

Electrical Hazards Cause 2,451 Fires

Many thousands of electrical hazards were remedied in Ontario last year, with a consequent reduction in the fire risk and in the fire loss, stated Ontario Fire Marshal W. J. Scott today in releasing figures of a survey of how municipal fire departments were making use of their new electrical inspection authority which they received in an amendment to the Fire Marshal's Act, which came into effect in April, 1956.

This had been much the most comprehensive inspection survey ever conducted of electrical installations across the province, the fire marshal said. It covered about one in 11 of the 110,000 electrical installations in the province, mostly picked at random. There had been splendid co-operation from fire departments, whose existing inspection forces of 301 inspectors had made 182,000 electrical inspections.

While a quarter of the buildings inspected showed some sort of electrical defect, the great majority were easily remedied defects, such as too heavy fuses, frayed cords, too many extensions from a single outlet. It was very reassuring that in 24 of the 110,000 electrical installations, a serious nature requiring the services of an electrician. Most striking was the public co-operation received for the owners and occupants of the buildings voluntarily had the defects remedied in 90.4 per cent of the cases, without the necessity of the fire department serving a formal order under the Fire Marshal's Act. The public co-operation was such that out of 182,000 electrical inspections, it was necessary to prosecute only two cases in court, both resulting in convictions and fines.

Fires caused by electricity in 1955 amounted to 2,451 fires with a total loss of \$2,590,140 and a fire insurance loss paid of \$2,260,908. In 1956, despite a population increase and the large number of new buildings erected, there was a slight decrease to 2,403 fires with a total loss of \$2,437,837 and an insurance loss paid of \$2,143,500. These figures include not only fires caused by some defect in wiring or equipment, but also such instances of straight human carelessness as leaving an electric iron turned on overnight.

Minister Endorses '57 Cancer Campaign

In a message from Ottawa, the Honorable Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare, endorsed the April campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society. "I am happy," the message said in part, "once again to give my whole-hearted endorsement to the annual campaign for funds of the Canadian Cancer Society. During the month of April, this organization is seeking public support for its important activities which include the promotion of cancer research and educational programs and the provision of needed welfare services.

"Cancer remains as a potential threat to the health and well being of every Canadian. While science has not yet discovered a cure for this dread disease, there is greater hope for the cancer victim today than ever before. Because of diagnostic aids for the earlier detection of cancer, major advances in surgery, improvement in X-ray devices, the wider use of radium and the development in Canada of the Cobalt 60 Beam Therapy Unit, thousands of cancer victims are alive today who would have had little hope of recovery a few short years ago.

"This encouraging progress in the fight against cancer is the result of the combined efforts of scientists, the medical profession, voluntary agencies and governments. By contributing to the recent appeal for funds, Canadians will be assisting the work of both the Canadian Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute of Canada, which are dedicated to the belief that given sufficient determination and perseverance, a final victory over cancer can and will be won."

Draw Winners
Mrs. Esther Adams, with a five per cent coupon, received \$500 at the weekly Merchants' Draw Saturday. Mrs. W. R. Norton won the draw for the \$500 award.

Re-Elect W. Hume Co-op President At Annual Meeting in Stewarttown

William R. Hume of Milton was named president for his third term. Jack McDonald of Terra Cotta was re-elected vice-president, and Victor Lawrence was again named secretary of the Halton Co-operative Supplies board of directors at the annual meeting held in Stewarttown Hall Thursday of last week.

Following the noon meal, William Mahon and Mrs. K. Coulter led a sing song and president Hume introduced the head table. Albert Hunter moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who catered.

General manager Charles Harris, in reviewing the growth and actions of the company during the year, noted sales had increased. Halton Co-Op still retains the lead in sales of co-operative products. He declared he noted the petroleum distribution had been taken over and a bulk storage installed in the Georgetown warehouses, resulting in a loss of \$20,000 but he said 130 tanks had been installed to serve 160 customers.

Looking ahead in 1957, the manager saw an increase in the number of customers and installations of tanks for the petroleum and reported a new molasses mixer is being used to make more feeds locally. He said insurance coverage had been raised with the installation of sprinklers in both plants. Our sales objective is \$1,000,000 in 1957. With the support of the members and staff, this can be accomplished, he said.

Secretary Jack McDonald recalled how the Co-Op had been

formed in 1936 and is now an \$850,000 business with 27 new members added last year.

President Hume noted that buildings and assets have grown, but capital has depleted, and explained the Co-Op was conducting a drive to get \$500,000 for capital from the members, with good response. He encouraged members to participate in the program to rebuild the capital.

A motion to adopt the board of directors' recommendation that a 35 per cent patronage dividend be declared was carried. President Hume also announced payment of 10 per cent of total patronage dividends will be paid or allocated to member loans in 1957.

