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## Safety Education Program Reduces Accident Absentee

A 32 per cent reduction in lost time accidents was recorded in the first ten months of 1954, as compared to 1953, by employees in the 11 mills and six woods divisions of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, Limited, as a result of the company's Safety Education Program, intensified this year at the instigation of President D. W. Ambridge. The local Provincial Paper

mill is one of the company's branches. Mr. Ambridge proclaimed 1954 "Safety Year" for all divisions of the Abitibi Company, and October was set aside as "Safety Month." Records have been kept of every lost-time accident—an accident which prevents an employee from returning to his job on the next scheduled work day. Following are the results:  
Mills: first 10 months of 1954, a decrease of 35 per cent from last year, in October, a 75 per cent decrease.  
Woods: in the first 10 months of

1954, a decrease of 31 per cent from last year; in October, a 61 per cent decrease.  
Abitibi officials have commended employees in Mills and Woods Divisions in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba for their collaboration in the safety campaign. In this campaign, the company has utilized camp posters, safety talks, etc., to bring home to the men the need for caution in their own interest.

## SILVERCREEK MAN WINS COOKWARE

George Warren, who lives at Silvercreek, won a set of Magic Maid waterless cookware in a lucky draw staged Wednesday at the Roxy Theatre.

—For the choicest of articles for these "special" Christmas gifts, see the wonderful bargains and selections in the advertisements listed in the Herald this week.

## Our Library Board

R. M. Donovan, Librarian,  
Fort William Public Library

Those who use the library regularly will eventually get to know, at least by sight, all the members of the staff. A smaller group will be on speaking terms with the Chief Librarian, who except for public appearances tends to lurk furtively in a dank and dingy back room, where, it might be conceived, he makes dark plans to confuse the patrons more. But the least known section of the people directly connected with the library, is the Board, whom a wit once dubbed "The Board of the Library" and quite unfairly.

The group of ladies and gentlemen does not go on tour like the Harlem Globetrotters, does not campaign for office, and seldom, if ever, appears in public as a group, and so with the exception of the annual announcement in the paper of new appointments, the striking of committees and election to the various executive functions of the Board, there is little or no overt publicity which could impress the people of the Community that the Board was anything but an assembly of blank faces, or a thing rather than a group of people with a responsibility.

The fact that the Board is appointed rather than elected, seems to have worked well, though it is a moot question, which no one has ever seriously questioned to my knowledge. The appointments are made by the three tax raising elected groups in the City—City Council, which appoints three; the Board of Education, which appoints three; and the Separate School Board, which appoints two. The Mayor is ex-officio a member of the Board. Thus at least indirectly the Library Board derives its personnel from the will of the people.

Terms of office are arranged so that each appointing body makes one appointment each year, which prevents a completely green Board from coming into existence in any given year, and conversely can cause fresh blood to be injected periodically.

In essence this Library Board is responsible for determining the policy of the library, the procurement of finances, authorization of expenditures, generally speaking running the library. Naturally most of the running of the library is delegated to the librarian, who in turn delegates responsibilities to other staff members, but the final authority for any activity in the library, changes, innovations, etc., within the framework of the laws of the province, rests with this group of citizens.

There is no small responsibility, assuring that eventually all people in the City have available all the service which the library can offer, choosing personnel to perform these tasks, trying to make ends meet on budgets which never seem adequate to the needs.

## Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Scott Are Bazaar Winners

Another successful bazaar was sponsored Friday in the basement of St. George's Anglican Church, when ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary arranged this annual event.

Mrs. Thomas Leslie and Mrs. Harry Scott were general conveners, with a number of other members taking charge of various booths. These included: Mrs. B. Saunders and Mrs. John Farmer aprons; Mrs. Fred Laws and Mrs. A. H. Feller, home baking; Mrs. Chris Sargent, plants; Mrs. Ed Pries, and Mrs. Thomas Warnes, touch and take; Mrs. Fred Fryer and Mrs. Charles Chapman, fish pond; Mrs. Sam Walker poured tea.

A quilt offered as a lucky draw prize was won by Mrs. Johnson, of Queen St. The president, Mrs. D. W. Baxter who won a doll, later sold this and donated the proceeds to the bazaar receipts.

## INSURANCE MAN CHOOSES TOWN FOR RETIREMENT

When Ian M. Ritchie, a Sudbury insurance man decided to retire to the southern section of Ontario, he decided on Georgetown as a perfect place to be close to the cities without the inconvenience of living in one of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie recently moved into their newly-built home at 12 Orchard Blvd., in the park district subdivision being erected by McNally Construction. Their daughter Shelagh, who is on the nursing staff of Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, is living with them.

Mr. Ritchie, who was with the Mutual Life Co. in Sudbury, is a native of Scotland, and has been in Canada since 1912, spending 20 years in Winnipeg before he moved north. His wife comes from Glengarry County. They are members of the United Church.

## FIREMEN ASSIST IN GOLF CLEAN UP

Directors of the golf course, faced with a clean-up situation after the dams were destroyed in Hurricane Hazel, enlisted the support of the town fire department, and one day recently a group of firemen took their equipment to the scene and gave the pond area a good hoisting, removing silt and debris which had accumulated in the flood.

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