## CITY OF OMAHA

Office of the Commissioner of Police and Public Saftey 402 City Hall

May 8, 1942.

John J. Pszanowski, Chief of Police, Central Station.

Dear Chief:

As you know charges have been filed and are now pending before the City Council, alleging that Sgt. John W. Graham recently made an arrest in which he used undue force. This matter was set for hearing before the City Council this morning, but owing to legal complications, of which the Council had no control, it was necessary that the matter be continued until a later date.

Statements have been made by parties interested on both sides that the matter has been continued by the City Council, because of political implications. This, of course, is ridiculous and is not true.

In view of those statements, however, I want it distinctly understood by the members of the Omaha Metropolitan Police Department that neiher I nor he members of the City Commission will tolerate any arrest made in any manner which is contrary to the laws of the State of Nebraska. Members of the Department must understand that the law requires them to make arrests without the use of undue force and we propose and insist that the laws of the State must be obeyed at all times.

> Yours truly, Richard W. Jepsen Commissioner.

### INSPECTOR



firht Negri Fire Inspector, who 19th and Harney Sts. Ros has been a member of the Omaha Pire Department for 23 years, and is highly praised for his efficiency by Fire Cheif Olsen.

Before being assigned to his present duties as Inspector he was Julor Captain of Engie House No. 4 for eight years.

The Inspector resides at 1310 No. 48th Avenue, with his wife, Mrs. Blandina Rose and two youngest children, Jean and Clifford. He has three other children who are married, they are: Mrs. Geraldine Harris, Mrs. Irving Davis and Jewel Rose, Jr. He is a member of St. John AME Church.

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## On the Alert



Six members of Engine House No. 4 of the Omaha Fire Department. Reading from left to right: Kittral Hudson, Jr., Captain Winifred Freeman, Sr. Captain Alonzo Jackson, Clarence Davis, Jasper Cole and Harry Speese.

The efficient Negro Unit of Oma- | Captain; Harry Speese, Pipeman; in making Omaha one of the safest ha's Fire Department is composed of Robert Green, Chauffuer; Kittral cities in which to live. Help them to three ranking officers and a crew of Hudson, Pipeman; Clarence Davis, get a lving wage by voting for the six. They are; Alonzo Jackson, Sen- Chauffuer; Jasper Cole, Pipeman; Restoration of their pay on Tuesjor Captain; Jewel Rose, Fire In- Emmanuel Cook, Pipeman. These day, May 12th. spector; Winifred Freeman, Junior Alert Firemen have done their part

# LET'S BE FAIR

The Omaha Guide and the Acting Editor, C, C, Galloway unhestitatingly endorse the Restoration of former salaries to the Firemen and Policemen of Omaha. We need trained and efficient Men in our Fire and Police Departments. We can't keep meh of this high quality in our Fire and Police Departments working for as low as 32c per hour when corporations and industrial plants are paying common labor from 60c to 80c per hour and skilled workers with ability to perform craftsmenship work, from \$1.25 to \$1,80 per hour, If you think that can be you are just asleep at the switch. It is absolutely impossible to keep our experienced and efficient Firemen and Policemen on the job under their present low wage scale. It is up to you Mr, and Mrs, Voter, to keep men who know how and when to do the job; to protect life and property.

In this War, no City City is immune from the deadly and destructive missles being hurled from the sky. We need Firemen and Policemn capable of dealing with all eventualities. Don't be robbed of the eficiency of your Fire and Police Departments. Vote "YES" on the Restoration of Fire and Police pay checks, and keep what you have for your preservation.

> C. C. GALLOWAY, Acting Editor of The Omaha Guide.

# Efficient Employees Are Entitled To Fair Pay

The Firemen and Poicemen represent OUR PERMANENT HOME DE-FENSE. They are the guardians of our lives and property, 24 hours each and every day, That they may adequately meet the increasing demands on their limited salaries, caused by the Rising Cost of Living, they are asking, Not for a Raise in Salary, but for A Restoration of their Regular Pay.

Your Firemen have for the past eight years, reduced the previous yearly fire losses by half a million dollars and that reduction has reduced your yearly insurance costs. Last year, Omaha had the lowest crime and traffic accident rating of any City of its size, enabling Omaha to be awarded the National Traffic Safety Plaque.

Your Firemen and Police work longer, furnish more equipment and receive less pay than Firemen and Policemen in neighboring cities of smaller size.

They are proud, as patriots, to meet the additional demands of National Defense work which has been added to all of their duties. But they could serve even better if not hampered by below-the-standard-wages.

Their work is dangerous. They risk their lives and limbs to protect your loved ones.

They voluntarily took a cut of \$60 per month in 1932 in order to meet the conditions of the Depression. They are now asking the Voters of Omaha to restore to them this \$60 per month in order that they may meet the conditions caused by the Rising-Cost-of-Living of 1942.

They have been fair in the matter of wages, as well as efficient in their work. Now let us deal fairly and efficiently with them by voting "YES" for a Restoration of their Salaries on Tuesday May 12th.