

Damage High In Mill Fire

SMOOTH ROCK FALLS, Ont. — Fire Tuesday destroyed the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company commissary, swept through the town works department shops and spread to the Hudson's Bay Company store.

Early estimates of damage in the blaze, worst in the history of this northern Ontario pulp mill town 100 miles northwest of Timmins, placed the loss at several hundred thousand dollars.

Let Children Play With Matches Says Doctor, But Watch Them

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It's okay for little children to play with matches, light cigarettes, fire up the incinerator, study explosives, electric shock and dangerous chemicals—as long as such things are done under parental supervision.

That's the opinion of Dr. Harry F. Dietrich of Beverly Hills, Calif., and presented in a paper delivered to the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Dr. Dietrich is recognized as one of the United States' top authorities on accident prevention among children.

When junior wants to light matches, break out the kitchen box, plant him in the driveway or on the sidewalk and make him light and blow out each match, one at a time, the whole box.

"This usually will give the parent a respite of three to 12 months from the match problem," Dr. Dietrich said.

All children should be taught that some lights are inflammable; that some strong acids and alkalis will burn the flesh. The facts about electric shock should be taught gradually.

"I personally feel," Dr. Dietrich added, "that the firecracker has an overlooked educational role in demonstrating on a safe scale the concept and effect of an explosion."



LAW LEADERS HONORED—Dalhousie University of Halifax conferred honorary degrees upon five outstanding legal figures at a special convocation to mark the opening of a new law school. Receiving the degrees were, left to right: Mr. Justice Vincent MacDonald of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court; Dean George Curtis of the University of British Columbia Law School; Mr. Justice Ivan C. Rand of the Supreme Court of Canada; Andrew Taschereau, Quebec, president of the Canadian Bar Association, and Dean Erwin Griswold of Harvard University Law School. (CP PHOTO)

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Copper Nickel Mine Booming Business In North Manitoba

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Nesling in the Manitoba wilds just south of the 57th parallel, the town's expanding mine is considered the world's richest source of copper-nickel apart from the great mines at Sudbury, Ont.

Within a year a 145-mile rail line will link it with supply routes to the south, hauling ore estimated to be worth \$14,000,000 yearly to world markets. Much of it will go to Canada's defence production and for stockpiling.

COSTLY DEVELOPMENT
Development costs at Lynn Lake are great. About \$50,000,000 will have been spent by late fall of 1953 when the Sherritt Gordon mine is expected to start production. Already ore worth \$175,000,000 at current prices has been blocked out.

The rail line, estimated to cost about \$15,000,000, is being pushed through rocky terrain and muskeg by the Canadian National Railways. When completed it will reach northeast from Sherridon, 390 miles northwest of Winnipeg.

Aircraft and tractor trains have been the only forms of transportation since the district was opened 11 years ago. A few made the trip by canoe and on foot.

Some 500 men now are working on the line, clearing the right-of-way, moving in ties and tracks, then advancing to a new railhead. At Oct. 5 the complete right-of-way had been cleared, the roadbed graded for 85 miles and 25 miles of track laid.

Engineering and construction problems — despite modern equipment — are as challenging as those which faced the men who built the first transcontinental line across northern Ontario 70 years ago.

PIONEER AREA
Lynn Lake seven years ago had only three log shacks. Now the population is approaching 500 and is expected to grow between 1,500 and 2,000 when production starts.

The town's history began in 1941 with an ore discovery by a translated prospector, Austin McVeigh, born in lower Litchfield, 60 miles west of Ottawa.

An old-time prospector who leaves mining promotion to others, he has only two secrets—he won't reveal his age or how much he has earned. He's been tramping Canada's northland for four decades and hopes to die with boots on, preferably the hobnailed boots of the prospector.

McVeigh was induced into the mining game when a boy after reading of the big money made by prospectors in Cripple Creek and Cobalt. He learned his business the hard way, working in practically all Ontario mining camps before heading for British Columbia and back to Manitoba.

