

## **FIRE!!**

The pictures on the outside covers were taken from our files of original photographs taken by our own Fire Department Photographer and by Reporters from the *Boston Globe* newspaper during the past year.

Your attention is called to the tremendous battle the firefighter is apt to face each time an alarm sounds, endangering his own life while in the line of duty and so often saving the lives of those trapped in buildings where rescue operations are most difficult and hazardous.

Please take a better look at the pictures on our covers and do your part in the work of prevention.

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We urge you to help PREVENT fire, by observing a few FIRE PREVENTION rules.

1. A tiny flame may cause DISASTER — BE CAREFUL.
  2. DON'T SMOKE in BED.
  3. Keep Matches out of hands of CHILDREN.
  4. Clean your CHIMNEY yearly.
  5. Make every week FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.
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IN CASE OF FIRE, telephone KEnmore 6-1500; or sound an alarm from the nearest fire alarm box.

## *Appreciation*



The Board of Trustees of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund wishes to extend its sincere appreciation in behalf of the members of the Boston Fire and Protective Departments to all who have contributed in any way to make this, our 79th Annual Ball, a success.

It is only through your continued generosity and cooperation that the Relief Fund is able to provide the necessary medical aid to sick and injured Firefighters and their families.

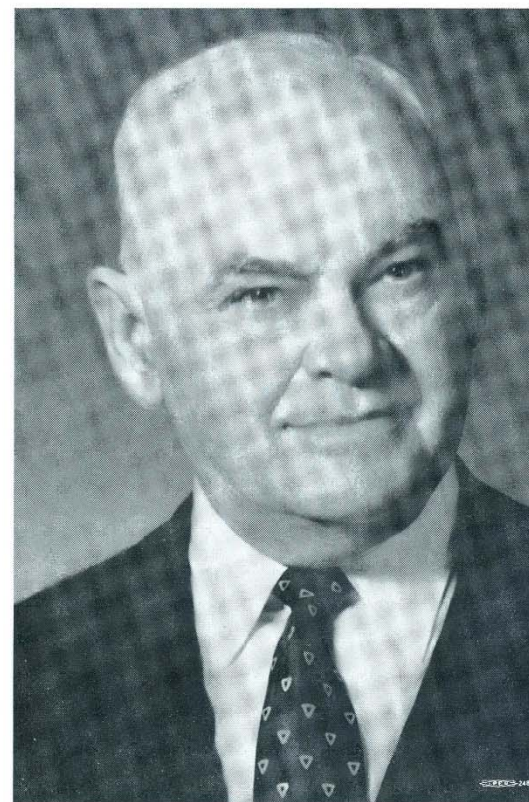
We sincerely hope that you have a most enjoyable evening.

JOSEPH FLYNN, *President*





JOHN B. HYNES  
*Mayor of Boston*



FRANCIS X. COTTER  
*Fire Commissioner*



LEO C. DRISCOLL  
*Chief of Department*



JOSEPH F. SULLIVAN  
*Chief, Boston Protective Department*





DR. EDWARD H. HOMMEL  
Medical Examiner

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Fire Commissioner Francis X. Cotter

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Albert Spitz, Engine 4  
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ALBERT SPITZ

... Program ...

8:00 to 9:00 P.M. — Concert

Boston Firefighters Present — Nation's Number One Dance Band

LESTER LANIN  
AND HIS ORCHESTRA

9:00 to 10:30 P.M.

