

# SIX HERO FIREMEN OF BOSTON RECEIVE HONORS AT CITY HALL

## Capt Hanton Given Fitzgerald Medal For Rescuing Woman—J. J. Boyle Gets Scott Award



Left to Right—Mayor Curley, Capt Joseph P. Hanton, John J. Martin, John J. Boyle, William O. Cheswell, Fire Commissioner McLaughlin.

Awards to members of the Fire Department, selected because of meritorious action during the year, were made in the office of Mayor James M. Curley yesterday.

Capt Joseph P. Hanton of Engine Co 33 was awarded the John E. Fitzgerald Medal for 1929 and hoseman John J. Boyle of Engine 27 the Walter Scott Medal for 1929. Names of William O. Cheswell Ladder 1 and John J. Martin of Ladder Co 13 were placed on the roll of merit and special commendation was given ladderman Michael F. Hurley of Ladder 13 and apparatus operator Joseph H. Collins of Engine Co 25.

The board of merit, making the recommendations to Fire Commissioner Edward F. McLaughlin, included Chief Daniel F. Sennott, Deputy Chief Albert J. Caulfield, Deputy Chief Frank

A. Sweeney, Deputy Chief Henry J. Power, Deputy Chief John J. Kelley, Deputy Chief Thomas H. Downey and Deputy Chief William F. Quigley.

The Fitzgerald Medal went to Capt Hanton for his courage in effecting the rescue of Mrs Rose Dumas, who was found unconscious from the inhalation of smoke and heat at a fire at 568 Columbus av, Nov 30, 1929. Capt Hanton performed this rescue with great danger to himself.

The Scott Medal was awarded Boyle for the rescue at 166-168 Bunker Hill st, Aug 21, 1929. Previous to the arrival of the fire apparatus in response to the alarm, Boyle, while off duty, ran to the scene of the fire and saw a woman 79 years of age in a window on the second floor, surrounded by fire. Boyle climbed the water spout and swung into the window and attempted to extinguish the fire from her clothing, then dropped her to the arms of citizens below. Boyle was scorched

about the face and hands and performed this rescue with great danger to himself.

Cheswell's name was placed on the roll of merit for rescue of a citizen who was found asleep in a bedroom on the second floor of the building at 193 Endicott st during a threatening fire. Martin's name was listed for the rescue of Arthur Strand at the fire at 568 Columbus av, Nov 30, 1929. Martin was burned about the hands.

Hurley was commended for the efficient assistance he rendered in the rescue of Strand and Collins was commended for the initiative and judgment which he showed while attending a performance in the Imperial Theatre, East Broadway, South Boston, July 23, 1929, when a slight fire occurred in the motion picture booth. Collins ran the house line, extinguished the fire and assisted in calming approximately 300 children attending the theatre, thus helping to prevent a panic.