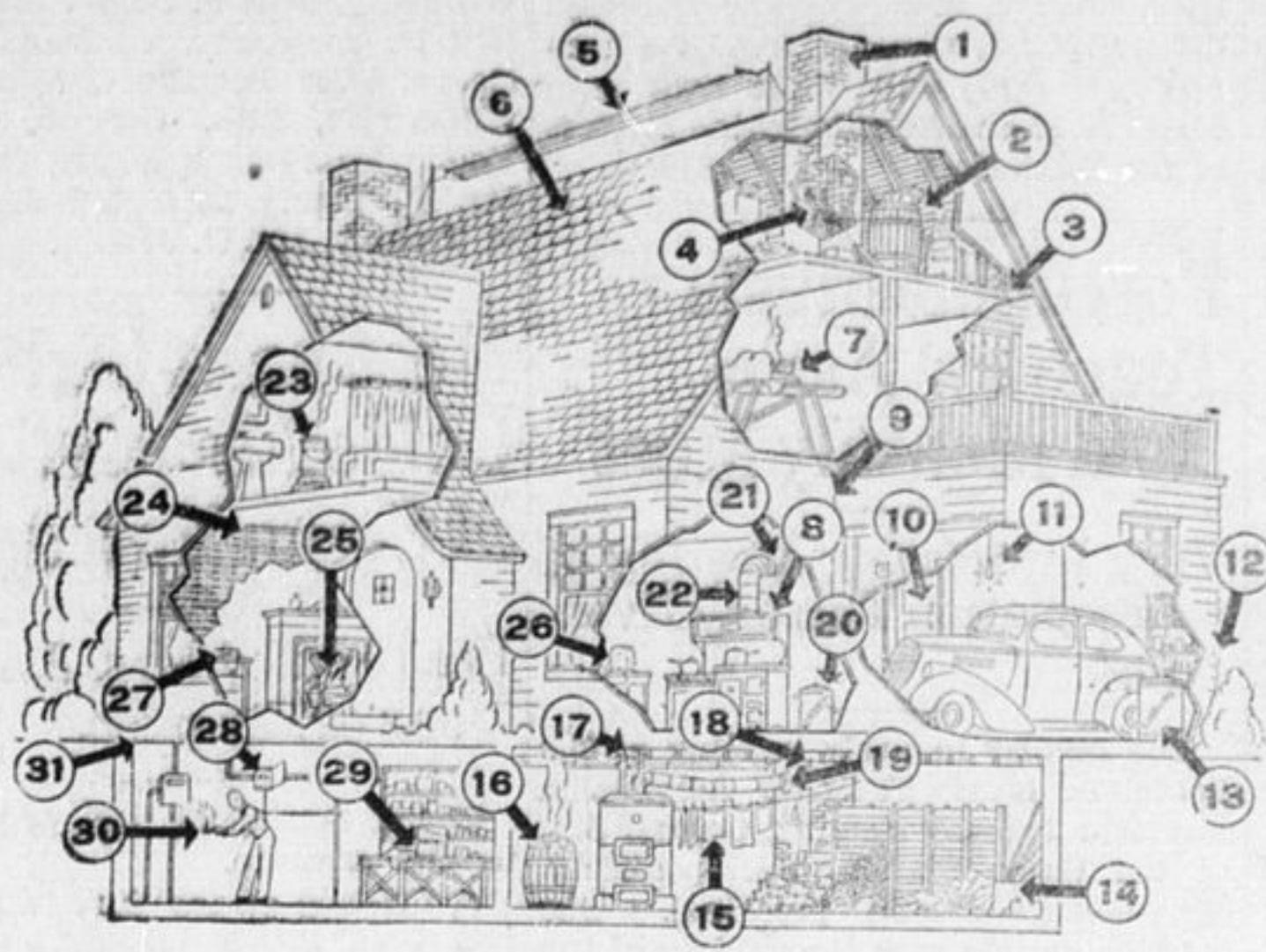


Help Win War on Home Front by Preventing Fires

Any of These Hazards Can Cause a Fire that will Burn a House and Endanger the Family



