

# Open Houses, Films, Fire Drills Planned for Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week will be celebrated across Halton County October 5 to 11 this year and the Halton Fire Prevention Bureau is lining up a busy program to celebrate the occasion.

School fire drills, fire hall open houses, film shows, a poster competition, a church parade and distribution of thousands of pieces of literature are on the agenda for the fire department personnel in Acton, Burlington, Georgetown, Oakville and Milton. Fire is final — cool it is the slogan for Fire Prevention Week '68. This special week is always held around the week of Oct. 9, the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire.

Grade five students across Halton will be learning a lot about fire prevention this year, as they design and submit posters on the theme "Fire Prevention in the Home" to the Bureau's annual competition. The top boy and girl from Halton will be awarded trophies and they will be honoured at a Bureau-sponsored awards banquet scheduled for November. The contest will also select four honorable mention prizewinners and all six winners and their parents will be invited to awards night. Winners' posters go on to enter an Ontario-wide competition in early 1970.

The Bureau's annual church parade, held to focus attention on Fire Prevention Week, will



be held in Oakville on Sunday morning, October 12. Firefighters from the five brigades will form up at Oakville's Legion Hall and march to the 11 a.m. service at Knox Presbyterian Church, with Oakville Citizens Band leading the parade.

## Special Speaker, Music For Eden Anniversary

The anniversary service of Eden United Church was held on Sunday, Sept. 23, with a good attendance. The guest speaker was the Rev. G. Keith McMillan, of Streetsville. The Haltonettes, Mrs. Wilma Ella, Mrs. Joy Trimble and Mrs. Ruth Walker, who were accompanied by Mrs. Newell at the organ sang, "Give me thy Heart and O Summit Shore. The Eden choir who were accompanied by their organist and choir leader, Mrs. Harry Lowden, sang the Anthem, "Seek Ye the Kingdom". Rev. P. Keith Hawkes assisted with the service and welcomed everyone to the anniversary service.

The Evening Starlight Group of Hillcrest United Church met recently at the church for their first meeting of the fall season. Mrs. Carol Patterson, welcomed the guest speaker, Mr. Kennedy, who is the superintendent

## Carbon Monoxide Silent Killer

Toxic gases, not burns, are the commonest cause of death by fire. This is particularly true of fatalities resulting from smouldering bedding or upholstered sofas and chairs.

When you see the fire fighter chopping open the roof of a burnt building, it is to let out the carbon monoxide fumes for rescue operations.

## Fire, A Stern Teacher

It only takes "a minute" for fire to kill and statistics indicate that children and elderly people are too frequent victims.

A child doesn't understand that the pretty match which lights his birthday cake or the fireplace can also burn him. If he sets himself on fire or if fire breaks out when you are away, he, like the disabled elderly person, is helpless to escape.

These defenseless human beings depend on you for their well-being. Grief and guilt will not bring them back if tragedy occurs.

It is a parent's responsibility

### TALL BUILDINGS

### HOW TO ESCAPE FIRE

Remember, it isn't the flame but rising smoke and gas that threaten safety in a tall building.

If fire breaks out in your suite call the Fire Department immediately, report location. Leave and close the door behind you. Sound fire alarm in corridor. Leave floor by stairway. Don't use the elevator.

If there's a fire elsewhere, stop what you are doing, turn off all appliances. Check corridor for smoke. If clear, close door and leave by stairway.

If the corridor is filled with smoke making it impossible to leave, remain in your suite. This may be the safest spot in a fire resistive building. Plug all vents and cracks around doors. Wet a towel for face protection.

Fresh air from outside attracts the spread of fire. Open the window slightly at top and bottom to signal your position. If there's a balcony, stand on it closing the door behind you. Await rescue instructions.

### Good Housekeeping And Fire Less Likely

A man decided to remove stains from the floor with gasoline. The pilot light on the hot water heater was out and he stopped to light it. Fire flashed six feet to the pan of gasoline.

Ignorance of fire hazards such as flammable liquids results in scores of needless deaths and injuries each year.

Don't add your family to the toll.

The fuse is the watchdog of electrical fire safety. Use only 15 amp size in household circuits. Never a penny or a hairpin. The wiring should be checked; the furnace and smoke pipes cleaned each year.

Don't litter basement, garage attic, or closets with paper and junk. Check for smouldering butts lodged in upholstered furniture before going to bed and provide plenty of large ashtrays for smokers.

