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# OTTY LAKE ASSOCIATION

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"Listen! There is an awful roar in the chimney! Shall I call the chimney sweep? The number is on the pad, I meant to phone him some weeks ago. No! Call the fire department. Not the Perth Brigade, call the B.B.D. & E. rural service 267-2030!"

"Shut off the damper, quick! I can't reach it, it is too hot! Take the hooked poker! Where is it? May be in the boat house! We used it as a boat hook lately!"

"Hello" came the answer from the alarm center at the Perth filtration plant.

"We have a chimney fire, the smoke comes out at the ceiling!" "Your location please", came the request. "We're just off the Farmers road!" "Madam, there are many farmers' roads in our area! Please give us townshi, concession and lot number!"

"I believe concession 7, but the lot number I don't know. It is off the Elmgrove Road in North Burgess!" The center requested to immediately send somebody to your road junction with the main road, waving a white handkerchief or a flash light. As all this happened it was tape recorded at the center.

The call initiated immediate action. The center sent off a radio signal to the pocket pagers of the fire fighters. At least three of the seven of those who live in proximity to the fire station on Sherbrooke Street West in Perth rushed over to get the trucks under way, lights flashing, sirens screaming. Within ten minutes the manned equipment was at the scene of the fire. Several members of the brigade, who had responded to the beep call were already there, prepared to don their protective clothing from the emergency van. Swiftly they attacked the fire. No confusion. The periodic training exercises of the team, mostly on Sundays, paid off. Everybody knew what to do. Reserve fighters and equipment were still available in case of another fire call.

Fortunately, only some ceiling beams around the chimney were scorched and the house was saved. The fire chief gave advice on safety measures and for repairs to the masonry and beams. He also estimated the cost of the fire damage for his report to the fire marshal's office. There was no other cost to the owner but for the cheer he passed around.

The rural fire department was established in 1953, with its first pumper at a cost of \$ 12,700. A new pumper will soon be needed. The present cost would be \$ 80,000. There are now 25 Volunteer Fire Fighters, working under the leadership of their chief, Mr. Harold Jordan.

The major equipment consists of one pumper (1968 model), two 1500 gallon tankers with pumps and one emergency van. The annual cost for the B.B.D. & E. fire department is borne by the four municipalities. For example, in 1982 North Burgess's share was \$ 12,000 and they budgeted \$ 14,770 for 1983.

Voluntary contributions and proceeds from social activities were used for the acquisition of auxiliary equipment, such as the radio paging system, a 220 V generating set, smoke masks and hydraulic "jaws" for freeing trapped victims. There are no government grants available. In 1981, there were 96 calls and in 1982 there were 84. Very few of these were false alarms. Property losses prevented by the fire fighters' action can be counted in the millions.

The department is also very active in preventive measures. Officials are available, free of charge, for inspection of installations. More home owners should make use of this service, as there are now more wood stoves than ever being installed.

The department carries out fire drills in schools, nursing homes and, with circumspection, in hospitals. On the legal side, the fire department is often consulted by insurance companies, through the fire marshal's office. The individual members, smartly dressed in their uniforms, for which they pay themselves, make quite a show in parades and at other social events.

Cottagers and residents keep in mind, that even the smallest of fires can develop into uncontrollable disasters. Phone immediately the fire department, 267 2030. Give detailed information of your location. Close all doors and windows, in order to starve the fire, and then get out! Keep an eye on absent neighbors dwellings.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

Some residents of Otty Lake have found that their private property is not as private as they had thought. This can be annoying and, where damage occurs, frightening. So, since we all expect others to respect our rights, we try to show the same respect for others. Right? Your executive has advised owners that if they want to stop all trespassing, including swimming visits, they should consider posting signs.

Speaking of trespassing, the protection of the Three Sisters islands continues to be a problem. Vandals continue to tear down the signs placed there by MNR and this association, damage trees and make a mess. Some of those observed in the act are suspected of being the children of cottagers. Does anyone remember the question: Parents! Where are your children?

PUBLIC ACCESS AND BOAT LAUNCHING

With the closing of Carson's boat launch ramp, there is no longer any public facility for the use of visitors or Otty lake residents. Your executive has begun exploring options for next year, and we will have more to report in a later newsletter, in time for the 1984 season. In the meantime, it would be helpful to know how many people need a launching area. If this includes you, please contact Mark Semple before January 31st at P.O. Box 488, Perth K7H 3G1.

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