

## Kingston Fire Chief Expires

### Harry M. Weir Stricken With Heart Attack; to Be Buried Saturday

Harry M. Weir, 52, of 107 Sharpe Street, Kingston, chief of Kingston Fire Department and West Side plumbing contractor, died instantly of a heart attack yesterday afternoon at 4:30 while working at the new Chaplin Apartments, on East Walnut Street, Kingston.

Workmen who saw Chief Weir collapse called for Kingston Community Ambulance, which was sent from Columbian Engine 2, where the chief's brother, Lee Weir, was on duty as fire apparatus chauffeur.

Chief Weir was rushed to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The veteran fireman's death came as a shock, particularly because of his apparent excellent health and his active participation in sports events.

From 1911 to 1922 Chief Weir was active in organized baseball. Rated as a top-notch catcher, he played in all the faster leagues in the county before going to the Piedmont League with Winston-Salem and later with the Wilkes-Barre Barons in the old New York-Penn League, now the Eastern League.

When he joined the Navy in World War 1 he immediately won a berth with the championship fleet team that played other service teams in the United States and France.

In 1912 he joined the Columbian Fire Company of then Dorrance-ton Borough and four years later was appointed paid driver, serving until he entered the Navy. Upon his return in 1918 he was re-appointed paid driver and served until 1920, when he resigned to start the plumbing business that he headed at his death.

When Dorrance-ton and Kingston were consolidated Chief Weir continued active, climbing through the ranks to foreman, the post he held when he was named chief of department in 1940.

Chief Engineer Ambrose Saricks of Wilkes-Barre Bureau of Fire said Chief Weir's death is "a great shock to me as it will be to all firemen in this area. Weir was a brave and trained fireman and a considerate officer. He served untold hours during the War in helping shape the fire fighting units of the Civilian Defense."

Fire Chiefs John Reichard of Forty Fort and High Jones of Edwardsville joined in paying tribute to Chief Weir as "a fire fighting colleague always ready to give a hand. He was one of the principal factors in prompting mutual aid among boroughs. He will be remembered in our departments as long as the engines roll to alarms."

Chief Weir was a member of Black Diamond Post 395, American Legion; Kingston Veterans of Foreign Wars; Kingston Lodge 395, F&AM; Caldwell Consistory, Six-County Firemen's Association and Eagles. He attended Dorrance-ton Methodist Church.

He leaves a son, Harry, Jr., of Durham, N. C.; a sister, Mrs. A. J. Winder of Wilkes-Barre and a brother Lee, Kingston.

The entire uniformed member-

### Dies Suddenly



CHIEF HARRY M. WEIR

ship of Kingston Fire Department will hold a memorial service Friday night at 8 at Doron-Hughes Funeral Home, 392 Wyoming Avenue, Kingston.

Funeral will be held Saturday, afternoon at 2 from the Doron-Hughes Funeral Home, with Rev. Samuel Truscott of Dorrance-ton Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in Fern Knoll Burial Park.

Arrangements by Hugh B. Hughes.

### Todd Signs Contract

Philadelphia, July 23 (AP)—The CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers announced tonight a tentative agreement with Todd Shipyards in Hoboken, N. J., and Brooklyn on wages and conditions of employment. The company employs 25,000.

Union President John Green said the agreement is subject to ratification by the respective local unions and approval by the national office.

Pending action tomorrow, the men will remain at work although a 30-day extension of their agreement with the company ends at midnight, Green announced.

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