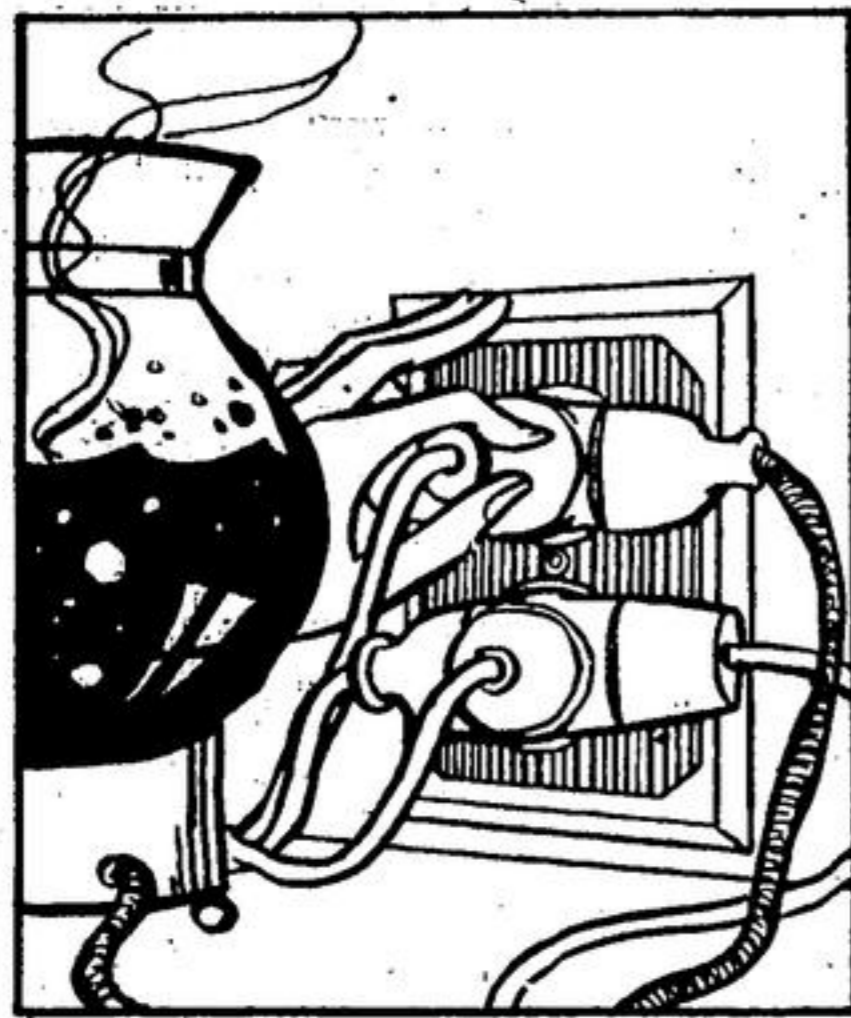




FIRE CHIEF
SAYS:
DON'T OVERLOAD
YOUR WIRING SYSTEM



Firefighters divided into three companies

For efficiency, Acton Fire Department is divided into three companies, with a captain heading each one. All are under the direction of Chief Mick Holmes and Deputy-Chief Bern Van Fleet. There are 29 men in the department at present.

A Company: Capt. A. Duby, D. Van Fleet, L. McIntyre, G. Withers, L. Synott, J. Turkosz, H. Manes, J. Thornhill.

B Company: Capt. W. Kelly, W. Spielvogel, K. Hodgson, J. Vanderbrink, N. Price, J. Krappek, H. Otterbein, J. Pink, B. Fowler.

C Company: Capt. D. Mason, H. Dodds, W. McEachern, D. Frizell, S. Tennant, H. Townsley, P. McCristall, H. Price, W. Duval, E. McGilloyay.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, THERE WILL BE NO GARBAGE COLLECTION ON THAT DAY.

Normal Garbage Collection will be resumed Tuesday and Thereafter.

JACK McGEACHIE, Clerk-Administrator.

29 trained volunteer firefighters ready to face danger, save property in district

When the fire siren blows, 29 trained volunteer firefighters leave what they are doing, whether at work, eating or lying asleep in bed. It is the signal for them to rush to the fire hall, don rubber boots, coats and hard helmets ready to climb aboard one of the two shiny red trucks and rush to the aid of someone in distress.

Maybe it's a fire, perhaps it's a near drowning. It could be someone has taken a bad spill and requires oxygen. Whatever the cause for alarm, the firefighters are fully trained and ready to help at all times.

Firefighters don't join the department for glory or to ride around on a fire truck with flashing light beams and siren sounding. They are conscientious people, protecting lives and property of others because someone became careless.

It's so easy for anyone to jump in a car, follow the fire truck to the scene of the fire, laugh and joke about the firefighters hauling around the heavy hose, climb ladders and endanger themselves to loss of life and limb as they fight a house or barn fire -- but think! Who is paying for the equipment? The taxpayer -- some of whom became careless in the first instance and caused a fire.

Only the people who thrill at following close behind the fire truck loaded with firefighters when it is racing to the scene of a fire would stop and think. The men hanging on at the rear of the truck could slip and fall. What then? Some motorists could be charged with motor manslaughter. A life could be lost.

In most cases, motorists in lineups of cars trailing behind

the fire truck are a hindrance to the firefighters. In the event fire fighting equipment has to be moved or additional pieces of equipment moved in, it is impossible to clear the way with vehicles block the road or laneway. The 29 highly trained firefighters have a job to do -- let them. They are trained for it.

