Court for annulment of her marriage.

Mrs. Hall also charges her husband, before she married him, told her he owned property he did not own and told her he had a good position, when he had no such position.

The petition states the Halls were married February 17, 1920, and that Hall at that time told his bride he was 23, when he was 25.

Mrs. Hall says she did not live with her husband after her disillusionment.

CHARGES COAL MEN HOLD BACK LARGE STOCKS

Mine Workers' Official Declares Producers Plan to Gouge Public.

NEW YORK, May 10.—"Coal producers are holding back available coal stocks, preparing soon to fling them on the market at fancy prices, gouging the public purse," was the charge today of Philip Murray, international vice president of the United Mine Workers.

This was in answer to a statement issued by the Manufacturers' Association, in convention here, that there was an abundant coal supply.

Mr. Murray also contended there is only three weeks' fuel supply on hand and predicted a coal panic at the end of that time.

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KNIGHTS HOLD CONCLAVE WITH HOSTS PRESENT

Nine Bands Furnish Music for Pageant Through Business Section.

Marching in time with nine bands, more than two thousand members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, appeared in parade this afternoon at the opening of the sixty-eighth annual convocation of the commandery. The knights, with high ranking officials, marched through the business district of the city. Big crowds witnessed the parade.

The parade was headed by Brandt C. Downey, grand marshal, and his staff.

The grand marshal's staff consists of the following: Franklin L. Bridges, chief of staff, Raper No. 1; Paul T. Hurst, assistant chief of staff, Connersville, No. 6; D. Wayne De Prez, Shelbyville, No. 2; Frank Kimmel, Lafayette, No. 3; Charles E. Read, Ft. Wayne, No. 4; Raymond G. Bates, Knightstown, No. 9; Dr. William K. Davidson, Evansville, No. 15; Conrad J. Herbert, Terre Haute, No. 16; Col. John L. McCulloch, Marion, No. 21; William W. Suckow, Jr., Franklin, No. 23; Newton L. Goodbar, Crawfordsville, No. 27; Bert Stanfill, Frankfort, No. 29; Ivory Tolle, Lebanon, No. 34; Wilbur Stiers, Rushville, No. 49; Henry L. Rudolph, East Chicago, No. 58; William E. Buser, bugler; William W. Watkins, bugler.

George W. Thompson is chairman of the escort committee. Winfield T. Durbin is chairman of the distinguished visitors committee.

The ladies attending the social functions of the convocation are being entertained by the following: Mrs. Edward J. Scoonover, chairman; Mrs. Henry Strickland, Mrs. Louis G. Rudenbush; Mrs. William H. Swint, Mrs. Brandt C. Downey, Mrs. William W. Suckow, Mrs. George W. Thompson, Mrs. John T. Sauter, Mrs. Fred W. Gunkel, Mrs. Anne M. Hutchinson, Mrs. Edward J. Gause, Mrs. Paul J. Maas, Mrs. Oshert R. Sumner, Mrs. Oscar G. Thomas, Mrs. Richard H. Alkema, Mrs. Oscar L. Pond, Mrs. Charles F. Neu, Mrs. George A. Newberry.

Harry G. Strickland is chairman of the general committee in charge of the sessions.

At 6 o'clock tonight the convocation of the Temple by the Raper Commandery No. 1 will begin at the Masonic Temple. On the first floor of the temple the ladies will be entertained with a special program.

At 8 o'clock tonight there will be a reception for Grand Commandery R. E. Eugene Vatek and Most Eminent Grand Master L. E. Newby, recently elected to this high post. The reception will be held in the recorder's apartments at the Masonic Temple. Dancing will follow the reception.

More than three thousand are attending the convocation.

The Terre Haute Commandery is staying at the Severin Hotel. The Claypool is headquarters for commanderies from Frankfort, New Castle, Ft. Wayne, Logansport and Richmond. The Rushville Commandery has headquarters at the Lincoln Hotel. The Rushville Commandery held a reception at the Lincoln at noon today.

AERIAL MAIL 100 YEARS OLD

Newspaper of 1822 Shows Postmaster Had Idea for Transportation.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The idea of speeding up the mail service of the United States by the use of airplanes was first conceived more than one hundred years ago, Postmaster General Hubert Work discovered in a recent inspection of the department's files.

While going through the records of the Post Office Department shortly after he assumed his new duties, Work came across the following editorial, which appeared in the *Freemason's Journal*, now called the *Norristown, Pennsylvania, Herald* of March 1, 1822:

"We would advise the Postmaster General to avail himself of the hand and very ingenious flying machine, invented by James Bennet of Philadelphia, by which we conceive the mails would be transported with much more celerity and dispatch than by the ordinary mode of carrying of mail and news dispatches by relays of horses every five miles between Washington and New York in fifteen hours."

"It created the greatest enthusiasm