

City Firemen, Police Ask Pay Hike, Hospitalization

Training School for Fire Dept. also Sought, Mayor Silent Until After Budget Meeting

Firemen and police have asked the city to grant them an unspecified pay increase and hospitalization benefits in 1955.

In addition, firemen ask that the city provide funds in the 1955 municipal budget to set up a training school for rookie firemen and an advanced school for older members of the department.

A committee representing the firemen met for nearly three hours today with Commissioner Daniel S. Templeton Sr., Director of Public Safety.

Request Given Mayor

The request from the police was given to Mayor Kendig S. Bare yesterday when he returned from Kansas City.

Mayor Bare declined to make any statement except to verify the report that the request from the Police Department had been delivered to his office.

He explained: "This is a budget matter and I do not discuss the budget until it has been agreed upon."

Shirk Won't Seek Re-election in 1955

Commissioner K. L. Shirk Sr., head of the Department of Accounts and Finance and deputy Mayor said today he will not run for re-election when his present four-year term expires at the end of 1955.

"Yes, you may say I will not seek re-election," the commissioner said. "Just don't say 'probably.' I mean I won't run—that's definite."

At the end of his present term, Shirk will have been in Council nine years. He was an officer in both World War I and II and served a term as District Attorney of Lancaster.

"I'm not getting any younger," the Commissioner said. "I think I should slow up just a bit."

1954 5 cent pay raise

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