- 31 POINTS**
1. Chimney poorly constructed and without fire lining.
 2. Rubbish in attic.
 3. No fire stops.
 4. Soot in chimney.
 5. Aerial not properly grounded and no lightning arrester.
 6. Combustible roof exposed to chimney sparks.
 7. Non-automatic electric iron left attached.
 8. Leaking gas stove.
 9. Garage attached to house without fireproofing.
 10. Door from house into garage not metal sheathed or tight-fitting.
 11. Improper extension violating electrical code.
 12. No vent in garage to allow fumes to escape.
 13. Gasoline kept or used in any part of building.
 14. Rubbish in cellar.
 15. Wet clothes hung on electric wire.
 16. Wooden barrel for hot ashes.
 17. Unprotected steam pipes.
 18. Joists resting on brick chimney.
 19. Sagging, defective unprotected furnace pipe.
 20. Kerosene near fire.
 21. Stovepipe lacking metal collar where it enters chimney.
 22. Stove and stovepipe unprotected from wall.
 23. Asphyxiation and explosion possibility from kerosene or gas stove.
 24. Wooden bath walls without fire stops.
 25. Fireplace hearth and bricks not sufficiently insulated and no screen.
 26. Unapproved electrical appliance lacking proper insulation.
 27. Matches within reach of small children.
 28. Overloaded circuits permitted by improper electric fuses or dangerous substitutes.
 29. No tightly covered metal container for storing oily rags or cleaning cloths.
 30. Searching for gas leaks with open flame.
 31. Lack of ceiling of cement on metal bath extending across cellar from one foundation to the other.

WILSON'S fourteen points during the last Great War are engraved in history. Hitler's recent sixteen fantastic points will also be referred to many times by historians in the future. There are another 31 points, however, of which little is heard even though they have a serious bearing on the daily life of every householder in Canada. They represent possible fire hazards in the home which, at this season of the year, call for appropriate action by everyone living in, or owning a home.

Last year, Canada's total fire loss was \$25,899,180 in 44,000 fires. Of this total 33,044 were in dwellings with a loss of \$6,089,663.

Most of these fires could have been avoided by reasonable care and foresight according to the Canadian Underwriters' Association which is circulating the above drawing calling attention of householders to the danger of fires in their own homes.

Careful inspection of homes would reveal just how many of these 31 points detailed in the next column require immediate attention, it is stated, and the time spent in checking them will bring freedom from worry to say nothing about the loss, suffering and inconvenience caused by fires in dwellings. So, the Association advises, "if everyone would take prompt steps to reduce the fire hazards in their own homes, Canada's loss this winter would be materially reduced."

Hall is the German headquarters. Wonders of Basic English

London provides courses in basic English for soldiers of foreign birth in temporary exile. One Czech fighter is making remarkable progress. He approached a policeman: "Please, Bobby, which watch?" Bobby was dazed for a minute or so, then the light of understanding dawned and he held out his wrist watch for the soldier to consult. "Six watch? Such much!" exclaimed the apparently belated Czech, and he hustled away into the crowd.

Another story borrowed from L. H. R. said a German watchman in a Danish watchman in Copenhagen. "It's tiresome, isn't it? If peace would only come, so that a man could do something besides soldiering!" "What would you do first?" "Well, first I would take a bicycle and make a tour of Greater Germany." "And what," asked the Dane, "would you do in the afternoon?"

In our anthology of war humor a prominent place would be reserved for Winston Churchill's recent summing up of the situation in Italy. He thought the Italian donkey would soon retire from the war, "if physical stimuli are applied, a carrot at one end, a stick at the other."

adian town or city not having such a by-law, for guidance in such matters can be found in the National Building Code. The Code has a complete section on Fire Prevention as it refers to building construction, as well as on other matters such as Structural Requirements and Health and Sanitation.

Every Canadian municipality should be in possession of copies of this Code. These may be obtained upon application to the Codes and Specifications Section of the National Research Council, Ottawa, for the price of \$1.00 each.

Open Letter from Fire Chief Smith of South Porcupine

Asko Co-operation of Household-ers in Preventing Fires.

The following open letter from Fire Chief Maxwell Smith should be read and heeded by all at South Porcupine: This week being annual Fire Prevention Week is a matter that concerns every one of us. It is the chief topic of the press throughout the Dominion. Our local firemen are making a more extensive and thorough inspection this week and hope to visit every place of business and home.

I am not questioning a householder's ability to protect himself and his property, merely requesting that we be allowed to assist where necessary.

