...ELL PLEADS ...R CHECK OF FIRES' WASTES

...mation Requesting Reforms in Methods; Sets Oct. 9 as "Fire Prevention" Day.

Fire Chief August Schmidt today received posters of the proclamation issued last week by Governor ...Small, setting Oct. 8 as fire prevention day this year, and Oct. 9 as fire prevention week.

The governor states in his proclamation:

"Fire losses in the United States are continuing at the rate of a half billion dollars a year. Those of our state are running at $30,000,000 a year.

"It should be a cause of concern to every citizen not only that this enormous property value is being wiped out each year by fire, but that the annual fire waste of state and nation has doubled since the war. More irreparable than the destruction of property is the estimated loss of 15,000 lives by fire or burns every year in the United States.

"A fire loss of this magnitude is a serious drain upon our resources and an impediment to prosperity. Burned factories produce nothing, except idle workmen. Burned homes bring desolation and misery, and often death of dear ones. The sum total of the economic loss is another burden added to our people, who must pay for it both in prices of things they buy and in the cost of insurance protection.

"The great majority of fires are preventable through the exercise of ordinary carefulness. Genuine cooperation by our citizens along this line would materially reduce this great waste of life and property.

"Therefore, appealing for this cooperation by our citizenship, I hereby proclaim Monday, Oct. 9 as fire prevention day.

"I also urge that the week of October 2 to 9 be set aside as fire prevention week and suggest activities along these lines:

"That all premises be carefully examined and fire hazards removed. Especially should there be a thorough cleaning up and disposal of rubbish, repairing of defects in flues and heating equipment, correction of defective electrical wiring and elimination of inflammable conditions generally.

"That a rigid inspection be made of schools, churches, theatres, public and private hospitals and institutions, hotels, stores and factories, and that necessary safeguards against fire, and adequate exit facilities in case of fire, be provided.

"That a careful examination of fire extinguishers be made by local officials and any deficiencies remedied.

Pulpit Support.

"I urge every mayor to issue an appropriate local proclamation. I suggest that pastors may render great assistance by pulpit appeals either on Sunday, October 1, or Sunday, October 8, for the practice of fire prevention.

"Educational exercises should be held in the schools to instruct the pupils in the elimination of fire hazards.

"Fire drills should be held in schools, factories and stores. They should be continued systematically during the year.

"Public meetings should be held where possible to stimulate interest in fire prevention.

"Conservation of life and property from fire is a patriotic duty. There should be generous cooperation from citizens individually and organized cooperation from chambers of commerce and all other civic bodies. The press is earnestly urged to give the influence of its active support."

TRUCKS ON ASPHALT; TWO DRIVERS FINED

Two Davenport truck drivers, Barney Vincent and Alfred Thomson, were fined $5 each in police court this morning for driving heavily loaded motor trucks on asphalt pavement in Rock Island.

Harry Williams pleaded guilty to drunkenness and was fined $5. It was his second arrest for a similar offense within two days. He was warned to return to Springfield, Ill., without further delay.

William Miller was released on charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Mrs. Mamie Diamond. She failed to appear in court to testify.

BROWN'S NIGHT SCHOOL
Opens Tuesday evening, Sept. 26. Make your arrangements at once to join classes. Register this evening.—Advertisement.)

TO ELIMINATE 'DEAD END' ON SIXTH AVENUE

Propose to Open Thoroughfare to Thirtieth Street; Paving Project Up, Too.

Improvement of Sixth avenue between Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth streets was recommended at a meeting of the board of local improvements in the city hall this morning, and the board prepared resolution for the paving project.

The avenue is closed just at the east line of McEniry's addition, or slightly beyond Twenty-ninth street. There property owned by Charles Larkin breaks the thoroughfare to Thirtieth street. The project aims to secure a right of way through the private property, to connect the east and west portions. Property owners west of the point are highly in favor of effecting this whole improvement, to put an east and west thoroughfare past their property.

The cutting of this right of way was included in a resolution of the board. Paving of the west part of this project, from the Larkin property west to Twenty-seventh street, was specified in a separate resolution made by the board.

This paving project, which may be coincident with paving portion of the avenue yet to be cut through, will be of asphaltic concrete, estimated to cost $11,872.

One-fourth of the cost of cutting the avenue through the Larkin property is to be paid by owners of adjacent property, while the other 75 per cent will be paid by the city.

To Pave Alley.