Although there are stories that he discovered Lynn Lake through luck, he insists the find was the result of careful prospecting with modern gadgets.

McVeigh's discovery was kept quiet until 1945 when further prospecting showed there was something to work on. As soon as news leaked out in 1947, one of the biggest staking sprees in Manitoba's history blanketed the Lynn district.

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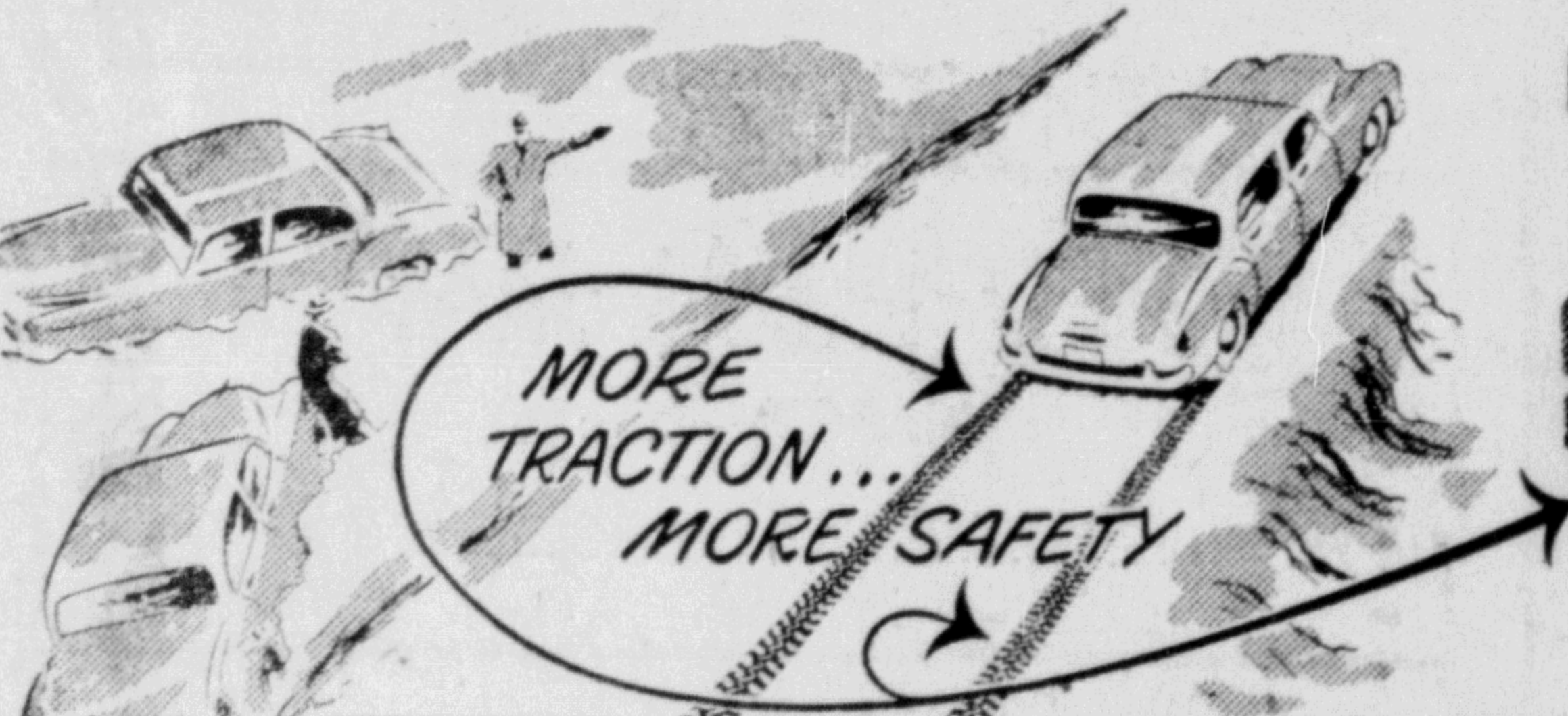
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