When the firemen call I trust they will be received and allowed to make examinations for possible fire hazards and danger spots. They are better trained in this work. For instance, a householder may see daily a dangerous condition and not recognize it as such and it could be the first thing a fireman will notice. He is there to point out and assist you and if conditions are good your property is given credit on our register. Keeping fire loss in our community at a low standard saves considerable money in insurance rates, saves cost of repairs and leaves more construction material for the war effort.

Check your lady's dressing table equipment, combs and brush mounts. Much of this is highly inflammable as it is made of celluloid and camphor. Sunlight from a reflected mirror on such articles has started fires. My experience in bedroom fires proves that excessive heat will start a flame. If you will please be more fire conscious these next few days and take time to examine your valued possessions and what it would mean if you had a fire, there would be no need to be continually reminding you of your fire hazards. I appreciate your co-operation and help in maintaining our fire prevention record.

Fire Chief Stanley Sends out Fire Prevention Hints

Circular Distributed by the Town Departments This Week.

Fire Chief William Stanley in observance of Fire Prevention Week sent out a large number of circulars or bulletins giving fire prevention hints. This was in addition to various practical demonstrations, addresses to service clubs, etc., and to the Life Underwriters' Association of Timmins.

The circulars were distributed through the municipal staff, being sent out with waterworks accounts, etc. The circular was headed "Fire Prevention Hints," and at the bottom of the sheet was the motto, "Make Every Week Fire Prevention Week."

The circular opens with instructions as to getting in an alarm from a street alarm box:—"Break glass; open door; pull hook down, and let go. Then wait until fire department arrives."

"When telephoning an alarm talk slowly and distinctly."

"Plant the seed of fire prevention in your home by the following simple rules:—

Clean and check your chimney and make sure it's safe.

Remove all rubbish from cellar to attic.

Have your aerial properly grounded and lightning arrester installed.

Make sure of ample ventilation in garage so fumes can escape.

Don't leave your electric iron attached.

Don't use improper extensions violating electrical regulations.

Don't use or keep gasoline in any part of building.

Don't hang wet clothes on electric wires.

Don't put ashes in wooden boxes or paper cartons.

Don't have your smoke pipes dirty, sagging or defective.

Don't kindle bonfire without first obtaining a permit from Fire Chief.

Never use an open flame to thaw frozen pipes inside a building.

Smoke pipes should be at least 12 inches from all wood work.

Stove pipes should pass through non-combustible material in partitions.

Avoid asphyxiation and explosion possibility from kerosene and gas stoves.

Do not use unapproved electrical appliances lacking proper insulation.

Matches should be kept out of reach of small children.

Storing of oily rags and cleaning cloths is dangerous.

Careless smokers! Proper receptacles should be used for matches and butts.

