

VETERAN FIREMEN QUITTING SERVICE Many Vacancies Occasion "Shuffling" of Men to Operate Apparatus 140 RESIGN IN ONE YEAR

Shuffling about of hose and ladder men is being resorted to in the Bureau of Fire to relieve a deficiency brought about in large measure by neglect of Councils to keep the city's fire-fighting force abreast of the times both in men and in remountation.

In plain words, which do not miss, the heads of the Bureau of Fire, who are operating with a depleted equipment that in numbers borders closely upon the danger mark.

The stream of resignations, particularly among the older and experienced men, and the latter men, whose no. of years and whose continuance adds to the worries of Chief Murphy and his associates.

The latter frankly admit that the withdrawal of these men, whose no. of years and whose continuance adds to the worries of Chief Murphy and his associates.

The remedy for this endangering condition, according to the officials of the Bureau, lies primarily in the hands of Councils. The men whose no. of years and whose continuance adds to the worries of Chief Murphy and his associates.

Chief Murphy, Deputy Chief Davis and his associates are keenly trying to hold the Bureau of Fire together, and to give assurance of continuance to the Bureau, both in pay and bonus, are far more attractive to the holder of an engineer's license than are those of the Bureau of Fire.

Hose and ladder men are no so difficult to obtain, but are harder to retain in service. Of the 110 resignations last year several came from men who had scarcely dried out their hair, "drying" in the consequent injection of so much nitrate and inexperienced material in so important and responsible a branch of the municipality as the Bureau of Fire.

Chief Murphy—not that the newcomers are less intelligent or braver than the men they replace.

These are not questioned, but it is their lack of acquaintance with the business of a fireman. At present, with twenty-five per cent of the men in the service appointed of a year or less, there is scarcely a station that does not house three or four.

Older members of the service declare that an extensive fire in the "danger zone" of the city would cost the lives of some of these youngsters.

It is disheartening to Chief Murphy and his assistants to witness the growing number of changes from veterans to recruit members.

Obituaries Mrs. Thomas Balch

Mrs. Thomas Balch, a member of one of the oldest and best distinguished Philadelphia families, died yesterday morning at her residence, 1412 Spruce street. Mrs. Balch was eighty-five years old and death was due to an illness which she contracted at her home in her late residence and which she had been in the infirmary of the City of Philadelphia since her arrival in Philadelphia in 1911.

William Flanagan

William Flanagan, fifty-five years old, a dealer in woolen wares, of 1410 Mansueta avenue, Roxborough, was taken ill yesterday at the Pennock Clubhouse, 118 Sunoco street, Wissamuccon, and died before he could be removed to a hospital. The cause of his death was pneumonia. Mr. Flanagan was a member of Roxborough Lodge, 135, F. and A. M. He is survived by a wife, a son, and a daughter.

Deaths

AGER—Jan. 7. MAIRIE TERESA, widow of John E. Ager, services and interment at St. Catharine's, Philadelphia, Pa., 8:30 a. m.

DEATHS DEGAN—Jan. 6. CATHARINE, widow of Bernard Degan, services and interment at St. Peter's, Philadelphia, Pa., 8:30 a. m.

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POLLY AND HER PALS What Would Pa Do Without Neevah? -RESOLVE THAT I SAM PERKINS DO HERBY SWEAR OFF LOSIN' ME TEMPER... INSTEAD OF VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF SMOKIN' S.P.

WELL, MA, LETS HOPE ITS FOR THE BEST NOW IF HE ONLY STICKS TO IT! BY-THE-WAY, AENEAH, I WANT YOU TO RUN A ERRAND FOR ME! SORRY HON, MA, BUT WHAT YOU ASK IS IMPOSSIBLE. WHADDY MEAN, 'Y IMPUDENT, I'LL RANT! THERE! THERE! MAW, THERE! THERE! MAW, AENEAH IS ONLY ACCORDIN' TO MY ORDERS! SEEN' AS THEYS NO TELLIN' WHEN I'LL ABEED AENEAH, FROM NOW ON, I AINT TAKIN' NO CHANCES!