

JAN 23 - DURING THE EARLY morning hours, the home of Jim & MARTHA MARTELL, near Sky LAKE was totally destroyed by fire. It was a bitterly cold & stormy night, making the job of the firefighters even more difficult.

Two homes destroyed by fire

Warton firemen fought two blazes over the weekend that destroyed two homes, one in Warton and another just west of Mar.

On Friday night around 10 p.m. firemen were called to a home at the corner of Frank and Scott street in Warton and fought a stubborn blaze until about 5:30 a.m. On Sunday evening, smoke was noticed coming out of the home and firemen were again called. There was severe structure damage caused by the fire and there was major smoke and water

damage.

In an early Sunday morning fire, the home of Martha and Jim Martell of RR1 Mar was completely destroyed by fire.

The Martells were in the city at the time but a son, Mark was home alone when the fire broke out about 1 a.m. He managed to escape safely. There were no injuries in either fire.

The cause of the fires and damage estimates were not available to the Echo at presstime.

FEB 2 OVER 300 people attended the WARTON MEETING PLACE TO hear Warton Willie make his annual prediction. He did not see his shadow, so predicts an early spring.

South Bruce Peninsula Fire Report

Firefighters had a week like no other in recent memory, battling not only fires, but the elements as well. Station #30 firefighters answered an alarm late Friday evening, in the Town of Warton, and were greeted by a rapidly advancing fire, in a 1-1/2 storey duplex. Firefighters fought the flames for close to six hours in temperatures around -25 degrees. A portion of the building and its contents, that

were not destroyed by fire, suffered heat, smoke and water damage.

Before the bunker gear and gloves were dry, firefighters were summoned to the second call in as many nights, same scenario, same circumstances, only this time in Red Bay. Called in as a chimney fire, the flames spread throughout most of the residence. Additional firefighters and equipment were

required this time, from the Sauble station, and before the all clear sounded, some 5 hours later, close to 45,000 gallons of water was transported and pumped on to the structure. Firefighters endured two long nights, in succession, and may have lost a bit of sleep, however no occupants or firefighters sustained any injuries as a result of the two fires, or the bitterly cold weather.

Each station responded to an accident involving a snowmobile over the last week, as well as assisting at a number of medical calls.