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At this time of year when nome fires most frequently occur why not give your family a very special Christmas gift - a smoke detector.

National statistics have shown that close to two thirds of all reported fires occur in the home and most of them begin when the occupants are in bed and asleep. The protection of your home and family from fire loss depends on a three point program; reducing fire hazards in your home, establishing a fire escape and providing an early warning system.

Smoke detectors read a fire signal and set-off an audible alarm. There are two types of smoke detectors: ionization and photoelectric. Both are effective in warning occupants, but the degree of effectiveness varies.

Ionization detectors are relatively effective in detecting smoke from fires even before the smoke is visible. Photoelectric units, according to some tests may respond more quickly than the activated detectors.

Be sure that any unit you buy has been tested by Underwrit-

For further information contact the Northern Affairs Office

located on the Lower Floor, Peninsula Building, 2 Gilbert Street, Marathon, or telephone 229-1153.

NOTE: Recipients of Old Age Security

With your January cheque you will be receiving a T4A slip which will indicate the amount of benefits you received this year. You must include this slip with your 1978 income tax return.

RENT CONTROLS EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE

The Ontario Legislature gave approval to a bill which will continue rent control until the end of next June. Frank Drea, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial relations, introduced the bill which amended the residential premises rent review act, It received all three readings in minutes. The bill postponed the expiration of the act to June 30th from December 31st as the Legislature probably will adjourn Friday.

Under the present Act, 90 days notice of an increase with reasons is required. If the increase proposed is greater than 6 percent, an application must be made for rent review at least 60 days before the commencement date. A hearing will then be held. Only one increase may be taken in any 12 month period. The rent review office serving your area may be contacted without charge by asking the operator to connect you with Zenith 96,000. They will be able to provide additional assistance and information on the present act.