- ☆ Entrance of Officers and Guests of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.  
Honor Escort — Boston Fire Department Band
- ☆ National Anthem — Boston Fire Department Band
- ☆ Greetings by President Joseph I. Flynn, Boston Firemen's Relief Fund
- ☆ Selections by Boston Fire Department Band
- ☆ Introduction of Boston Firefighter who finished 3rd in T.V. Talent Contest
- ☆ Introduction of Boston Firefighter who finished 2nd in T.V. Talent Contest
- ☆ Special Exhibition by C.Y.O. Class A Champion Drum Corps  
St. Kevin's Emerald Knights
- ☆ President Joseph Flynn introduces Master of Ceremonies Jack Chase  
from the Staff of Station WBZ-TV
- ☆ Presentations of Awards — High Commendation Citations  
Presented by Mayor John B. Hynes  
Fire Commissioner Francis X. Cotter  
Chief of Dept. Leo C. Driscoll  
Assistant Chiefs of Department  
John F. Howard William A. Terrenzi John E. Clougherty
- ☆ Presentation of 40-year Service Buttons
- ☆ Presentation of 25-year Service Buttons
- ☆ Ceremony for Departed Members of the Boston Fire & Protective  
Departments — Conducted by Chaplain Rev. John E. Barclay  
Boston Fire Dept.
- ☆ Pass in Review — A salute to the award winners
- ☆ Introduction of Firefighter who placed first in Community Auditions  
T.V. Talent Contest
- ☆ Exhibition by Eastern Massachusetts Class A Champion Drum Corps  
Hyde Park Crusaders
- ☆ Drawing of Appreciation Award — 1958 Ford Car
- ☆ 10:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. — Dancing

## HIGH COMMENDATION AWARD

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Fire Lieutenant EMMETT F. COLLINS, Ladder Company 15

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At 6:12 P.M., March 31, 1957, the department responded to the Hotel Kenmore at 490 Commonwealth Avenue. Upon arrival a man was seen standing on a pillar at the edge of the roof, approximately one hundred feet above ground level, and was threatening to jump into the street.

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Fire Lieutenant Emmett F. Collins of Ladder Co. 15, who went to the roof, volunteered to put on a life belt with a life line attached in an attempt to reach the man who was in such a precarious position on the edge of the parapet that the possibility of his toppling into the street was ever present.

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Fire Lieutenant Collins conversed with the man while edging toward him. When about three feet from the self-intended victim, Lieutenant Collins was warned not to come any closer. However, Lieutenant Collins talked to the man for about 1½ hours and was gradually inching his way toward him. The man swayed suddenly and Lieutenant Collins dove and grabbed him about the waist, both falling to the parapet. They were dragged to safety by members of Engine Squad 14 and Ladder Co. 15 who were manning the life line.

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Because of the constant vigilance shown, and the extreme personal risk taken by Fire Lieutenant Collins in saving the man's life, the Fire Commissioner was pleased to commend him highly in General Orders No. 17.



### HIGH COMMENDATION AWARD

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Fire Captain STEPHEN F. McMAHON, Ladder Company 16  
Firefighters JOHN F. WHITE and GERALD F. ROCHE,  
Engine Squad 45

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At about 7:20 P.M., May 31, 1957, Engine Squad 45 and Ladder Company 16 responded to Deven Pond in Jamaica Plain into which a seven-year old boy had fallen. Upon arrival Fire Captain Stephen F. McMahon of Ladder Company 16 and Firefighters John F. White and Gerald F. Roche of Engine Squad 45 entered the water, wading, swimming, diving and groping along the bottom in an effort to locate the boy's body. Strenuous efforts were continued for more than an hour before they recovered the body.

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The foregoing members performed this dangerous work without regard for their own personal safety, having knowledge that the water was dirty and stagnant, and that the bottom of the pond was covered with all types of debris.

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Because of their prompt action, and the risk to which they exposed themselves, the Fire Commissioner commended them highly in General Orders No. 28, June 19, 1957.

### HIGH COMMENDATION AWARD

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Firefighter EUGENE F. TIERNEY, Ladder Company 30

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At 1:38 A.M., June 6, 1957, the department responded to Box 2443 (2 alarms) for a fire in the dwelling house at 7 Chilcott Place, Roxbury.

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Upon arrival at fire, it was found that a woman was trapped on the third floor of the building. Firefighter Eugene F. Tierney of Ladder Company 30 entered the building and proceeded up the front stairs to the third floor which was heavily charged with smoke; and, after a search, found a woman partially overcome by smoke in a rear bedroom. He assisted her to the street and she was taken to the hospital.

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Because of his risk to which Firefighter Tierney exposed himself in effecting this rescue, the Commissioner commended him highly in General Orders No. 28, June 19, 1957.

