

FIRE PREVENTION NEWS

This is the time of year when the use of outboard motors, gasoline powered lawn mowers, and other small gasoline powered portable equipment is in full swing. While only relatively small amounts of gasoline are involved, we should remember that as little as half a pint of gasoline, spilled on the floor, vaporized and ignited, can cause fatal results. For example, Chief John Alderson of the Los Angeles Fire Department reports the recent loss of life of a three-year-old boy who was burned to death in a basement because he played with a gasoline can, upset it, and the fumes were ignited from the pilot of a water heater. Common-sense safeguards for these hazards will be found in the following simple rules:

Keep gasoline only in a standard safety can, never in a glass jug or an old oil can that may leak or spill its contents if upset. Keep the can in the garage or outdoors.

Keep gasoline on hand only in the quantity immediately needed for current use. It is much better to make a few extra trips to a gasoline filling station to replenish your supply than endanger life by keeping an excessive quantity in the home.

When refilling the gasoline tank of the lawn mower or other device, always stop the motor and wait for it to cool if it is hot. Don't smoke while pouring gasoline and be sure there is no other possible source of ignition nearby. Remember that gasoline fumes are heavier than air and may flow along the ground unseen.

Do the filling outdoors in an open area where there is free air circulation. Never handle gasoline in a basement garage where the basement floor is below the surrounding grade. If your garage is above grade and you keep the door open, there may not be any great danger in doing the filling operation just inside the garage door. However, be sure that you have a clear path of escape in case the gasoline flashes.

Remember that the simple act of pouring gasoline from one container to another can create static electricity. Don't hold the can in the air but have the metal spout in direct contact with the fill opening when pouring.

If you do your own repair operations, use the same precautions in draining gasoline as you would in filling. Use high
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flash cleaning fluid rather than gasoline for washing spark plugs and cleaning metal parts.

Never operate any gasoline engine powered equipment in a garage with the doors closed or in any other enclosed space.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT NEW EXECUTIVES:

At their meeting of June 9th, St. Edward's Council No. 3554 of the Knights of Columbus elected a new Executive for the year commencing July 1, 1955. The following Officers were elected:

- Grand Knight - E. A. Marostica
(By Acclamation)
- Deputy Grand Knight - A. Cadieux
Terrace Bay
- Chancellor - C. A. McGrath - Schreiber.
- Recorder - J. D. McGuire - Schreiber
- Treasurer - L. V. Burke - Schreiber
(By Acclamation)
- Advocate - J. A. MacIsaac - Schreiber
- Warden - J. Campbell - Schreiber
- Inside Guard - J. F. Caccamo - Schreiber
- Outside Guard - H. J. Newell - Terrace Bay
- Trustee (3 years) - J. R. Beaulieu -
Terrace Bay

The Offices of Chaplain and Financial Secretary are by appointment and it is expected that these will be confirmed as, respectively, Reverend J. C. McHugh and J. P. Guina. Edgar J. LeBlanc has been appointed Lecturer for a second term.

H. J. Boudreau and A. A. Caccamo, with one and two years, respectively, as Trustees complete the Executive.

6-Point Activity Chairmen will be appointed immediately so that the Council's programme for the year may be implemented and an early start assured toward the primary objective for the year -- Best Council Trophy --- The year just ending saw St. Edward's Council place 3rd in this all Ontario contest.

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SHOE REPAIR SHOP

The Shoe Repair Shop hours are from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. until further notice.

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