

# FIRE PREVENTION

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## IS EVERYBODY'S JOB

### Tragedy of Fire Affects Us All

Whether we be sufferers or onlookers, the tragedy of fire affects us all.

For the victims, a terrible price may have been paid.

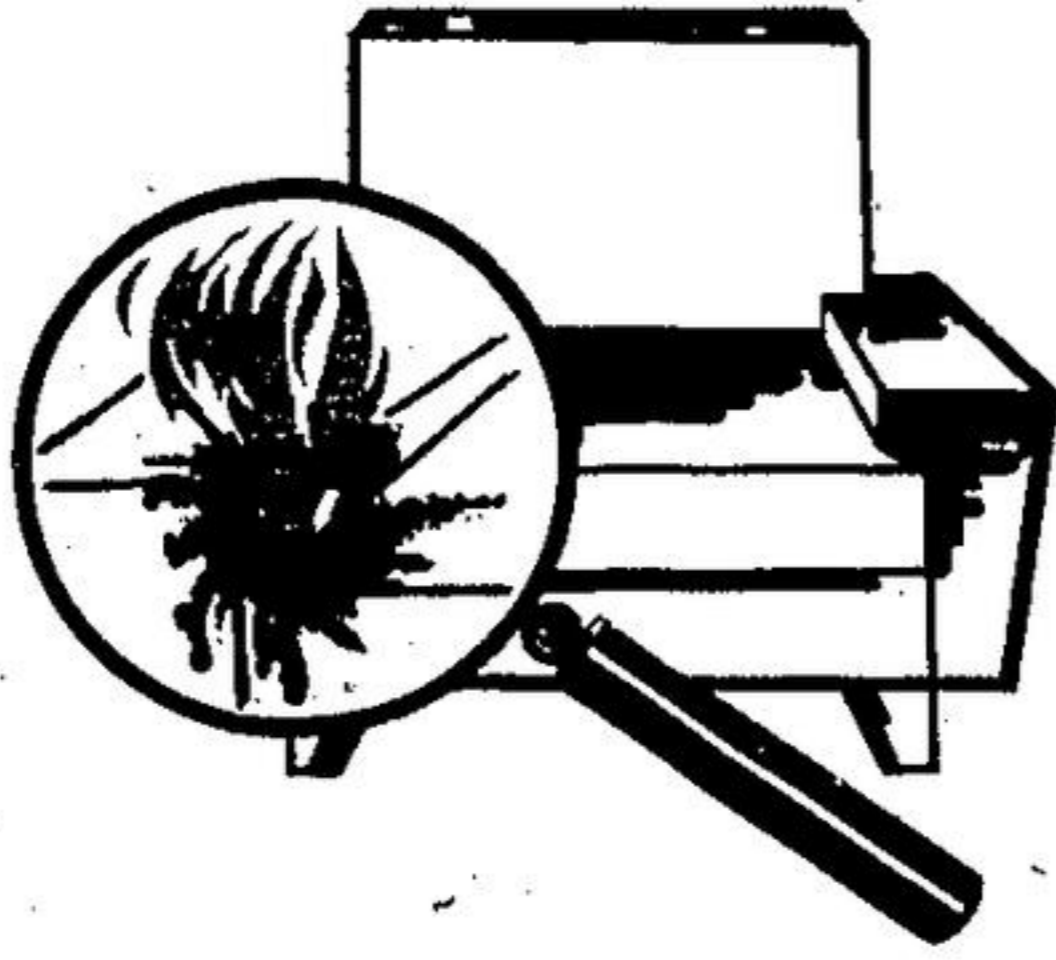
For the rest of us, there has been an outpouring of sympathy for the survivors, perhaps in relief measures, too. One's compassion for those who have been through the ordeal is indeed a noble and generous reaction.

Unfortunately, we have a way of thinking of a fire as an accidental misfortune. One forgets that carelessness or neglect is behind most of these fires.

