

# Fire Unit Will Cost \$68,538 To Operate

Winter Park's second fire station, to be located at Lakemont and Dundee, will cost an estimated \$68,538 a year to operate.

The figure includes \$56,017 for salaries for nine firemen and \$7,282 in employee benefits.

**THE CITY** has contracted services and commodities on radio maintenance (\$120), supplies and chemicals (\$730), hose (\$500), telephone

and utilities (\$1,200), station maintenance (\$250) and uniforms (\$2,439).

Included in capital outlay is \$1,600 which includes \$900 for a new base radio, \$200 for a manual typewriter and \$500 for a new mobile radio for the reserve fire truck.

Not included in the budget are a number of requests which were eliminated due to lack of funds. These include \$1,500 for additional materials and supplies, \$1,830 for additional hose and \$2,669 for additional fire hydrants.

**THE BUDGET** includes \$4,830 for fire hydrant installation and maintenance which will enable the city to install 12 new hydrants.

Since the station will only be in operation about eight months the first year, the budget shows only \$45,000 for operations.

## New Fire Siren Audible 7 Miles

Winter Park's volunteer firemen will have no excuse for not hearing the fire alarm now.

A new and powerful siren, said to be audible seven miles away was installed this week on the roof of the fire department on West Lyman Avenue. First test of the new equipment will be heard at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The siren is operated by a 7 1-2 h.p. motor, over a 360 degree radius, and manufacturers claim it is effective at a distance of three to seven miles, depending on the wind.

Fire Chief Quincy Smith said the new siren will be a great improvement over the old one, which was beamed north and south, with the result volunteer firemen living east and west of the station often had to be called by telephone.

The new siren cost the fire department \$475. This was offset by sale of two old sirens, purchased by the city in 1932 and 1941, to the fire departments of Pine Castle and Union Park for a total of \$300.