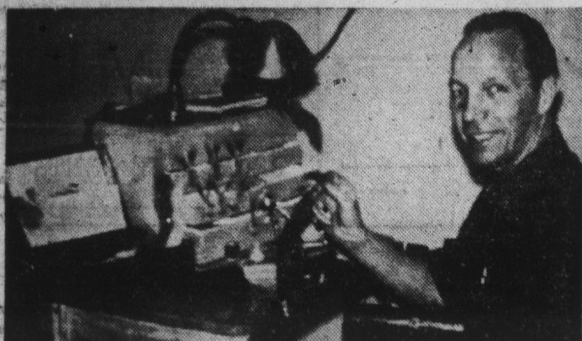


# Fireman Retires After 29 Years



Fireman Fossati . . . he'll dip those fancy files into Colorado streams.

## Veteran 'Smoke-Eater' Plans To Spend His Life Fishing

A man who has helped rescue hundreds of Indianapolis citizens from fires, drownings and deadly gasses has retired to devote the remainder of his life to fly-tying and fishing in Colorado.

Irvin Fossati, member of the city fire department for 29 years, hit the brass pole at headquarters station for the last time Monday. He had been on the department's rescue squad for 25 years.

**Has One-Man Business**  
A skillful designer of artificial bait, Mr. Fossati already has a thriving one-man business established with large sporting goods retailers throughout the Midwest. He intends to expand his trade while basking in the Rockies near Gunnison, Colo., a small college town.

For 15 years, Mr. Fossati has made his home in headquarters station at Alabama and New York sts. He holds the record for the greatest number of fire runs made by any single fireman—13,772. Practically all of them were in the risky, traffic-choked downtown district.

"It feels great to step down safe and sound," Mr. Fossati conceded.

He's survived several wrecks, fatal to others, was injured many times, and overcome by smoke once. Last year the Bruce Robinson post of the American Legion here granted him a citation for general bravery in line of duty.

Between fires and rescue runs, Mr. Fossati an inveterate angler launched an intensive scientific study of just what attracts fish, and what doesn't.

That's how he got started in the fly-tying business.

Irving is the surviving half of the famous Fossati brother team which, together, gave 60 years of service to the city. His brother, Louis, died last year after working for 31 years in the police department, mostly as a detective.

### A War Veteran

A veteran of world war I, Mr. Fossati has a son, James, who was honorably discharged recently from the merchant marine at Salpan.

One of the minor problems facing him, Mr. Fossati had to admit, is whether he'll be able to walk down steps instead of sliding down poles.

"I hope I never see a brass pole again," he laughed.

# OPA EXTENDS SHOE RATIONING

Infants' Shoes Sizes 0 to 4 Now Included.

WASHINGTON, March 29 (U.P.).—The OPA today extended shoe rationing to include infants' shoes size 0 to 4. Previously only infants' shoes size 4½ to 8 were rationed.

OPA said its action was the result of critically short supplies of the larger size shoes. "The size range most babies need when they begin to walk."

It said the fact that the smaller sizes were unrationed had created an "over-expanded" demand for them. Placing them on the ration list, the agency added, would lower the demand and thus permit more facilities to be devoted to making the more essential larger sizes.

**WORK STOPPAGE ENDS**  
LOGANSPOUT, March 29 (U.P.).—Workers of the Redinger Manufacturing Co. returned to their machines today, ending a two-day work stoppage. Representatives of the United Auto Workers union (A. F. of L.) and company officials discussed terms of a new work contract.

# Pearl Harbor Bugler Is Training New Crop

FIELD MUSIC SGT. ROY F. W. RIECK, who sounded the nation's first call to arms at Pearl harbor Dec. 7, 1941, is now training a new crop of marine buglers at Camp Pendleton, Cal.

