

Dos and Donts to Help Keep Down Spring Fires

Springtime brings a timely message from Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau — "clean up, keep fires down."

This week members of the Bureau are busy distributing over 20,000 posters bearing that simple message. Spring cleaning time is an ideal time to check your home for fire hazards and the Bureau offers this handy list of dos and don'ts:

charged and ready for an emergency.

BUT

DON'T burn off any dead grass unless you have a permit from the Air Pollution Control Branch and local fire department officials, then be sure you have shovels, brooms, water and plenty of helpers available to help you stop it from spreading. Don't try burning on a windy day and don't light a fire within 100 feet of any building.

DON'T use flammable liquids for cleaning clothing.

DON'T throw cigarette butts away. Use an ashtray, or grind out the cigarette with your heel.

DON'T leave matches or lighters lying around where children can reach them.

DON'T leave your family unprotected. Plan and rehearse a home fire escape routine and

DO be sure all flammable liquids are stored in safety-approved storage cans.

DO clean and check your chimney and heating system. Make sure no stovepipes are touching or near flammable walls or partitions.

DO clean out all rubbish, papers, rags and old clothes from the attic cellar or garage.

DO check your fire extinguisher (every home should have one) to make sure it is fully

make sure every member of your family knows what to do if and when fire strikes. Your local fire department has literature on this subject.

"Follow these rules and your home will be fire-free," says the Bureau. And remember, every fire call is an expense to your community.

GLEN WILLIAMS

Tea, Bake Sale Spring Event for United UCW

Last Saturday the United Church Women held a very successful spring tea and baking sale in the church basement. Mrs. C. Barth, the president, opened the activities. There was a good crowd just waiting to buy all the home baking of pies, cakes, tarts, muffins, cookies as well as homemade potato and cabbage salad. At the baking table were Mrs. Paul Wagstaffe, Mrs. Fred Engley and Mrs. J. Wagstaffe and Mrs. John Hunter. A beautifully decorated large Easter bunny cake made by Mrs. E. Green was won by Mrs. L. DeForest. Preparing and serving the afternoon tea were Mrs. Une Wheeler, Mrs. H. Steinfatt, Mrs. K. Schneider, Mrs. W. Everson and Carolyn Everson. Ladies attended from Georgetown, Shelburne, Norval as well as the village.

The CGIT girls sold homemade candy. At the Junior Girls' Ball club euchre last Thursday in the town hall the following were winners for the evening play: top pink card — Mrs. Annie Livingstone; Mrs. Audrey McLean, Low, Mary Engley. White card top — Mrs. T. Haines; Herb Hancock, Low, Ron McIntyre.

St. Alban's are still working on their auction sale. The date will be announced later.

Diane Giles is spending this week with her brother and sister-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bean in North Bay.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. G. Lane (the former Carolyn Hancock) in the death of their infant son last week.

— Mrs. Cecil Barth

Old and New Styles Maple Sugar Making

Fifth Georgetown B Cub Pack saw how it used to be done and how they do it today when they toured a maple sugar bush at Bruce Mills, two miles out of Gormley, March 14.

Representing the 'old way' for display purposes were old style spigots, wooden buckets, a sled with a large barrel which was used for transporting the sap from the bush to the sugar hut, and even the old iron kettles which were used in the sugaring off.

PLASTIC TUBING
It's all been replaced by plastic tubing running from each tree to larger arteries which channel the sap into main pipes and into a collecting area.

Cubs and the adults accompanying them sampled the finished product at a refreshment stand where pancakes and maple syrup were the popular fare.

Leader Evelyn Owen, Terry Colter and Jim Smyth, and drivers Mrs. C. Mercer, Ernie Rosset, Charlie Pelletier, George Niehm and Doug Williams accompanied the boys.

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Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkwood, 4 Pauline Street, were honoured with a dinner party at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Funk, Steven and Pamela, in Brampton, on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary, on Wednesday evening, March 18. Guests attended from Georgetown, Milton, Erin and Toronto.

Favours Provincial Aid For Nursing Home Care

James Snow, Halton East MPP, said this week that he is part of a movement which supports provincial aid for elderly people requiring nursing home care.

Snow said along with a group of other MPPs, most of whom are members of the Conservative government, he favours extension of hospital insurance to cover nursing home care.

INCLUDES COST

Ontario health minister Thomas Wells announced he is considering including all or part of the cost of nursing home care in the province's hospital insurance plan.

"The cost of nursing home care is working a severe hardship on many old people and their families and this matter is now under active consideration by the government," Snow said.

REDUCE DEMAND

He said provincial aid in the field of nursing home care will benefit the public in another way. It would help to reduce demand for beds in Ontario's community hospitals, he said. "Many hospital beds are currently being taken up by elderly people who do not require active treatment, but who can't afford nursing home care," said Snow.

MUCH CHEAPER

"It's much cheaper to construct a nursing home than to expand a hospital," said Snow. "Furthermore, at this time there is a shortage of hospital space all over the province."

When asked about plans for a second home for the aged to serve Halton County, Snow said such a project is under consideration.

TWO PLANS
He said two plans are being considered by county council. The first involves expanding the present home for the aged in Milton. This home, called Centennial Manor, was recently expanded by 200 beds.

The other alternative is to build a new home for the aged in South Halton. Halton county officials favour this plan and have been looking for a site on which to construct the new home.

Mini Home Show a Maxi Success — Good Crowd, Interesting

The Mini Home Show was a entire three days of a similar Maxi success. Three hundred and eighty people inspected, spruced up ideas, viewed films on floor coverings and house design and came away from the wonderful world of do-it-yourself in Knox auditorium with visions of refinished furniture and sparkling kitchens dancing in their heads.

Three local firms and 12 major manufacturers displayed their products.

Everything from the latest paints to kits for making your own tables and shelves was on view.

Visitors, after touring the display could have a free cup of coffee and cakes and view two relevant colour movies in an adjoining room.

"We spoke to more interested people tonight than during the

The inspecting public were so taken with what they saw that a number inquired about a repeat performance.

"We were overwhelmed with the response," Mrs. Rhoda Geric of the Knox Friendship Circle told The Herald. "We figured to have a successful show, we would have to have a crowd of about 200, but we didn't expect almost double that many."

The Friendship Circle, which put on the Mini Home Show, is a comparatively new organization in the Presbyterian Church. It was formed about a year ago and has a membership of 25 women, many of them new residents.



Bob Hunter of E. M. Ball Limited found visitors were interested in a tinker toy for grown ups called Spindle Flex. An example of its versatility is the coffee table in the foreground. In the background is a Norglow fireplace.



Once over and the job's over with the paint roller held by George Bergsma at the Georgetown Decorating display. The roller, while not recommended for painting the hall banister, might come in handy next time you are redecorating your barn, providing you can find a 30 foot handle.

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