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PHILIP M. GUZZETTA (right), Glenview Fire Inspector, is a recent addition to the fire-fighting force. His duties — up until recently performed by Fire Marshal KENNETH WOOD in addition to his own — include regular inspection of all commercial and industrial property, schools and churches, government buildings, amusement and recreational property, garages and filling stations, and multiple-family dwellings. Inspector Guzzetta sees to it that fire regulation requirements are strictly enforced and that fire hazards are not tolerated.

Most fires, says Chief Wood, happen during the winter months. That's when your furnace operates most of the time, of course. Make sure it is in excellent condition by having a professional heating man inspect and clean it once a year. After that, there is still danger of a fire if you allow combustible materials to collect near the furnace.

Another major cause of winter fires is the attempt to keep car motors warm in cold garages. DON'T fall for the old light-bulb and blanket routine! Chief Wood can tell you case after case where the heat ignited the blanket, the blanket the car, the car the garage, and the garage the house. Electric space heaters are hazards too: they become ferociously hot and cause burnable materials around and under them to catch fire.

ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AND DECORATIONS — potential sources of perhaps the worst holocaust and tragic injury you ever introduce to your home: if you use a natural tree, buy it fresh. You can tell it is fresh if the needles don't fall off when you bounce it on its trunk. Keep it outdoors with the trunk in water until you decorate.

Always put your tree in a safe spot — well away from fireplace, stove, radiator, heat register, and TV. Use only light sets with "U.L." inspection seals. Check them thoroughly for loose connections and damaged wires. If anything on the set is cracked or broken, **THROW IT OUT** and buy a new one. **DON'T** use an outlet under the tree, and **DON'T** set up an electric train under or around the tree.

NEVER put lights on metal trees — illuminate them from a distance and decorate with ornaments only. Use only the tiny, cool lights on other artificial trees, as heat damages them and could cause a catastrophe. There's no time for calm thinking when a fire breaks out, so plan what to do well in advance of this. Best advice: appoint a



"family fire chief" to get everyone out of the house immediately, and then call the Fire Department (724-2121).

If you should have to make such a call, you can be sure you will be well protected. Glenview's Fire Department consists of 11 full-time professionals plus 30 radio-alerted experienced volunteers. (The Rural Fire District, incidentally, also has 30 volunteers, different from those of Glenview. They share certain pieces of equipment, and Glenview responds to RFD calls and vice versa.)

Three firemen are on duty at the headquarters 24 hours a day. Inspector Guzzetta works a regular 40-hour week, and Chief Wood works that much and then some. He naturally hopes the "and then some" will not be excessive this winter, and that he will never have to come to your house.

Other notes of interest: your Fire Department has two 1000-gallon-per-minute pumpers (one with aerial ladder), a 750-gpm pumper, and an emergency truck equipped with inhalator and other rescue apparatus. All Fire Department personnel have taken a 5-week course at the Skokie Fire Department, designed especially to meet the needs of the Glenview Fire Department. It covered ladders, hoses, salvage, first aid, and sprinkler systems. In addition, daily training is held within the department itself for all paid personnel, and volunteers are required to report for 2-3 hours of training (on the same matters as listed above) on the first and fourth Monday nights of every month. The volunteers raise quite a sum every year through an annual dance, using the money to finance equipment and maintenance. One man is assigned to each piece of apparatus for regular minor maintenance, and repairs are made by the department's own mechanic. And the Fire Department takes its own pictures, too (not for publicity, but for technical reasons).



LEE BAUR, Glenview Superintendent of Public Works, has recently been elected Chairman of the North Shore Section, Chicago Chapter, American Public Works Association. He was formerly Secretary of the North Suburban Branch.

Thanks to Lee for another feather in Glenview's cap!

SINCE YOUR LAST REPORT, Glenview Trustees ...

- Passed a Special Assessment Ordinance (S.A.#84) to provide water and sewer facilities on Pleasant Drive, Kendale Drive, Kenilworth Avenue, and Highland Terrace.
- Directed the Board of Local Improvements to repave Overlook Drive by means of a Special Assessment proceeding.
- Rezoned two lots at 1400 and 1410 Hollywood Avenue to the R-4 (single family) category.
- Annexed property at 2144 and 2152 Rugen Road, and rezoned 2144, 2148 and 2152 to the R-18 (multiple family) classification. Nineteen apartment units are slated to be built there.
- Directed the Village Manager to ask the state to study traffic at Central and Harlem and at Sunset Ridge and Lake to see whether conditions call for traffic signalization there.

use may be made at the library's Business Office. A smaller Conference Room, for use by 20 or fewer people, is also available in the same manner.