It is a rare fire that has not been caused by a simple act of omission or commission.

Take, for example, the 45,000 fires that occur each year in our homes. Careless smoking, misused or faulty electrical equipment, defective heating are the cause in most of these fires. Note, too, the scores of children who perish while playing with matches, or because they were left alone.

We need to be reminded that fire brings not only financial headaches but heartaches, too. Indeed, that fire can break your heart!



### Careless Smoking

Smokers' carelessness is by far the greatest cause of fire. After your guests have gone check cushions of sofa and upholstered chairs for

forgotten cigarettes. Within a couple of hours a smouldering butt can bring disaster.

### Archer Sculptor Subject Of Arts-Crafts Talk

Mrs. Carol Taylor, chairman of the Junior Women's committee of the Ontario Art Gallery, presented an illustrated lecture on the work of sculptor Henry Moore, at the September meeting of the Arts & Crafts of Georgetown.

She had visited his studio in Much Hadham, Herts., and many of her slides were taken in the outdoor settings that Moore prefers. He derives much inspiration from nature and has a treasured collection of seashells, rocks and boulders, and their influence is seen in many of his abstracts.

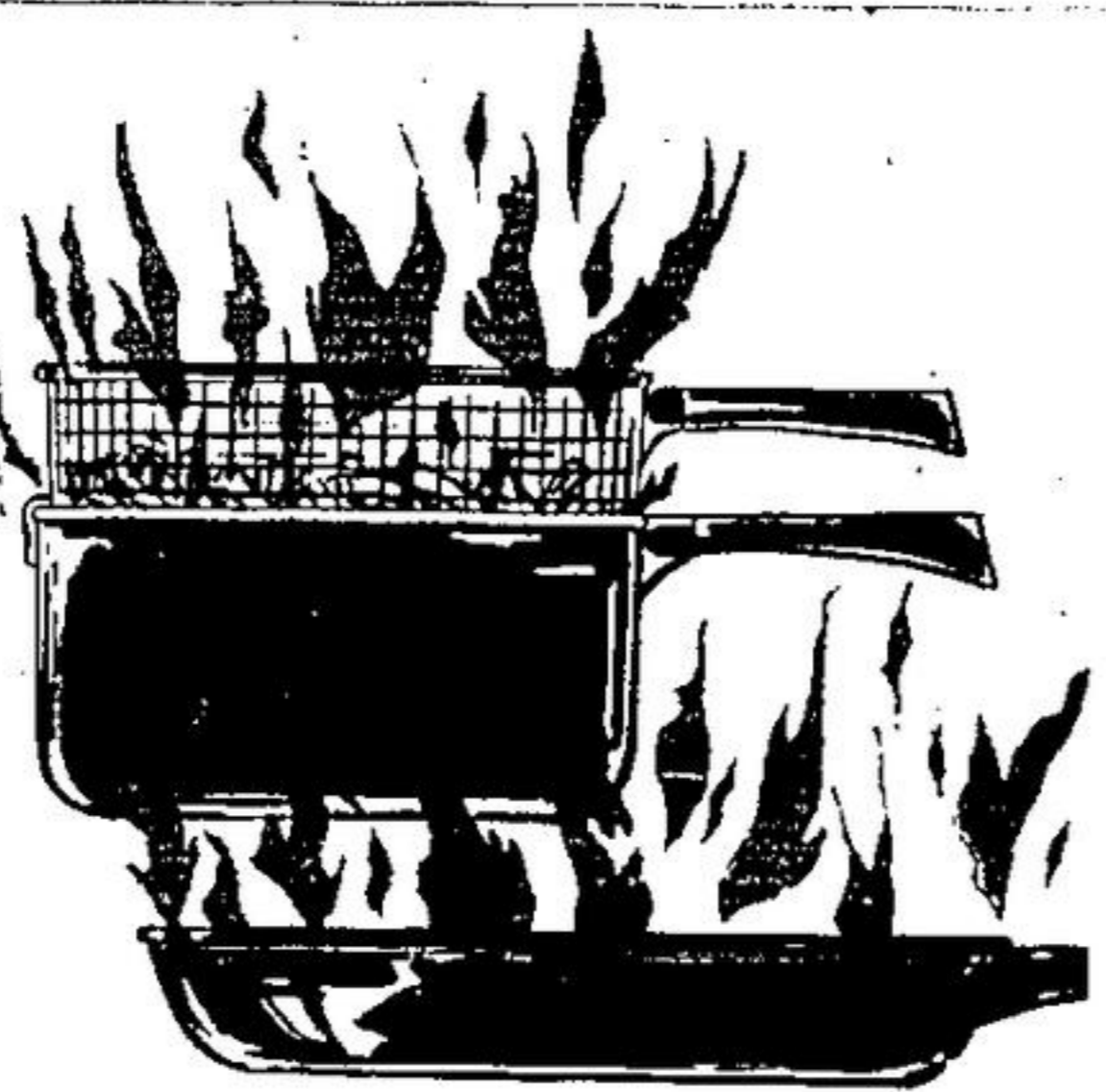
Moore is concerned with his metal pieces having the correct patina and, as in the case of Toronto's Archer, spends many hours in polishing and finishing. This month Premier Davis turned the sod for a pavilion being built adjoining the Toronto Art Gallery. It will display hundreds of sculptures Moore is donating.

