

Ban On Smoking In Local Stores Studied By Officials

Ordinance Is Viewed as Aid To Stamp Out Fire Hazards Made by Patrons, Employees

City officials today considered an ordinance banning smoking in all Indianapolis merchandising stores, having 25 or more employees and 300 or more customers a day.

The issue of fire hazards created by patrons and employees smoking in stores handling inflammable materials was presented to fire prevention bureau heads sometime ago by the Merchants' association.

Harry H. Fulmer, fire chief, and Michael J. Hyland, fire prevention director, said they intended asking the board of safety at its meeting Tuesday to send a no smoking ordinance to city council.

Certain It 'Will Work'

Chief Fulmer, though apparently in favor of the step, said: "The only way we could enforce such a law would be to make an example of someone. I don't know whether we would want to do that."

Murray H. Morris, head of the merchants' organization, asserted that a no smoking measure "will work."

"It's working in New York City," he said.

The proposed ordinance would permit smoking in restrooms and fire-proofed quarters especially provided for that purpose. Violators would be fined a maximum of \$25 for each offense.

Chief Hyland said he thought the measure would be "the greatest single step to prevent fires since passage of the anti-fireworks act" if it could be properly enforced.

DROP 495,500 EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (U. P.)—The civil service commission reported last night that 495,500 full-time employees were dropped from federal payrolls during the year ending Sept. 30, leaving 2,154,000 persons still employed.

LOSES BOTH FEET IN EXPERIMENT OF YOGA

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29 (U. P.)—Douglas Frederick Birch, a 30-year-old student of Yoga in Brisbane, Australia, heard a voice commanding him to stand in fire.

He obeyed. Radio Australia reported. In great pain he crawled a quarter mile to a highway and was taken to a hospital by a passer-by. Today surgeons amputated both feet.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau—All Data in Central Standard Time Nov. 29, 1946

Sunrise..... 6:45 Sunset..... 4:28

Precipitation for 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m. 30.00

Precipitation since Jan. 1..... 6.42

Deficiency since Jan. 1..... 6.42

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

	High	Low
Atlanta	53	48
Baltimore	44	40
Boston	50	45
Cincinnati	50	40
Cleveland	48	36
Dayton	48	36
Detroit	52	42
Evansville	58	32
Fort Wayne	48	32
Indianapolis (city)	55	35
Kansas City	65	52
Las Vegas	79	76
Memphis	65	52
Mobile	65	52
New Orleans	65	52
New York	48	44
Omaha	57	38
Pittsburgh	48	37
St. Louis	64	45
San Antonio	65	35
San Francisco	53	43
Washington, D. C.	53	43

24-HOUR FORECAST SUMMARY

Below freezing temperatures are forecast throughout New England tomorrow morning. The extreme northeast will have readings near zero, while southern New England's coastal areas

temperatures will be around 20 to 25.

A cold-air invasion which

swept over northern plains and

upper lakes region will move

further east and southward and

extend its influence from Nova

Scotia to Virginia and westward

to Kansas along the cold air

front tonight.

The presence of relatively dry, cold air over most of the eastern

half of the U. S. insures gen-

erally fair weather Friday night.

However, Florida and portions of

the extreme southeastern states

will be cloudy with rain or showers,

where mild, ocean air circulates inland and drops some of

its moisture.

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