The board also adopted property owners' petition that the alley parallel with and between Fourth and Fifth avenues, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth street, be paved. Seven-inch concrete will be surface material and the estimated cost is $1,-900.

NAME DELEGATES TO ATTEND MEETING

Delegates to the convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor in Rockford Oct. 16 were named by Rock Island and Moline street railway employes, local No. 213, last night. The representatives are to be G. G. Engstrom, 3217 Seventeenth avenue, Rock Island, and William G. Toner, 3224 Seventeenth street, Rock Island.

The Tri-City Federation of Labor tonight will also elect two delegates.

WOMEN WANT MORE PARLIAMENT SEATS

London.—The women of England are preparing an intensive campaign with a view to securing more women members of parliament. They are quite satisfied with Lady Astor and Mrs. Wintringham, but they want more women in the house of commons to keep these two from feeling lonesome. They have now formed a committee to embrace all parties—except the Communist. They call it the women's election committee. They are raising a central fund, too, to help women candidates. Anyone who sends along more than a pound can have it earmarked for the support of a candidate for any particular party.

The duchess of Atholl has her eye on a seat, and although her aristocratic friends are trying to dissuade her from engaging in an electoral contest, it is understood she is preparing to stand for the parliamentary vacancy that will occur if the expected promotion of the lord advocate to the Scottish bench takes place.

ILLANDERS MOTOR WITH SCOUT BAND TO CAMBRIDGE FAIR

A large group of business men left at noon today for the Henry county fair, Cambridge, making the journey in autos which were assembled at the Rock Island club.

Members of the delegation wore Rock Island badges. The Boy Scout band left for the fair at 9 o'clock this morning.

MAKING PROGRESS IN BUREAU DRIVE

Solicitors for the triennial membership drive now being staged for the Rock Island county farm bureau, are making splendid progress according to reports received by P. R. Edgerton, farm advisor.

Encouraging bulletins have been received from Coe, Buffalo Prairie, Cordova and Drury townships, and if the same ratio of gain is continued elsewhere the goal of 1,200 members will be attained Saturday.

DAWES BACKS VETO.

Chicago, Sept. 21. — General Charles G. Dawes, former director of the budget, upheld President Harding's veto of the soldiers' bonus.

BUILD CHINAWARE PLANT.

Lincoln, Ill.—The Illinois China company, whose plant here was destroyed by fire several months ago, is building another plant, larger than the one destroyed. The new plant will have a total floor space of approximately two acres.

NEGRO EMPLOYE NAMED IN WILL

Colonel B. Walkup Gets $700 Bequest From Estate of Rufus Walker, Moline Merchant.

The faithfulness of Colonel B. Walkup, colored, to his employer, the late Rufus Walker, pioneer merchant of Moline, is rewarded by a bequest of $700 in the will of Mr. Walker which was admitted to probate today by Judge Ben Farrar.

The will creates a fund of $15,-000 for the benefit of Margaret E. Dodge, sister of the late Mrs. Rufus Walker, from which she is to be paid $100 monthly, with provisions for additional allowance in case of illness.

A trust fund of $30,000 is established for the benefit of Mrs. Susan Smith, a daughter. The beneficiary is to receive the income during her life and later this goes to her children until the youngest is 21 years of age. At that time the fund is to be divided among the Smith children.

The sons and daughters of Frank B. Walker and Rufus Walker Jr. are each bequeathed $1,000.

The remainder of the estate is to be divided into four equal parts and apportioned as follows:

One part to Frank Walker, son.

One part to Rufus Walker, son.

Income from one part to Mrs. Susan Walker Smith, daughter, during her life time, and then to her children until the youngest is 21, when the fund is to be divided equally among those children.

Income from fourth part to Mrs. Alta Walker Howlett, granddaughter, such income to go to Mrs. Howlett's children until the youngest is 21, when it is to be divided among those children.

The will was dated Oct. 21, 1921. It is said to dispose of an estate valued at several hundred thousand dollars.

POLICE HAVE NO CLUES IN 17 HILL HOME BURGLARIES

Investigation of the 17 burglaries and attempted burglaries committed in the hill residence district Tuesday night was continuing today, it was announced by Chief Thomas Cox.

The detectives and officers working on the case have not reached tangible clues as to the identity of the prowlers who entered the houses and took approximately $400 in money and property.

Police charged that one householder, aware of the ransacking of his neighbor's home, neglected to call the police until the marauder had departed and cost the police opportunity to catch the burglar at work.

A petition recently presented to the house of lords was a mile in length and had 78,105 signatures.