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## BOSTON FIREMEN'S MUTUAL RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The following members died in 1957:

| Name                                     | Date           | Age |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|-----|
| JULIUS H. CUTLER, Ex. Fire Prev.         | Jan. 1, 1957   | 76  |
| JOSEPH H. DASHNER, Ex. Engine 13         | Jan. 3, 1957   | 64  |
| STEPHEN L. SHARP, Ex. Boston Protective  | Jan. 4, 1957   | 58  |
| WILLIAM M. PHELAN, Ex. Capt. Ladder 31   | Jan. 7, 1957   | 70  |
| EDWARD F. FEATERSTONE, Ex. Fire Prev.    | Jan. 9, 1957   | 77  |
| LOUIS COHEN, Fire Prevention             | Jan. 13, 1957  | 66  |
| WILLIAM L. FOSTER, Ex. High Pressure     | Jan. 30, 1957  | 73  |
| COLEMAN E. CLOUGHERTY, Ex. Engine 16     | Feb. 8, 1957   | 82  |
| THOMAS F. DOLAN, Ex. Ladder 10           | Feb. 14, 1957  | 61  |
| WALTER C. LANDRY, Ex. Engine 31          | Feb. 21, 1957  | 73  |
| HENRY A. WOODMANCY, Ex. Engine 1         | Feb. 24, 1957  | 79  |
| WILLIAM F. WALSH, Ex. Engine 46          | Feb. 25, 1957  | 62  |
| GEORGE H. MORRIS, Ex. Engine 34          | Feb. 27, 1957  | 72  |
| DAVID E. COYLE, Ex. Ladder 18            | Mar. 5, 1957   | 62  |
| JOHN F. GREENE, Ladder 24                | Mar. 8, 1957   | 36  |
| JOHN A. CAVANAGH, Ex. Engine 21          | Mar. 9, 1957   | 67  |
| AARON A. TAPP, Ex. Fire Alarm            | Mar. 9, 1957   | 81  |
| JOHN BOWEN, Ex. Headquarters             | Mar. 11, 1957  | 78  |
| BERNARD M. MONAGLE, Ex. Engine 4         | Mar. 15, 1957  | 57  |
| CHARLES E. BARRY, Ex. Engine 16          | Mar. 18, 1957  | 74  |
| JOHN T. ANGEL, Ex. Ladder 33             | April 7, 1957  | 68  |
| FREDRICK J. FORD, Rescue                 | April 14, 1957 | 50  |
| JOHN A. CULLEN, Ex. High Pressure        | May 7, 1957    | 86  |
| WILLIAM F. QUIGLEY, Ex. Deputy Chief     | May 19, 1957   | 76  |
| HENRY J. WELZ, Ex. Engine 33             | May 20, 1957   | 66  |
| WILLIAM A. HAMMOND, Boston Prot. Dept.   | June 1, 1957   | 61  |
| WILLIAM F. THOMPSON, Ex. Lieut. Lad. 10  | June 9, 1957   | 83  |
| MICHAEL RYAN, Ex. Ladder 29              | June 14, 1957  | 79  |
| THOMAS R. MCCONOLOGUE, Ex. Ladder 22     | July 25, 1957  | 78  |
| PHILIP G. FLYNN, Ex. Lieut. Chemical 6   | July 28, 1957  | 95  |
| JOHN R. POWER, Ex. Boston Prot. Dept.    | Aug. 21, 1957  | 67  |
| FRANCIS P. O'NEIL, Maint., Motor Squad   | Aug. 23, 1957  | 37  |
| CORNELIUS J. MURPHY, Ex. Ladder 19       | Aug. 28, 1957  | 72  |
| THOMAS H. DONOVAN, Ex. Ladder 10         | Sept. 8, 1957  | 45  |
| JOHN J. GATELY, Ex. Engine 3             | Sept. 19, 1957 | 77  |
| WALTER F. TRACY, Ex. Engine 30           | Sept. 20, 1957 | 62  |
| DANIEL J. LEARY, Ex. Ladder 4            | Sept. 24, 1957 | 80  |
| THOMAS F. FORD, High Pressure            | Sept. 26, 1957 | 60  |
| GEORGE F. DOYLE, Ex. Ladder 15           | Oct. 5, 1957   | 89  |
| PATRICK J. RYAN, Ex. Engine 40           | Oct. 8, 1957   | 85  |
| FRANK B. DUNBAR, Ex. Engine 40           | Oct. 8, 1957   | 71  |
| WILLIAM J. MAHONEY, Ex. Dist. 11 (Chief) | Oct. 13, 1957  | 71  |
| ADRIAN R. GRACE, Ex. Engine 15           | Oct. 16, 1957  | 73  |
| GEORGE L. EVANSON, Ex. Tower 2           | Oct. 22, 1957  | 79  |
| JOHN C. LANGAN, Ex. Engine 37            | Oct. 22, 1957  | 67  |
| DANIEL J. MURPHY, Ex. Engine 19          | Nov. 14, 1957  | 90  |
| MICHAEL P. DEMPSEY, Ex. Fire Prevention  | Nov. 17, 1957  | 76  |
| GARFIELD R. LAPLANTE, Ex. Engine 32      | Nov. 18, 1957  | 77  |
| JOSEPH H. SCHILLER, Ex. Engine 6         | Nov. 21, 1957  | 58  |
| WILLIAM J. MEHEGAN, Ex. Engine 30        | Nov. 26, 1957  | 59  |
| GEORGE J. MALONEY, Ex. Ladder 13         | Nov. 28, 1957  | 43  |
| JOHN O. DOLDT, Ex. Engine 29             | Dec. 6, 1957   | 42  |
| THOMAS M. MANNING, Ex. Engine 28         | Dec. 7, 1957   | 67  |
| JAMES J. WALTON, Ex. Ladder 15           | Dec. 19, 1957  | 75  |
| EDWARD L. O'DOWD, Ex. Engine 27          | Dec. 21, 1957  | 70  |
| EDWARD A. TURLEY, Ex. Engine 18          | Dec. 25, 1957  | 66  |