At the meeting at Spot on 7, president Mrs. Tom Beer announced plans for the annual exhibition and sale next month.

Guest demonstrators include Mr. G. Wallace, glass blowing; Mr. A.E. Goodwin, sculpting in wood; and Mr. P.E. Dams and daughter Jane, silk screen printing and batik. From Brantford, Mrs. Featherstone will show how to work with papier mache.

Members demonstrating are Dorothy Stone, oil painting and Mrs. R. Harrington, caning. Mrs. E. Carney will demonstrate the making of bubble glass pieces, and there will be exhibits of silver work and gold wire jewelry. Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Bell will tend the popular pantry shelf.

Mrs. A. Macintosh presented the speaker with a gift from the group. Miss Gladys Fraser, assisted by Mrs. R. Burge, Mrs. C. Brandford, Mrs. M. Bird and Mrs. W. Thompson, served coffee.



### If Grease In A Pan Catches Fire

Always have a suitable lid at hand, ready to smother the flames. Never risk carrying

out a burning pan. Draft may set your clothing afire. Don't use water on grease fires.

### How Small Fires Become Big

The cost of fire in Canada is mushrooming each year to catastrophic proportions.

Inflation is only part of the answer.

The cost of major fires, each causing damage of a quarter of a million dollars or more, is the biggest factor.

Simple example: Years ago a

fire in a corner store would cost, let us say, \$25,000. Today, the corner store has become a supermarket. A fire here might cost perhaps a million.

In almost all these cases, these major fires started small but grew to destructive size because of failure to use adequate protective measures, or for delay in turning on the alarm.

### Says Cut All Weeds, Noxious, or Not

During a discussion at a Monday committee meeting, on maintenance by the town of a boulevard near Moore Park Plaza, two councillors differed on their interpretation of weed cutting.

Cr. Donna Denison maintained that the town engages a man to cut only noxious weeds, and that the budget is not designed as a beautification measure.

But Cr. Ern Hyde said weeds have always been cut on town property, and he doesn't expect the cutter just to pick out the noxious ones. If there are weeds growing on the Moore Park boulevard, he expects to see them cut, he said.

**IMPOSSIBLE.** Engineer Eric Willis, queried on maintenance of boulevards, said the works staff keeps the highway streets clean from Mountainview to Maple. But he pointed out the impossibility of cleaning all boulevards. "There are 40 miles of streets, which means 80 miles of boulevards," he said.

