

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 22, 1949

Waterbury Firemen, Who Rebuilt Station To House 3rd Truck, Adopt New Signals

WATERBURY, Sept. 21—A large number of Waterbury residents called Tuesday evening at the fire station to receive the new fire district and signal cards and at the same time to look over the equipment and station. Two changes have been made recently, the first, building of the tower for the siren, and the second, changing of the office to accommodate the ladder truck recently purchased.

The tower was built about two years ago so that the siren could be installed at the fire station. Previously it had been at the old Community House across the street. Located in the right hand corner at the back, the tower was constructed in such a manner that the hose can be hung up to drain and dry, thus reducing the expense of caring for them properly.

When the problem of housing became the big factor in the possibility of purchasing the old Barre ladder truck last March, the firemen, feeling the need of the ladder truck, volunteered to make the changes necessary to make room and asked only that the sum of \$80.00 be voted for material. By removing the office partitions and making a smaller office the three trucks are now housed satisfactorily. In the office a small kitchenette has been located in one end. Cupboards, a small sink and gas range have been installed. Funds from the Firemen Association were used to equip the kitchenette. The walls of the station and the office have

been painted, the upper half ivory and the lower half light green.

The new signal cards were given out with the compliments of the Waterbury Fire Department. Pictures of the personnel of the department, at the station, and of the three trucks and personnel at the park, are on the cards. All volunteers, the department has 13 regulars and two substitutes, many of whom have seen long years of service for their community.

The Waterbury Fire Districts and the new signals are: District No. 1, all of south end to Park row, one long-one short; district No. 2, Pilgrim Plywood, Park row, Randall, Elm, Main st. and Stowe st. to the dry bridge, one long-two short; district No. 3, North Main st. to twin bridge and Winooki st., one long-three short; district No. 4, north of twin bridges, two long-one short; district No. 5, Union, Railroad, High st. Luce Addition, Stowe st. east of RR track and Mill village, two long-two short; out of town, three long. Special signals are: Vermont State Hospital (fire), four short-three times; State Hospital (drill), four short, once only; Vermont National Guard, six long.

Each signal will be given three times on the State Hospital whistle immediately following the siren alarm. No information as to the location of the fire will be given out from the hospital except by whistle. The new arrangement, which becomes effective Saturday, Sept. 24, was made by the members of the department and officials of the village.