

Hydro Inspectors are Electrical Lifeguards

An Ontario home goes up in flames because a small nail was driven inadvertently between two wires supplying a kitchen light.

Eleven cows are electrocuted after a farmer installs a water heater himself.

Vern Bowman is one of 173 men employed by Ontario Hydro to help prevent such tragedies. His job:

To protect the public against death or injury from the use of electricity, and the sale or use of inferior equipment; to protect buildings against fire and other hazards.

Vern Bowman is an electrical inspector in the New Liskeard area, Northeastern Region — one



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of nine regions into which the province is divided for Ontario Hydro's operations.

He believes the public over the years has generally come to accept electrical inspectors.

"Of course, some appreciate what we are trying to do and others simply criticize."

Does the average consumer fully consider the implications of faulty or inadequate wiring and the service the electrical inspector is rendering him?

"After installation," says Mr. Bowman, "most wiring is concealed and the vital role it plays is usually forgotten. As long as the lights burn and motors turn over, the average person is not apt to worry much about the hazard to life and property inherent in faulty electrical equipment."

The problems of area inspectors are many and varied. One of the biggest is the "handy-man" or "do-it-yourself" type of installation, repair or extension.

"Wiring properly installed can be of great benefit," he says, "but improper installations can do great harm. If advice on electrical wiring or equipment is needed, consult us. We are ready to answer all questions."

Mr. Bowman notes that there has been a great increase in the number of electrical appliances in use in the home — with more than 70 such items now on the market — and points out that many homes are inadequately wired to meet future needs.

Ontario Hydro has been the sole inspection authority in the province since 1915. In 1916 a section of the Commission's laboratories was equipped for testing electrical equipment for safety from fire and shock. This was the beginning of approvals and safety testing in Canada, now a national service under the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

The duties of inspectors generally consist of checking installations to see they meet certain minimum safety standards, and that approved equipment is properly used.

The inspector makes sure that:

1. Correct size wire is used for the circuit carrying capacity required.
2. Adequate fuses or circuit breakers are used so equipment and conductors are properly protected.
3. Equipment is CSA approved.

4. Proper grounding connections are made.
5. Motors have both overload and overcurrent protection.
6. Wiring and equipment are safely installed.

Normally, says Mr. Bowman, as the wiring regulations require, the onus is on the person doing the work to apply for a permit and inspection before he starts. This applies to industrial, commercial and residential premises "like your house and mine."

Before power is supplied to new homes and buildings they must be inspected and approved by the electrical inspector.

As part of their service to the consumer, Hydro inspectors offer a list of Do's and Don'ts for the public.

Consumers can help out by keeping an eye open for faulty wiring and equipment, he says, citing the case of a Toronto man who was electrocuted because a grounding prong was unintentionally removed from a pipe cutting machine.

One of the best ways for the public to avoid "some of the hazards" that might result from unapproved equipment, explains Mr. Bowman is to look for the CSA approval marking. Do not buy an appliance without it.

Your electrical inspector offers the following checklist of Do's and Don'ts for the safe use of electricity:

DON'T

1. Substitute pennies, tinfoil and other conductive materials for fuses.
2. Handle electrical appliances when in the bathtub.
3. Touch metals when operating a switch.
4. Use ordinary heaters for steaming head colds.
5. String extension cords through doorways or fasten to the building.
6. Use metal sockets in damp locations.
7. Employ makeshift wiring.
8. Remove grounding provisions on equipment.

DO

1. Keep lamp cords from under rugs.
2. Replace worn or frayed appliance cords.
3. Use only 15-ampere fuses for lighting circuits.

Playground Action At Haileybury

Every day, Monday through Friday, from ten to twelve in the morning, and two until four in the afternoon, the supervisors at the Haileybury Playground provide entertainment for anywhere from two to one hundred and two children. The mornings find them playing musical and active games and telling stories. The afternoons are spent in the construction of many imaginative and colourful crafts.

Last week-end boys and girls from the ages of ten to thirteen spent the night at Fairy Lake on the annual overnight camping trip. In spite of a minor flash flood they had a wonderful and adventuresome time and behaved very well considering the fact that they were far away from parental observation.

The children at the playground have an active interest in the game of croquinoie. In a tournament held recently, Ricky Morris, eight, and Ricky Dennison, eleven years old, won the prizes in the junior and senior divisions.

All children are welcome to participate in the activities at the playground which will continue until August 31.

Liberals and PC's

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ed by the recent death of A. R. Herbert of Cobalt.

The Liberals have announced their nominating convention will be held at New Liskeard, Aug. 31, in the community hall. This will be the first time in many years that the Conservatives have held their nomination meeting at New Liskeard. The past three nomination meetings were at Englehart.

The byelection date has not yet been announced by the Ontario government.

4. Keep all wiring in a safe condition.
5. Have repairs and alterations done by a qualified electrician.
6. Use proper vaporizers — not electric heaters — for steaming head colds.
7. Allow enough circuits for all appliances.
8. Buy only appliances, cords and equipment bearing the CSA Seal of Approval.