The 247-pound bugler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Rieck, 742 Sanders st., was on duty at 8 a. m. when he saw a plane swoop over the harbor Dec. 7. At first he thought it was a navy plane until it dropped a bomb on the U. S. S. Arizona and showed the red circles on its wings.

After blowing the call to arms, Sgt. Rieck dashed into the barracks and roused the rest of the leathernecks. Then he came outside and began firing away with a Browning automatic rifle.

The sergeant also blew taps when the first U. S. servicemen to give their lives in this war were buried on Dec. 8, 1941. From Pearl harbor, he was sent to Johnston island and stayed there until April, 1943, when he came back to the States. His most prized possession is the old, battered bugle which he used at Pearl harbor.



Sgt. Roy F. W. Rieck holds his most prized possession, an old battered bugle.

## LOUIE K. STAMATKIN FUNERAL TOMORROW

Rites will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Bulgarian Orthodox church for Louie K. Stamatkin, 123 N. Belmont ave., who died yesterday in Methodist hospital. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Stamatkin, who was 48, was born in Macedonia and came to this country as a child. He operated the Belmont Lunch, 234 N. Belmont ave.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Mary; two sons, Carl L., Indianapolis, and Earl J., in the navy; a daughter, Mrs. Lois York, Indianapolis, and two grandchildren.

# HYMAN RESIGNS AS FEDERATION'S HEAD

Resignation of H. Joseph Hyman, executive director of the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Welfare Fund, has been announced, effective Monday.

Mr. Hyman had held his post almost 17 years.

He came here from Baltimore, Md., where he had been executive director of the Baltimore Association of Jewish Charities four years. In his work here, Mr. Hyman has served as president of the Indianapolis chapter of the American Association of Social Workers and also the Social Workers' club. He has been an executive committee member for the National Council of Jewish Social Workers and a member of the board of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare funds.

He lives at 4560 Guilford ave. His successor here has not been appointed.

## RUSS DELEGATION HEAD?

LONDON, March 29 (U.P.).—The Exchange Telegraph said today that Radio Moscow had announced Andrey A. Gromyko, Russian ambassador to Washington, would head the Soviet delegation at the world security conference in San Francisco.

# Plaque Winner Killed in Crash

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 29 (U.P.).—Forrest B. Roberts, 32, Chicago, had driven his tractor-trailer truck for more than five years without even a minor accident, then was killed in a two-truck collision west of here Tuesday night.

In his wallet, officers found a certificate from the National Safety Council. It showed that he was awarded a gold plaque last Aug. 2 for a five-year, no-accident record.

## WILLIAM D. LEWIS GIVEN BOK AWARD

PHILADELPHIA, March 29 (U.P.).—William Draper Lewis, Philadelphia, former dean of the University of Pennsylvania law school and director of the American Law Institute since its organization, received the annual Philadelphia Bok award last night.

Lewis, 77, received the city's highest civic honor for his coding of the law, his simplification of the common law and his efforts to establish uniform laws throughout the country. The 19th and final volume of his work was concluded last month. The award carries with it a \$10,000 gift.

# GATES TO APPOINT WELFARE LEADERS

The task of totally reorganizing the state welfare department top command by Sunday faced Governor Gates today.

Thurman A. Gottschalk of Berne, Democratic welfare director, resigned yesterday, effective Saturday. Under the amended welfare law passed by the 1945 legislature, the governor must name a state administrator, three regional administrators and a five-member welfare board. The act goes into effect Sunday.

Thus far, Governor Gates has appointed two members of the five-member board—Joseph Andrew of Lafayette, president, and Fred Hope of Indianapolis.

# GERMAN CIVILIANS WAVE WHITE FLAGS

WITH 6TH ARMORED COLUMN NEAR FRANKFURT, Germany, March 27 (Delayed), (U.P.).—An army truck, rolled ahead of this armored column broadcasting over a loud speaker:

"If all civilians will show white flags then our troops will come in."