SPECIAL PURPOSE COLLECTIONS (telephone directories of major cities, local historical material, financial reference works, genealogy source books, and college catalogs) await your convenience.

DURING THE PAST YEAR some 270,768 books and periodicals were circulated — not a record number, because of our 15-month construction period — but nevertheless an impressive average daily circulation of 893. Our reference staff answered 20,563 questions and added 1,928 pamphlets and 569 college catalogs to the library's collection. We now have 13,273 registered borrowers, an increase of 430 over the previous year. We processed and placed on our shelves 6,113 new volumes, and discarded 1,101 that were worn out or obsolete.



THE LIBRARY BOARD AND STAFF appreciate your patience during the fifteen months when confusion, dust, noise, and constant rearranging of books added to an already crowded situation. In spite of the difficulties involved, the entire collection was kept available except for the minimum number of days when we had to be shut down completely.

STARTING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1969, the Children's Department will hold two more pre-school story hour sessions. Please check with us as to how registration for them will be handled. Great Books Discussion Groups will also be initiated if library patrons evince sufficient interest. Please let us know.

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GLENVIEW'S EXPANDED PUBLIC LIBRARY



THE GLENVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY's new addition was formally dedicated on October 13, 1968. Physical facilities are now located in 27,000 square feet (versus only 11,000 under the former arrangement). We now house a book collection of 68,804 volumes of adult fiction, 24,432 of adult non-fiction, 7,199 of juvenile fiction, 11,934 of juvenile non-fiction, and 3,454 "easy books" — picture books for pre-schoolers.

NEW FEATURES that improve our efficiency and increase your convenience and enjoyment include charging out of all books at one central point on the main level, an Adult Quiet Room (for use by adults only) where there is a special collection of business and investment books and reference manuals specifically selected for the business man, and a Children's Department (see above photograph) double the size of our old facilities. Two gardens have been built, one at the west end and one at the east end, providing an attractive atmosphere of natural beauty and privacy. The east garden is enhanced by a bronze sculpture by world-renowned Chicago artist Abbott Pattison. Well-chosen original paintings by local artists hang throughout the building.

TWO BOOK DROPS are provided for your convenience — one at the front entrance, the other on the building's north side. The latter is a drive-up drop where volumes can be deposited from the driver's side of your car.

A SPACIOUS MEETING ROOM, seating up to 100 people, is available to Glenview civic groups and organizations. Applications for its

● Asked the Village Manager to advise the Chicago Area Transportation Study group that Glenview opposes alignment of the so-called Golf Road Freeway to the north of Golf Road.

● Advised the Cook County Zoning Board that Glenview supports the petition of Signode Steel to be rezoned from R-2 (residential) to M-1 (light manufacturing). Involved are Signode-owned 60 acres of land in the unincorporated area immediately north of the present plant at Lake Avenue and Pfingsten Road.

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Here, left to right, are CAPTAIN ROBERT L. PFIESTER, LIEUTENANT DAYLE E. LITES and SERGEANT VINCENT GENOVESE of the Glenview Police Department. Those are their new ranks as of November 16.

Captain Pfiester (the title is new to our police force, which has never had the rank of Captain before), formerly a lieutenant, has been on the force for 22 years, beginning as a patrolman. His promotion to captain means he now performs as an executive officer, helping in planning and organizational matters and supervising line and service personnel. He is now involved in such things as recruitment, crime reports, budgeting, and patrol functions.

Lieutenant Lites, a former sergeant, has 10 years experience on the force. He became a sergeant in 1966 and has served in criminal investigation. He now takes over Capt. Pfiester's former duties.

Sergeant Genovese, on the force since 1955, was Glenview's juvenile officer for two years. He now joins the Patrol Division.

Congratulations to all three men, whose new ranks have been duly certified by the Fire and Police Commission.

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