Mission Circle Studies Esther

The hymn, "Standing on the Promise of God," was sung to open the August meeting of the Pentecostal Women's Mission Circle. Mrs. Wes. Bradley led the opening prayer, this was followed by the singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer", and "God Can Do Anything".

The Scripture, read by Mrs. Fred Harmon, was the fourth chapter of Esther, and the message of the evening brought by Mrs. James Harmon was based on the theme, "Esther, the Fearless and Faithful Queen".

Mrs. Wilfred Graff gave a reading, "An Encompassing God", and the prayer period was conducted by Mrs. Noble Hermiston, Mrs. Gib. Lowe, Mrs. Jenny Pearson, and Mrs. C. E. Miller.

Following the minutes of the previous meeting a note of thanks was read from Mrs. Vernon Wark for the gifts for her chosen daughter, Dianne.

Dues and pennies were collected and a short time spent in sorting Sunday School papers and doing embroidery work, then lunch prepared and served to the men who were working at the church as well as the members.

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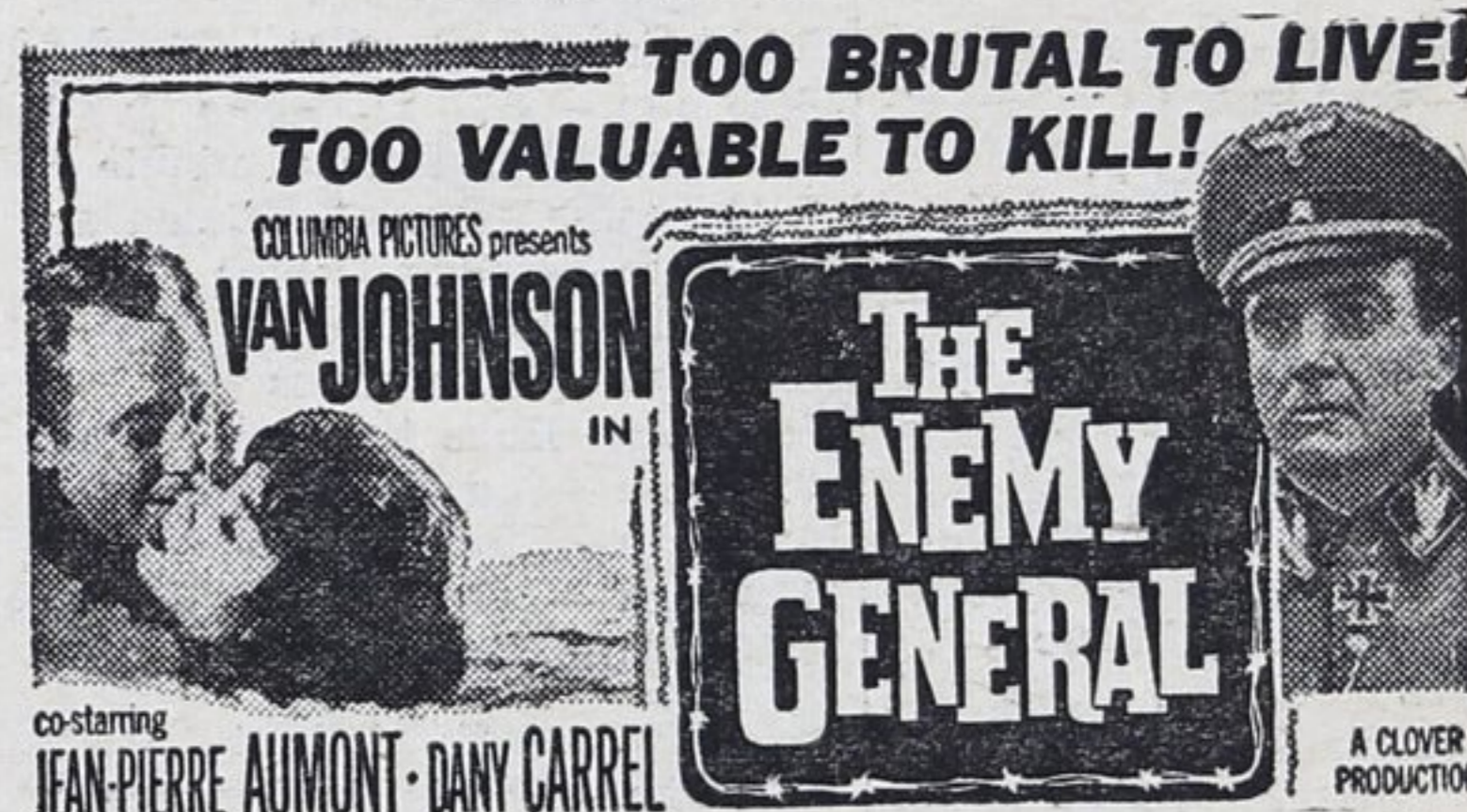
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