nist Investigator Retires ife as Fisherman in Vida

most feared "firebug" Harry Rethoret, chief of Underwriters' Investiga- eau of Canada, Inc., t a train in Eugene one eek to begin his retire- 25 hectic years of chas- rucks and digging out n on how fires start and sponsible for them.

"I'm going to Vida, where the salmon run within 10 feet of my bedroom window," said the 57-year-old man who built a Dominion-wide organization and whose book is "Bible" for police throughout the world.

Vida Land

He wasn't kidding about the fishing. His brother, Paul Rethoret, owns the White Water Cabins, and has purchased land for Harry nearby.

FIREBUGS in Canada know Harry Rethoret, and he's known a lot of them. He's retired: they're in jail. (Staff photo, Wiltshire engraving).

From "desk space" in a Montreal building in 1922, his anti-arsonist organization has grown to one with offices in principal cities across Canada and formulates policies which are carried out by cities throughout the world.

Cavalry Officer

A U.S. Army cavalry officer in the first World War and an ex-Pennsylvania state policeman, Rethoret is also an author. His 467-page book, "Fire Investigations" is a case history of cleverly devised method in cracking the "perfect crimes" or arson pests.

This book is a "bible" of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and England's Scotland Yard.

A recent call from General MacArthur's headquarters in Japan, asking that he forward a copy of his book in order that an agency could be set up to defeat Tokyo's black market arson ring, was the most exciting moment in Rethoret's career. Fires are commonplace.

Born in France

This investigator was born at Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, France, May 5, 1890, and arrived in Montreal as a boy. He attended the University of Montreal and when 19 left for the U.S. to join the cavalry.

Upon his discharge he joined the Pennsylvania State Police. When he left them he was given "Badge No. 6" for life as a tribute to his excellent work.

Keep Busy

Retirement will not be boring. "I'll be too busy. I have to finish a book on fishing, and another on incendiarism. I'll also be able to devote more time to my hobby of collecting guns."

He made light of his heavy black greatcoat to friends who met him at the depot. "It was five below when I left Montreal."

Crowding of Schools Will Be Relieved

SPRINGFIELD—Crowded conditions in the grade schools here will be partially relieved when three first grade units will be moved to the new Maple school on Twenty-first St., starting Monday, Feb. 2.

The first unit of the new school which has been recently completed, includes nine classrooms and a heating plant.

School Superintendent E. H. Silke said within the next three or four weeks a total of five or six of the rooms may be used for the rest of the school year. The entire nine rooms can not be used until city sewers are extended to the site, which has only recently been annexed to the city.

Tentative plans are to move two first grade units from the old Maple school to the new school. The third first grade class at the new school will be made up of the overflow from the remaining two first grade classes at the old Maple school and from the overflow of the three oversized first grade classes at the Brattain school.

The grade school board has authorized one additional first grade teacher who will be hired prior to the change.

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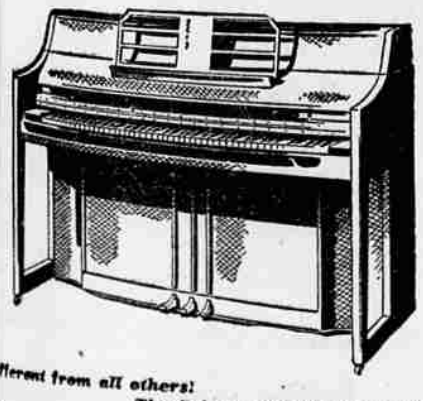

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