### Esquing Briefs

Fred Dent, lot 17 Con. 2, got the okay from Esquing council to breed the dogs that don't bark as a hobby. They are known as Basenji hounds and stand only 16" high.

A letter from E. M. Yaremy complained of dead elms on the 10th line, south of highway 7. Yaremy said the branches keep falling down and are a hazard to people and property.

The township agreed to purchase 2 acres of land from Elizabeth Hancock for \$200, plus \$300 for property damage. The fence will also be replaced. The land is needed in the reconstruction of the 10th line bridge.

Council accepted the tender of Roger McEachern, at \$84,108 for construction of the 90' span and approaches of the 10th line bridge in Glen Williams.

Cr. Dick Howitt brought a copy of an old Esquing by-law dated 1881, that he found in an old book which he bought at an auction. The by-law made it an offence to remove gravel from the roads. A penalty of not less than \$5 had to be paid upon conviction. The by-law was signed by W. Clay, reeve, and J. Murray, clerk.

### Will Parade Here

### Fire Bureau Wages Prevention Campaign

During Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3 to 9, local firefighters and the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau are waging an all-out campaign to educate adults and children about the dangers of fire in the home, factory, store and office. "Fire Can Break your Heart" is the apt theme for the 1971

celebration of the nation-wide Fire Prevention Week. It was just 100 years ago, on Oct. 9, 1871, that the Great Chicago Fire almost totally destroyed the entire city and each year Fire Prevention Week is celebrated in the week surrounding Oct. 9.

**FIRE DRILLS**  
Through their county bureau,

Halton firefighters are making arrangements for distribution of thousands of pieces of literature, a school children's poster contest, and their annual church parade. In addition, member fire departments in Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville and Burlington are carrying out special programs in their own municipalities - school fire drills, fire hall open houses and film nights, all tying in with the Fire Prevention week theme.

This year the county-wide poster contest involves only grade five students in Halton separate schools. Firefighters have been invited to visit public school classrooms and conduct a

poster activity program, to help educate students on the dangers of fire hazards in the home.

**PARADE**  
In the separate school poster competition, winning artists in each municipality will enter the Halton-wide contest this year. Winners will be honored with trophies and certificates at a banquet in November, and the top boy's and girl's poster from Halton will go on to the all-Ontario contest sponsored by the Ontario Fire Chiefs' Association. Halton Fire Prevention Bureau is planning its annual church parade in Georgetown on Sunday, Oct. 17. Firefighters from the five county brigades will meet at Remembrance Park and march to the 11 a.m. service at St. John's United Church, led by the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band. This parade is held once a year, during or near Fire Prevention Week.

OCT. 3rd to 9th IS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

### Highest Ever

\$203,000,000 in Property Lost by Fire in 1970

Fire destruction in 1970 cost Canadians the greatest property loss ever. The estimated dollar waste was \$203,000,000. This figure exceeds the \$197,000,000 loss in 1969, and is far ahead of the \$166,000,000 fire burden of 1968. Not included are losses from forest fires and government establishment fires.

Direct losses are only a part of the appalling story of fire.

The Dominion Fire Commissioner estimates that the indirect losses of fire - stoppage of production and consequent unemployment - are five times the direct loss. "The overall loss to the economy is \$1,000,000,000," he reports.

The cost of fire to Canada is staggering.



### FOLLOW 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.

DO NOT USE INFLAMMABLE CLEANING FLUIDS IN THE HOME.

BEWARE OF FRAYED ELECTRIC CORDS.

DON'T USE OVERSIZE FUSES.

DEEP DEAD GRASS AND REFUSE AWAY FROM BUILDINGS.

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## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



October 3rd to 9th

**SAVE LIVES...Join the FIGHT AGAINST FIRE**

**Routine Fire Prevention Inspection**

**DURING THE WEEK**

**Industries — Schools — Commercial**

**Residential Inspections later by Request**

**GEORGETOWN FIRE DEPT.**