

# DEDICATE NEW STATION OF ENGINE 40, EAST BOSTON

## More Than 1500 at Exercises—Company Has Open House—Conducts Dance in Evening



### DEDICATION OF ENGINE 40'S NEW HOME IN EAST BOSTON.

Teddy Glynn, son of the Fire Commissioner, is seen on the balcony raising the flag at the conclusion of the ceremonies. Commissioner Glynn is standing on the hose wagon in front of the door.

The new station of Engine 40, East Boston—the latest idea of a modern fire house and one of the best in the country—at Sumner and Orleans sts. was dedicated yesterday afternoon with impressive exercises. The festivities continued until late last night. More than 1500 persons attended the ceremonies and inspected the \$40,000 building. The firemen held open house and served refreshments. In the evening the company conducted a dance in the large recreation room on the third floor.

District Chief Henry J. Power was master of ceremonies at the exercises, which were opened with prayer by Rev. William J. Barry, pastor of the Church of the Assumption. After remarks by District Chief Power, an address was made by Alfred E. Wellington, ex-City Councillor.

In reminiscences of his work years ago at Engine 40, Chief John O. Taber traced the advancement of fire-fighting in East Boston. He said that when he was at the station the firemen used to fish from the rear window of the firehouse.

Fire Commissioner Theodore A. Glynn accepted the key from the builder, John B. Dolan, and declared that he was proud to be one of those responsible for the construction of so splendid a fire station. He praised the East Boston firemen and lauded the cooperation and work of District Chief Power. The commissioner was given a warm birthday greeting.

Other speakers were Ex-Dist Chief Fitzgerald O'Lalor, Capt James F. Hickey of Station 7, Chairman John H. L. Noyes of the Board of Street Commissioners, Representative William Hearn, Representative Timothy F. Donovan, Ex-Representative J. Frederick Curtin, Past Commander Matthew J. Boyle of the Lieut. Flaherty Post, A. L. and Richard C. Kirby, president of the East Boston Improvement Association.

A feature in the evening program was the presentation of a gold fire badge to William Crawford, assistant State chemist, who was recently commended by Gov. Cox for bravery in extinguishing a fire in the State Chemical Department. Presentation was made to the well-known "spark" by Capt Thomas J. Lannary, in behalf of the members of Engine 40.

Capt Lannary has been in charge of Engine 40 for the past 21 years. He is senior captain of the department, and has been in the service 33 years, being the first permanent substitute to be appointed by Civil Service. For 16 years Capt Lannary was assistant district chief in East Boston.

Large bouquets—tokens from friends throughout the district—decorated the station. Among the more elaborate was one from the Valentine Club, of which Mrs. Lannary is a member.

On the committee in charge of the functions were William J. Forster, John J. Ainsworth, John J. Barry, Fred L. Hines, Harry Eastwood, Fred Godbolt, George Ellsworth, William Keenan, Martin J. Powers and Joseph Walsh.



CAPT THOMAS J. LANNARY  
of Engine 40.

On the first floor of the building, which is constructed of tapestry brick, are the quarters for the apparatus and the switchboard room. On the second floor are officers' quarters, watch room, large sleeping compartment and locker room. A large recreation room, equipped with pool tables and for smoking, and a roof garden, is the arrangement on the third floor.

The house is erected on the site of the first engine house of the district, built in 1865. It is oil-heated.

During the work of construction, Engine 40 has been quartered with Chemical 7 in Saratoga st.