Firefighting is a tough job -- not just dangerous, but dirty, hard and laboring -- a race against time. Even practice sessions can be strenuous and all this is done by men who already have put in a hard day's work for their own livelihood.

Stop for a moment and picture yourself as a firefighter, sitting at the table eating a meal or lying in bed in the middle of the night or sitting in church with your best suit on. The siren sounds!

Would you hesitate to leave the meal, roll out of bed or race home from church and change your clothes?

If so, you'll never make the Fire Department. They are a group of dedicated men who stop for nothing at the sound of the siren.

These men leave their jobs in industry and other places of employment. Praise must be given to their employers who, with consideration for the community and safety of lives, allow the men to depart from work without severance of pay.

Keeping fire fighting equipment serviced and up-to-date is a two-fold job. Firefighters are continuously trying to do this and from time to time Council is asked to replace worn lengths of hose, buy new ones or purchase a new piece of equipment which is necessary for fighting fires. During the year 1967 a new Ford Cab-over, fully-equipped truck was added to boost present equipment.

All equipment stored in the fire hall must be maintained at all times. Trucks must be ready to roll at a moment's notice. Work crews are picked for these chores on a monthly basis.

One of the most important buildings in town -- the fire hall -- is kept spic and span by these men. Firefighters are able to enjoy some recreation by equipping the meeting room at the rear with television, dart boards, card tables and a compact kitchen. This doesn't mean the back room is nothing but a recreation centre. On the contrary, it is used for meetings, training sessions and a place for firefighters to sit quietly and study books on the latest firefighting techniques.

Many a fire call has been answered promptly because firefighters have been enjoying the facilities at the hall when the alarm sounded. The days of the long lineup to pass buckets of water to the head of the line and douse water on the blaze are gone. Firefighting today is a profession and Acton rates among the tops in having well-trained volunteer firefighters. They are prepared to cope with all types of fires.

Besides all this, the firefighters find time to stress "Fire Safety". Prevention of fire is one of the foremost things in any firefighter's mind. If all the firefighters throughout the world never got a chance to don boots, heavy coats and hard helmets and ride on the back of the fire truck, they would be happy. It would mean, not only themselves have become conscious about the dangers of fire but everyone in all walks of life.

Remember! It is the duty of each and every citizen to prevent fires -- not just during Fire Prevention Week but every week in the year.

WE NEED YOUR HELP URGENTLY!

OCTOBER 8th to 14th

HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED

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FIRE PREVENTION

Only You Can Help Us in Our Constant Fight Against Fire by Observing the Theme of Fire Prevention Week:



Think About Fire Wherever You Are . . .

TODAY . . . TOMORROW . . . ANY DAY . . .

FIRE PREVENTION is up to YOU



FOR EMERGENCY ONLY CALL ACTON

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MY PLEDGE FOR FIRE SAFETY

- I pledge to remove fire hazards from my home daily.
- I will not kill by smoking in bed or being careless when I do smoke.
- I will not clean clothes or start fires with gasoline or other flammable liquids.
- I will not throw away matches without first being sure they are out.
- I will check my heating appliances and chimneys at regular intervals.
- I will not place hot ashes and coals in anything but a metal container and will not leave these containers sitting on a wooden floor.
- I will protect all woodwork close to smoke pipes with asbestos and metal, leaving an air space of at least two inches between this protection and the pipe.
- I will not do electrical wiring repairs unless I am a qualified electrician.
- I will not use pennies, hairpins, foil and such as electric fuses.
- I pledge to make Fire Prevention a year-round obligation by participating actively in the fight to reduce Canada's annual death toll by fire.

FIRE IS A MENACE . . . a menace to the lives of those you hold dear . . . a menace to your home and to your business. Fire lurks in litter and rubbish, in oily, paint rags, in unchecked electrical systems, in dirty, cracked chimneys, in overheated furnaces. Wherever there is carelessness, fire threatens. Fighting fire starts with prevention . . . and that's your job. Next week and every week do your part to prevent fires . . . remember a little care can save a lot of damage.

YOUR ACTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT URGES YOU TO CHECK FOR FIRE HAZARDS IN YOUR HOME, IN YOUR BUSINESS, TODAY!

DURING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND EVERY WEEK THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR WE PLEDGE FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION TO HELP KEEP ACTON SAFE. WON'T YOU HELP?

DON'T BE CARELESS PREVENT FIRES

THIS MESSAGE SPONSORED BY THE

ACTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Don't be ashamed

Shame (over an untidy house), fear (of consequences), ignorance (of what it's all about) -- forget these things if you have an ounce of commonsense. Welcome the fire fighter if he knocks at your door, suggesting a look-see for fire hazards.

Close your door to fire, keep it open for fire prevention. This neatly describes the philosophy of Canada's campaign for greater fire safety in the home, on the job, and everywhere. In plants, office buildings, stairwells, fire doors must be kept closed. Why? To shut off live air (oxygen) from fueling a fire. In the home too, a closed door will slow down the spread of fire.

But because of three-quarters of all fires happen in the home, and because the basic hazards are quite simple (over-fusing, frayed wiring, faulty heaters, rubbish and the like) their elimination will go a long way in prevention. Hence the purpose of the fire fighter's call. But why wait for the fire fighter? Check these hazards yourself. Or call the fire chief and make an appointment.

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