A motion that each member be required to permit a deduction of 5% from the patronage return allocated to him, to be paid by the Co-Op to the Co-operative Union of Ontario for promotion and production purposes was lost, and an amendment to table it until next year's annual meeting was passed.

George Wilkes of the Co-Op Union explained the promotion public relations and legal protection work done by the Union for several years but a member rose to point out that while the Co-Op now paid \$150 yearly to the group, the increase in membership would mean an annual payment of \$300 or over.

Ward Welsh and Co. were again appointed auditors for the year. Retiring directors Clarence Ford, Albert Hunter and Benny Charles were all re-elected to the position. Guest speaker J. Earl Whitehead,

agricultural representative for the county, congratulated the Co-Op on its growth over the past 20 years and said he recalled when there were 10 or 15 members, and the Co-Op operated on a deficit every year.

"We are in the midst of the greatest industrial expansion in the history of Canada," he noted, "but here in Agriculture we find ourselves in the midst of a cost-price squeeze." He went on to explain parity prices and the problems involved in the expansion of the county and the simultaneous decrease in farming lands.

"It isn't necessary to increase the size of our farms," he said. However, he stated proper land use and better farm management would help.

In closing, the agricultural representative declared that if there is no major expansion in Canada, "we can look forward to at least a modest recovery in agricultural prices."

He was introduced by the president and thanked by Fred Rouse. An expression of thanks from the members of the board of directors was given by Art McKane. U.C.U. credit manager Sid Scott drew the tickets for the lucky draw. Prizes were awarded to Art McKane and Don Brown of 111 E. Milton.

Cliff Pettigrew, field representative, added a few words and warned the young people present that it is your duty and your responsibility to dig in and support the Co-Op for years to come.

A directors' meeting at which the elections were held, closed the afternoon.

Dedicate Memorial Windows In Ballinafad United Church

A dedication service was held in Ballinafad United church Sunday afternoon with Mr. Neeson in charge.

Two memorial windows were unveiled, one by the families in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. David McKenry, William and David Jr. and one by Garnet Rinkler and Mrs. Robert McGill in memory of their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. David John Sinclair.

Mr. Ross of Huron, a former minister in the charge, was guest speaker, taking for his text, "Jesus said, I will build my church." We build our church of brick and stone but God builds his church with human lives, he said.

The choir sang a lovely anthem, Only A Shadow Between, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shortill a duet, Bless This House, which everyone enjoyed.

At the close, everyone assembled in the basement where all expressed a lunch and social hour together. Mrs. F. Smith, Mrs. Edmunds, Mrs. Shortill, Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Robert McKenry attended the ninth annual meeting of Halton Presbyterical Women's Association held at Louisville on Monday.

Rev. Leslie Millin of Toronto was guest speaker on Behind the Iron Curtain. He himself was a prisoner for three years. His story of Communism makes you feel you want to do all you can to keep our country free.

We who live in a free country cannot realize how thankful we should be, so let us wake up and do our part to keep it free.

Mrs. Amelia-Yain of Meade, Jew, Sask. has been visiting Mrs. F. W. Shortill and other relatives in the community.

The W.I. entered to a dinner for Silver-Wood, W.I. on Thursday.

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Giving's the law of the world, they say,
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And the earth gives back the light again.
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'Tis the law of our lives as well,
they say,
And I'm glad it's so—aren't you?
Where many are needing our aid,
what joy
To know we can something do!
For doing is giving, and kindly deeds
No matter how small they be,
Are gifts we may scatter with lavish hand,
And be richer ourselves, you see.

There is always something to give,
they say,
And I'm glad it's so—aren't you?
Though dollars have flown from the scanty purse
And the dime are all too few,
A flower and a loving word will serve
To gladden the friend close by,
And for those far from their homes,
the mails
On swift white pinions fly.

So giving's the law of our life, they say,
And I'm glad it's so—aren't you?
Since love is as free as the air we breathe
And warm as the sunshine, too,
A song in the twilight's golden hour
To solace the hearts that grieve,
A smile, a tear, a soft breathed prayer—
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Council Decides to Continue Present System of Assessing

A resolution was passed that in the opinion of Nasagaweya council, the present method of assessing should be continued in Halton County, until such time as it is compulsory for municipalities to apply the Department of Municipal Affairs manual for assessing, at the meeting of Nasagaweya township council Monday, April 1.

The levy of \$37.65 from the Sixteen Mile Creek Conservation Authority was ordered paid.

A by-law governing salvage and wrecking yards was passed, and also one regarding noise in the township.

The road insurance policy was renewed with the General Accident Insurance Co.

Accounts were passed for payment amounting to \$300 and road superintendent's vouchers for \$1,373.

The usual Fair Fall and Ploughmen's Association grants were to be paid.

Several matters including hospital, planning problems and arrears of taxes were discussed at length by the council.

A motion was passed instructing the reeve to issue a warrant for holding a tax sale.

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