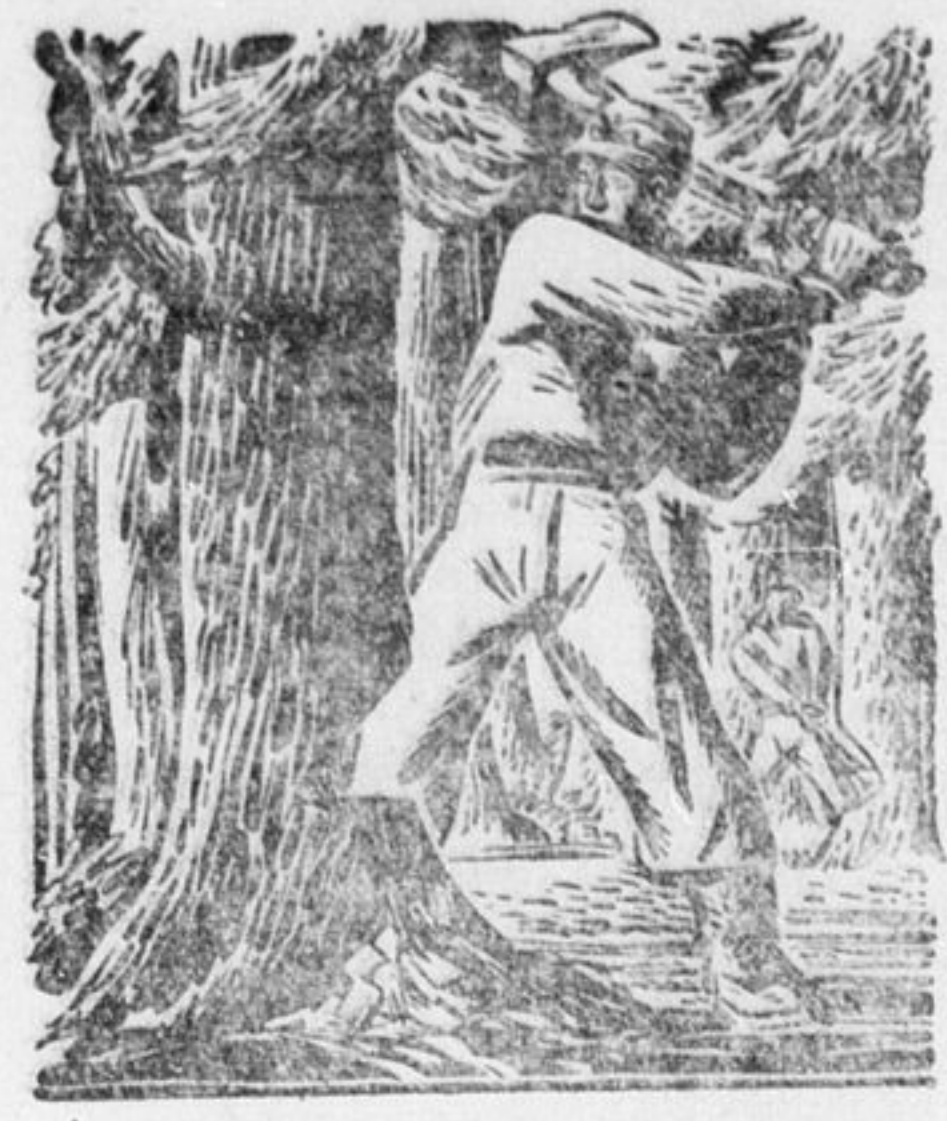
Keep heating system clean and in good repair and it will save fuel.

Improve your defence against FIRE

If in doubt consult your fire department.

Above all DON'T BE CARELESS

William Stanley,
Chief of Fire Department



FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS

If Your Farm Work has Slacked for the Winter, You Are Needed Elsewhere in Essential Employment

Highly essential work—very important in Canada's war effort and for the welfare of the Nation—is threatened with shortages of workers. One of the few sources of men available for other high priority jobs is those men on the farm who will not be needed at home during the Fall and Winter. Heavy needs must be met in many lines—producing fuel wood and other necessary forest products; in base metal mines, in food processing, in railway track maintenance. If you live on a farm and are not needed at home during the Fall and Winter, you are urged to answer this national appeal.

Farmers engaged in essential work during the off season will be allowed to return home when needed. Also, those on postponement under Mobilization Regulations will continue on postponement while in approved essential work during the slack on the farm.

Please answer this vital call NOW.

For full information please apply to one of the following:

The nearest EMPLOYMENT AND SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICE OF

The nearest PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE OF

YOUR LOCAL FARM PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

NATIONAL SELECTIVE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

HUMPHREY MITCHELL,
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less of \$340.00 covered by insurance of \$1200.00.

Apparatus and equipment used was: 34 gallons chemicals, booster pump used 3 times, master hose 1 time, 25 feet of ladders, 2 hydrants, 200 feet 2 1/2 inch hose, 350 feet 1 1/2 inch hose.

The regular monthly inspections were made and fire drills held in all schools. The attendance of manpower at these alarms was, permanent force 179 men Volunteer force 94, making a total attendance of 273.

A splendid approach and sump recently constructed by the board of works under the supervision of town engineer J. D. MacLean at the south side of Gillies Lake was used for a test on Monday evening, Sept. 27th. A complete official report of the test as submitted by Mr. C. H. Wilkins of the Hollinger Mines is attached herewith. Present at this test was Mr. J. W. Dougherty, chairman of the C.D.C., and Mr. W. H. Pritchard of the Hollinger Mines. The total amount of hose stretched at this relay test was 3600 feet of hose brought up down Spruce street south to halfway between Kirby and Kimberley avenues. I am satisfied that this approach will prove its worth if at any time we have to use it in case of emergencies. In the future this approach will be used for our regular practices for pumping purposes.