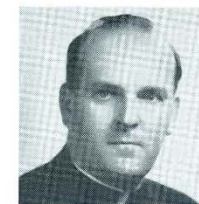
## BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS



REV. JOHN E. BARCLAY



RABBI SAMUEL I. KORFF



REV. JOHN J. MCMANMON

The following is dedicated to the Memory of the Men Who Have  
Died in the Performance of their Duty:

### PRAYER FOR FIREMEN

Dear God, Who, in Thy providence didst appoint Thy servants to protect life and property from the dangers and ravages of fire, we pray Thee to guide and guard with especial care our stalwart, heroic, untiring sons in their perilous, self-sacrificing labors.

We beseech Thee, dear God, to grant to them and to their loved and loving families, the rewards of abundant blessings on earth, and in the life to come, eternal salvation through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN,  
*Archbishop of New York*

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## Working Foreman, Lineman and Cablesplicer

Charles T. Donovan.....Fire Alarm Div.



OFFICIAL TICKET SELLERS — 1958 ANNUAL BALL

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Front Row, left to right: Robert Brady, Frank Gayette, Thomas Whelan, William Spitz, John Morgan, Edward Gregory.

Back Row, left to right: Thomas Walsh, John Cornish, Ernest Thompson, Leo Rusk, Joseph Dart, Joseph Cuan, William Cosgrove.



The Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, through its Board of Trustees, acknowledges a debt of gratitude to the Public Relations Office of the Boston Fire Department; the staff of the 22 district weekly papers; the Boston American-Daily Record; the Boston Herald-Traveler; the Boston Globe; all local Radio and TV Stations, for their splendid co-operation in publicizing the Annual Ball this year.

# STAFF OF STATION WBZ-TV



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Again, as in other years, the Trustees of your Relief Fund went to Station WBZ-TV seeking help and advice in planning the arrangements for our Annual Ball. As usual they gave unstintingly of their time, experience and planning in order that the Ball would be most entertaining and insure you of a pleasant evening. In thanking WBZ-TV we would like to include the Community Opticians and the Berklee School of Music for conducting their talent show for the firefighters; also Daniel Sullivan of the Tapper Club, for the use of his fire films showing Boston Firefighters in action. To these wonderful friends we say "thank you" in the name of all the firefighters.



The membership of the Boston Firemen's Relief Association expresses sincere thanks to the Doctors and Nurses of all hospitals for the prompt, efficient and sympathetic treatment accorded our brave Firefighters who have been injured protecting the homes and families of our citizenry.