If you don't you may wake up and find life and happiness threatened by a fire that could easily have been avoided.

Each Halton fire department will operate its own program for Fire Prevention Week. The poster contest and church parade are Bureau-sponsored programs and literature has been purchased in bulk through the Bureau for distribution by the participating fire departments.

## Grass Fire Losses Ail Hay to Farmer

Grass fires are the bane of country areas. Fighting them costs a pretty penny to the municipality.

Learn from the farmer that good fire prevention habits are a must since "round-the-corner" protection from a fire department is not available.

Lightning — lightning rods should be well grounded.

Gasoline — never refuel tractor or lawn mower inside or when the motor is still hot.

Chimneys and heating apparatus — keep them in good repair, away from walls and furniture.

Picnickers and campers should make sure fires are out when leaving.

## Business, Industry Fire Precautions

Keep rooms in orderly condition.

Reduce danger of spontaneous ignition by providing fire safe containers for paper combustion and oily waste and rubbish.

Institute frequent inspection and cleaning of excessive deposits of oil on machines and floors.

Enforce No Smoking regulations.

Replace broken and friction-producing parts immediately.

Check electrical equipment for frayed or loose cords and connections.

Have all fire fighting equipment easily accessible.



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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 5th to 11th

### Routine Fire Prevention Inspection

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Industries — Schools — Commerce

Residential Inspections Later by Request

## GEORGETOWN FIRE DEPT.

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The first meeting of the Hornby North Junior 4-11 club was held at the home of Mrs. Roy Wilson. The election of officers was held with Judy Gordon as the president; Mary Bakker, vice president and Valerie Ella, the secretary. As the project is "Meat in the Mem," a discussion was held on various kinds of meat. It was decided that the name for the club would be "Hornby North Meat Balls." The second meeting will be held at Al's Butcher Shop on Monday evening, Sept. 29.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Whaley (nee Brenda Bradley) who were married on September 19, at St. Stephen's Anglican Church by Rev. Canon Macwell. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley.

Prior to the marriage of Brenda Bradley the bride was feted with various showers. Mrs. Clifford Hunter entertained with a miscellaneous shower at her home for friends and neighbors. Mrs. Irene Saunders and daughter Judy entertained at a party shower for members of the Bradley family and Mrs. Kenneth Whaley entertained with a miscellaneous shower at her home for members of the Whaley clan. The young couple left on a wedding trip to Quebec and on their return they will reside in Streetsville.

The Eden United Church YPS met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cordingley. The president, Gwen Rutledge, welcomed the fourteen members present to the meeting.

# Fire Prevention Week

## October 5 to 11

# FIRE PREVENTION

### IS A YEAR ROUND JOB

Last year 63,767 fires in Canada claimed 648 lives. The victims included 241 children. The estimated property loss was \$158,420,000.

The assessment of the annual toll of fire was made by the Joint Fire Prevention Committee of the fire services, based upon provincial reports to the Dominion Fire Commissioner.

**Highlight of the holocaust review:**

- The success of the fire services in fire prevention education is fully reflected by a decrease in the number of fires. They have come down 25 per cent over the disastrous highs of ten years ago, despite a population gain of 3,000,000.
- The 648 deaths compare with 681 in 1967. Multiple family tragedies swell the toll. Many of these fires occur during the winter, particularly at Christmas. In 47 fires alone in which three or more people died, 91 of the 201 victims were children.
- Despite the inflationary trend, the property loss works out to an estimated waste of \$7.64, compared with \$7.96 the previous year. Figure excludes forest and federal government fires.

Nobody escapes the responsibility of fire in the home or on the job. Ten years ago the average cost of fire was nearly \$400. Today it's nearly double.

# YOU CAN PREVENT MANY FIRES

BY FOLLOWING THESE HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

- CLEAR THE HOUSE OF RUBBISH, OILY RAGS, ETC.
- CHECK HEATING SYSTEMS FOR CRACKS AND CLOGGING. SEE THAT WOODWORK ISN'T TOO CLOSE TO SMOKE OR HEAT PIPES.
- HAVE PLENTY OF ASH TRAYS
- DON'T SMOKE IN BED.
- KEEP MATCHES IN METAL CONTAINERS; OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.
- OBSERVE FIRE PRECAUTIONS 52 WEEKS OF THE YEAR.
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