While attending the convention at Iroquois Falls recently I was able to secure films on fire fighting from the Deputy Fire Marshal, Mr. C. W. Caskey which were shown to the members of the fire department on Wednesday, September 22nd, and also to the A.R.P. Warden on Thursday, September 23rd, at the Town Hall. Three films were exhibited by Deputy Chief M. Daher with his equipment.

On Thursday, September 30th, the fire department gave a demonstration of incendiary bombs in the old ball park on Cedar Street South to the A.R.P. Wardens.

I wish to inform you that two of the four life savers left at the Mattagami Bridges are missing. It is regrettable that this protection is being tampered with.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Stanley, Chief Fire Dept.

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Balloons Don't Scare

Heppily, all the tragedy of war has been unable to snuff out the flame of humor which so often brightens even the darkest depths of human experience. Some day, perhaps, an enterprising anthropologist will publish a selection of quips from the war's lighter side and it would be lively reading. There is a wealth of material for the purpose. From our own stock of yarns gleaned from sundry sources we venture to present a few which have appealed to us for their quiet humor. They start with the first days of the conflict.

At the rear door of a London residence a sergeant girl is holding up a jet-black kitten for the admiration of the milkman. "Of course," says she, "we call it 'Blackout'." And it was on a visit to London that an old woman from rural haunts thus expressed her opinion of the barrage of balloons anchored above the city: "If those Huns think they can scare us by sitting up there in their balloons all day staring at us they don't know the British." Of course they don't know the British—but they are learning.

Leaflets Versus Bombs

We can still raise a chuckle over the story of an airman flying during the leaflet phase of operations over Germany. He was hours late in returning to his O.C. after one of those literary assaults. "Where in blazes have you been?" roared the officer. "Well, sir," the grinning airman responded, "it seemed so calm and peaceful down in Heinie's land that I dropped down and distributed the leaflets from door to door." Some of the printed sheets that descended from the sky concluded with the reminder, "This might have been a bomb." There was loud laughter from the Nazis when they read it. They are not laughing now. Nor would they appreciate the humor in the message chalked on a block-buster by a bomber of the R.A.F. ere setting out for Berlin "This might have been a leaflet." How gleefully the dupes of Hitler would exchange the bombs of to-day for the leaflets of yesterday. How bitterly they have learned the truth that he laughs best who laughs last. And in what profound gloom must Mussolini in his cell (we hope) recall that he once begged from boss Adolf the privilege of helping to bomb London. After all there was a time when the skies above Italy were as silent as Benito is now—though they never were as blue. Since the air raids on the German capital have been intensified a story has filtered out from there. Berliners, it appears, had seen a curious and hitherto unknown specimen of the turtle family making its way timidly along a street. It was identified in due course as little Joe "Gobbles" under an enormous steel helmet.

Squirrel in Hitler Museum

We learn, too, that the first Hitler museum has been opened at Braunau-on-the-Inn, where, on a most unhappy day, Adolf was born. Gathered therein are the household furnishings, the books and toys of his childhood. On the walls are displayed his first watercolors and sketches. Other exhibits, "L. R. H." of the New York Times ventures to say, are the nursery rug on which he cut his teeth and the stuffed squirrel, now deceased and stuffed, that used to follow him around nibbling at his heels. Were the books and playthings of Adolf's childhood his own, we wonder, or did he steal them from his playmates? Certainly the Nazi leaders in later life never hesitated to enrich their homes with art treasures purloined from the art galleries of occupied Europe. What do the Czechs or Prague think of Nazi honesty? They point to the City Hall. "Only two hands there don't steal," they say. They mean the hands of the big clock. Prague City

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Fire Chief's Report Notes Another Odd Reason for Fire Calls.

At Monday's council meeting the regular monthly report of Timmins Fire Dept. for the month of September was received and filed. The following is the report:

Timmins, October 1st, 1943

To the Chairman of Fire and Light Committee and Members of Town Council:

Gentlemen:—During the month of September the department received and responded to 19 alarms, 13 by telephone, 4 from street alarm boxes and 2 verbal.

Summary of alarms are as follows: 7 chimney and pipe fires, 5 actual house fires, 3 false alarms, 1 imaginary, 1 gasoline drained on road, 1 locked out of home, and 1 pie burning in oven.

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