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Homeowners who want to do wiring themselves are really very concerned that it be done correctly. This is the opinion of Vincent Yu, Administrator of Certificates and Permits for the Ministry of Labour's Electrical Safety Branch.

Yu thus does not agree with a recent article in one of Vancouver's daily newspapers which chided homeowners for frequently having too little concern for the way the wiring is done.

After all, says Yu, when a homeowner is living in the dwelling, he has his own personal safety at stake and is anxious to do the best possible job.

Almost always the Branch has to spend a lot more time with the homeowner, helping him to understand the process and assisting him with what he is doing, but it is well worth the effort in the long run.

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NEW MAN FOR SAFETY BRANCH

Announcement has just been made James Hill, Director of the Electrical Safety Branch for the province of British Columbia that Wilf Grew has been named Regional Supervisor for South Vancouver Island, including the Electrical Safety Branch offices in Victoria, Duncan and Nanaimo.

Wilf Grew has served with the Branch as Regional Supervisor for the Peace River Region for the last six years and brings valuable experience to the position. Of special interest to Association members is the fact that Wilf was former Chairman of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors and is actively involved in education and training.

REVIEW BEING COMPILED

A special review of contractors' regulations is under way at the office of the Provincial Electrical Safety Branch. James Hill, Director of the Branch, is the man responsible.

It is hoped that comparisons will be drawn between regulations here and those which exist in other jurisdictions -- other provinces and some of the states below the border.

When the review is completed -- which is expected to be early in October, it will be reported to the Electrical Safety Advisory Committee. There will be general discussion at that time including any changes to the existing system which may be considered advisable.

LEON MURRAY TO THE PEACE

An appointment has just been made by the Electrical Safety Branch, in the person of Leon Murray, to fill the post of Regional Supervisor for the Peace River Region from which Wilf Grew has been moved.

Until now Regional Supervisor for the North Interior Region, based in the Branch's Prince George Office, Leon will continue in that capacity as well as assuming his new responsibilities.

Leon, who is known to some of the members of the Electrical Inspectors Association, has been with the Branch in the Prince George area for nine years, the last five as Regional Supervisor.

Mr. James Hill, Provincial Director of the Branch, says that the changes noted were prompted by the need for the Branch to respond to changing market conditions in the electrical industry.

The Branch will continue to operate with Electrical Safety officers based in Fort St. John and Dawson Creek.

THE NUMBERS GAME

One of the big changes attendant on the move of the Provincial Government Electrical Safety Branch is the array of new telephone numbers.

A full page of the changes has been sent out to most interested persons, but force of habit is strong and it seems that there is the odd person still calling the old numbers.

N E X T G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

Confirmation has just been received that the speaker for the next general meeting of the Association will be Joseph S. Jue of B. C. Hydro, who will speak about the Mainland to Vancouver Island Cable.

Mr. Jue had a comprehensive article in the October issue of TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION magazine discussing the 525 kV cable.

A paper by E. Crowley, J. E. Crowley, and R. Horne of B. C. Hydro summarizes the subject thus:

This paper describes the system studies leading to the selection of the 525 kV alternating current submarine cable link between the British Columbia mainland and Vancouver Island as an alternative to other transmission facilities or local generation on Vancouver Island;

the methodology selected to obtain the data needed to confirm the technical feasibility and the economic viability of the scheme; and the development program devised together with the test results obtained.

The general meeting of the EIA is set for Monday, October 21, at the Copper Kettle, 800 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster. As usual, members will gather at 5:15, to socialize before dinner at 6 and the meeting at 7. Mark the date on your calendar now.

This meeting should be of interest to many people in the electrical field, apart from Association members, and provides an excellent opportunity for members to bring along friends who might become interested and later wish to join the Association.



WILF LAWSON TO RETIRE

The end of October is the time scheduled for the retirement of Wilf Lawson, well known Executive Director with the Provincial Electrical Safety Branch.

The word is out that there will be a big retirement party on October 30th at the Hollyburn Country Club. Anyone interested and desiring further information can call Wilf's secretary, Joyce Narayan at 660-6295.

AL LUCK IMPROVES

Association members will be glad to know that the latest news is that Al Luck is making progress and is to the walking stage in his recovery -- up to a couple of miles a day.

As could be expected the psychological shock to his system has taken a bit of getting over, but some of his friends report that he is apparently in good humor, so that part of his recovery is under way as well.

All wish him continued improvement so that he may get the most out of his retirement.

PLANS FOR SEMINAR

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

A warm welcome is extended to members of the Association:

TIM LESSARD, with the Electrical Safety Branch of the Provincial Government, stationed at Williams Lake, Inspector.

C. L. (Cliff) PILKEY, new Assistant Manager at Electrical Contractors Association, Associate.

G R O U N D I N G S E M I N A R

A very successful program was experienced at the Association's June 24th general meeting at the Copper Kettle in New Westminster, when members heard Curt Hallwood of Hallwood Agencies in Burnaby.

The basic company about whom Curt talked was the Erico company, well known as the manufacturers of Cadwelds, a common connecting method which employs a type of fusing.

Various types of connections were shown and much useful information was given, particularly with reference to the fault capabilities in each case, and how to deal with them.

Executive Meeting.

The members of the EIA Executive are reminded that they are asked to meet at the Board Room of the Burnaby Municipal Hall the afternoon of October 31st at 1:30 p.m.

Initial planning was begun at the last EIA Executive meeting for a possible Seminar to be held early in 1986.

Following the success of the last one held in April of 1984, there have been several requests for another one.

Dave Fitger, a new member on the Executive this year, has been named Chairman of the event and he is already hard at work. Since he has been given authority to add to his strength, it is quite possible that in the months ahead a number of other Association members will be enlisted.

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