Our Honorary "District Chief" Lester Lanin in the company of the Entertainment Committee



Left to right: President Joseph Flynn, Lester Lanin, William McClellan and Lieut. John McCorkle

Each year our Entertainment Committee strives to bring the "Top Band in Our Land" to Boston to celebrate the Annual Firemen's Ball as well as to make an enjoyable evening for our kind friends who by the purchase of tickets help to keep this most worthy charitable function in good financial condition.

We know when this evening is over you will agree that our choice of Lester Lanin and his music made the Ball this year a most outstanding social success.

## THE BOSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND



### PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

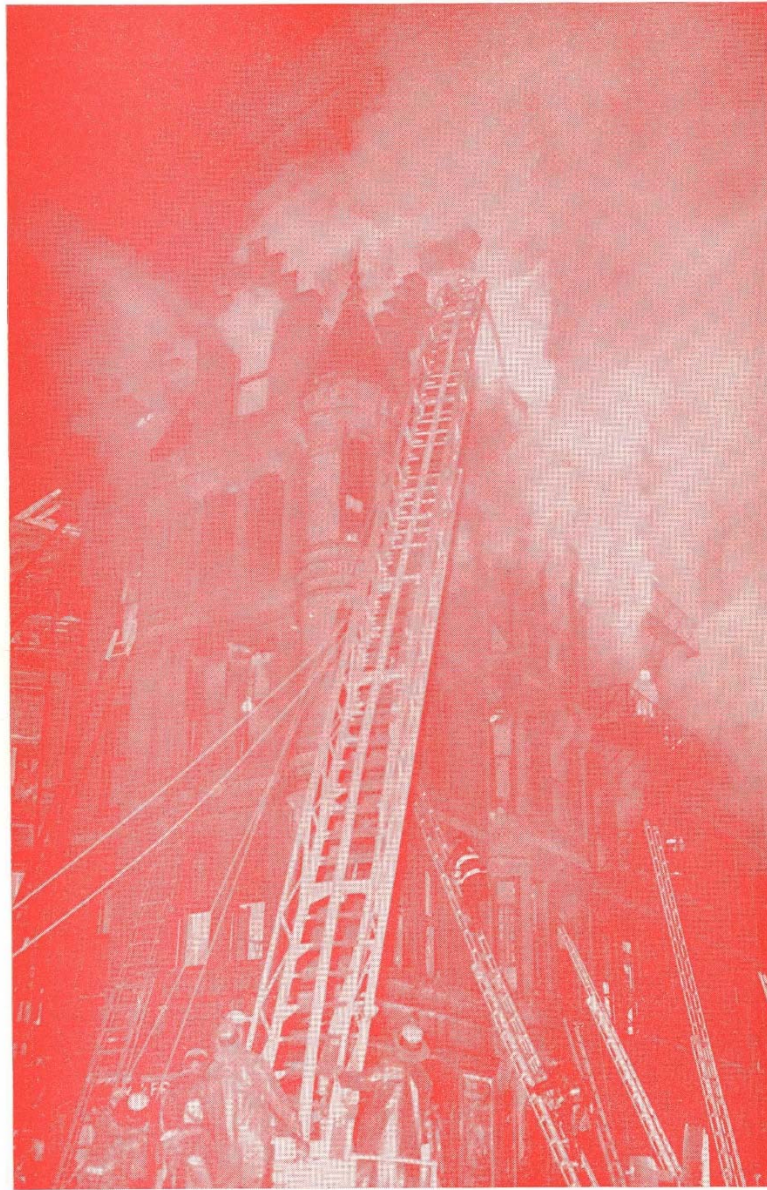
The Boston Firemen's Relief Fund was organized in 1879 and incorporated under the statutes of Massachusetts in 1909 and is now completing seventy-eight years of successful operation.

Every man appointed permanently to the department automatically is eligible for assistance from the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund from the day he is appointed.

The proceeds from this Ball are used to pay doctors' bills and hospitalization of members injured in the performance of their duty, also to assist dependents of deceased firefighters.

The Board of Trustees will greatly appreciate any contributions and donations to help the work of this fund.





This fire occurred at 9:42 P.M., February 18, 1958 at 561 Columbus Avenue. Four Alarms were sounded. Picture taken by Raymond T. Lonergan, Fire Dept. Photographer.