"We're coming in anyway," commented T-5 Jean Besette of Lyndonville, Vt., who was riding a tank. A few minutes later the column rolled into Niederrad, which Lt. Col. Frank E. Britton of Hartford, Conn., described as "not exactly Frankfurt but a suburb—like Brooklyn."

Suddenly white flags popped out everywhere. Women waved white cloths from windows. Children waved handkerchiefs. One little girl flapped her white apron.

"Where are we, France or Germany?" demanded Besette as hordes of civilians flocked into the streets to see the invaders and children cheered.

He got his answer from an officer. "Don't forget these people are the enemy," said the officer. "They would slit your throat if they had the chance."

# BOY 'HUNTING JAPS' ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

PITTSBURGH, March 29 (U.P.).—A seven-year-old boy was accidentally shot when he took his father's revolver from a dresser drawer and went out into the field with two playmates. He had a tussle for the gun with one of his companions and was shot in the abdomen when it discharged.

Louis was taken to a hospital where his condition was reported as fair.

# TWO GROSS INCOME OFFICIALS RESIGN

Raymond R. Dietz and Walker E. Land, veteran employees of the Indiana gross income tax division, today submitted their resignations to Gilbert K. Hewitt, retiring director, to become effective Saturday.

Mr. Dietz, 1353 N. LaSalle st., was head of the cashier's department and had been in the department since its origin in 1933. Previous to that he had been affiliated with Indianapolis banking and bonding businesses for 18 years. He is resigning to accept an executive position with the Phil Jones' diners.

Mr. Land, 4500 E. 62d st., had been head of the mechanical accounting department since 1936, also serving as superintendent of the state's office building. He is now secretary-treasurer of the Purity Cone & Chip Co., 846 N. Hamilton ave., and will take over active management of the business following his resignation.

# TOKYO RAID HERO IS WAR PLANT OWNER

LOS ANGELES, March 29 (U.P.).—Ted Lawson, author of "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" and pilot of one of the B-25's that made the first raid on the Jap capital, disclosed today that he is co-owner of a small war plant here.

He and George Bently, former North American aviation engineer, have acquired a small machine shop in west Los Angeles and are making parts for aircraft firms. Lawson lost a leg when he crash-landed his ship in the surf off China after his run over Japan.

# PROBED BY FBI, BUT IT WAS GOOD

WASHINGTON, March 29 (U.P.).—Rep. Jed Johnson (D. Okla.) was pretty much exercised when he heard the F. B. I. was investigating him back home in Anadarko.

He was mollified, however, when the justice department informed him that:

1. He has been proposed for judge of the customs court in New York.
2. The F. B. I. turned in a highly complimentary report on him.
3. The justice department is ready to send the report with its blessings to President Roosevelt whenever Johnson gives the word.

Johnson, however, hasn't made up his mind whether he wants the judgeship. He hadn't sought it and knew nothing about the proposed offer until he heard the F. B. I. was asking questions about him.

# New Officers of Local P.-T. A.



New officers of the Local Council of P.-T. A. are (front row, left to right) Mrs. Clayton Adams, Mrs. P. L. Sargent, Mrs. Walter L. Caley; (back row, left to right) Mrs. Paul J. Howey, Mrs. Herman H. Lauter and Mrs. Earl H. Stumpf.

MRS. WALTER L. CALEY will be installed as president of the Local Council of P.-T. A. on May 24 in the War Memorial building. The group elected officers yesterday in Caleb Mills hall at Shortridge high school. Others chosen to serve with Mrs. Caley are Mrs. P. L. Sargent

and Mrs. Earl H. Stumpf, first and second vice presidents; Mrs. Paul J. Howey, treasurer, and Mrs. Herman H. Lauter and Mrs. Clayton Adams, recording and corresponding secretaries. Reports were given by local P.-T. A. presidents and Mrs. Walter L. Thoms presided.

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E. Apron Scarf, a huge colorful pure silk paisley by Glentex, 8.95  
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