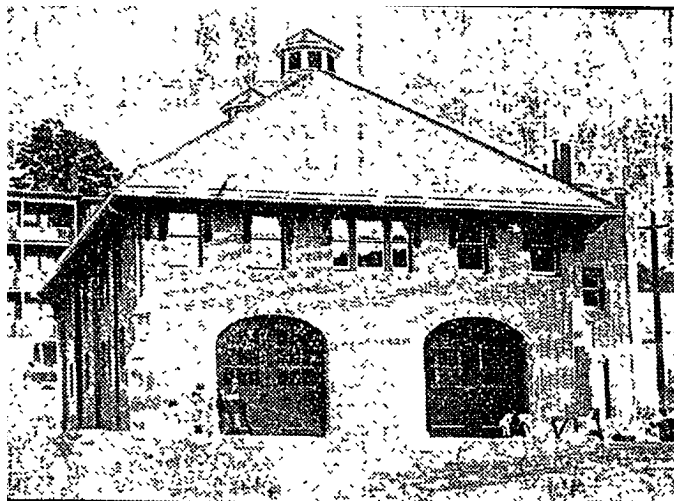


# FOREST HILLS GETS FIRST AUTO CHEMICAL MACHINE

## New Fire Station at Walk Hill and Wenham Sts Will Be Placed in Commission Today.



NEW FIRE STATION FOR FOREST HILLS SECTION.

Automobile chemical engine 13 will be placed in commission this morning by Acting Commissioner Carroll in the new fire station erected at Walk Hill and Wenham sts, Forest Hills. The machine was built last year at Springfield and is the first piece of motor apparatus to be permanently installed in the department service.

The new commissioner is a great admirer of motor fire apparatus and intends to establish a flying squadron at Grove Hall. For 20 years residents of Forest Hills have sought additional fire protection, but it was not until Benjamin W. Wells took charge that definite arrangements were made to respond.

Mr Wells selected a site for a fire station at Forest Hills shortly before he was removed. After Samuel D. Parker became commissioner the city council appropriated money for a fire station and last winter the auto-chemical was built at Springfield at a cost of \$5450.

The new fire station is of brick, 2½ stories high and is regarded as one of the model fire stations of the country. The floors and ceilings are supported by massive steel girders. A feature of the house will be that the patrol desk and stairways will be in an L.

The main floor is of vitrified brick and in the rear is a provision for stalls should the fire leaders decide to place horse-drawn apparatus at the house. Even with the auto-chemical in service, there will be ample room for horse apparatus.

The house is finished with Carolina pine and well sheathed, ensuring a comfortable house in winter. On the second floor are quarters for three officers, while back of those are the dormitories

and lounging rooms as well as shower baths and drying rooms. Moller and Smith designed the house and it cost the city \$25,000.

The new chemical is equipped with two 35-gallon chemical tanks, several hundred feet of chemical hose, 1000 feet of hydrant hose, a small extension ladder, two hand extinguishers, a life line, axes, door opener, hose jackets and other equipment that will make it an up-to-date piece of fire apparatus. The machine will carry a large searchlight and two large fixed lights in front.

The following men are designated to report there this morning: James T. Jones of engines 26-35, Leonard F. Griffin of ladder 10, Frederick G. Menghui of engine 27, David J. Ryan of ladder 5 and Phillip G. Ferrin of engine 30. A lieutenant will be assigned today.

Other transfers in the fire department which will take effect today are: William J. Keane of engine 30 to engine 13, William A. Keen of ladder 21 to engine 5, Patrick Darcy of engine 37 to engines 26-35, Charles S. Lane of engine 23 to engines 26-35, Arthur A. Nixon of engines 26-35 to engine 12, David H. Toomey of engine 19 to engine 23, Andrew J. G. McKee of ladder 6 to engine 19, Tracey O. Littlehale of engine 13 to engine 37, John E. Curran of engine 5 to engine 27.

Michael A. Murphy, president of the Central labor union, just reinstated, has been assigned to ladder company 5.

The following young men have been appointed as probationary firemen: John V. Ney of 285 Bunker Hill st, Charlestown, to engine 16; Edward F. McCarthy of 87 L st, South Boston, to engine 23; Francis Murphy of 39 Polk st, Charlestown, to engine 30; Richard J. Dinnin of 30 Rockland st, Roxbury, to ladder 6; William J. Leonard of 1101 Columbus av to ladder 12, and Edward H. Harrington of 28 Everett st, Charlestown, to ladder 21.