



LAST DAYS OF OLD FIRE SCHOOL

The Chicago Fire Department drill school (above) at 718 W. Vernon Park will be torn down this month. A new \$2,000,000 fire academy will be built a few blocks away at 558 W. DeKoven, site of Mrs. O'Leary's barn where

fire school in 1919. Some 6,500 firemen learned blaze-battling skills at the school and 171 graduates were killed or fatally injured fighting to save Chicago lives and property. LEFT: Firemen gather on fire escape to get pointers