ACTON VOLUNTEER firefighter Larry Frizzell (left) goes over to join other firefighters checking equipment while Scotty McCristall comes out of the Third Line house fire early Wednesday morning (December 31). The fire, in the home of

Mrs. Christine Fray, originated from decorations on the Christmas tree and spread flames throughout the family room and kitchen. Wallace Swackhamer had purchased the house two weeks prior to the fire.



similar regulations in Es-

Pritchard says some

municipalities have by-laws

which require residents to clean the sidewalks abutting

their property within 24 hours

of a snowfall. He noted some

have pretty stiff fines and in

some cases the municipality

On the other hand he explained some towns feel it Is

an imposition to expect tax-

payers to clean sidewalks

which are really municipally

owned land, Pritchard stated.

policy governing snow remo-val on sidewalks and there is

nothing on the books requir-

ing residents to do the job."

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"The town doesn't have a

has gone to court and won.

quesing or Acton.

PILLERS OF SMOKE funnelled out of the Third Line home of Mrs. Christine Fray at 1.10 a.m. December 31, after the Christmas tree caught on fire, spreading flames through the family room and kitchen. Acton Volunteer Firefighters had to use air packs while fighting the blaze.

Town cleans some walks but has no set policy

While Halton Hills doesn't have an official policy for removal of snow from sidewalks there are a few locations in town where the fluffy white stuff is being cleaned off walks by the municipality.

Sidewalks on railway overpasses on Main and Mountainview Roads and a walk on Maple Avenue between Park-view Boulevard and Highway 7 in Georgetown are being cleaned by town works staff, Superintendent Frank Morette said in an interview this week. Snow is also being removed at the old Georgetown

Morette says graders and loaders are being used to remove snow from sidewalks by town works staff while cleaning staff is cleaning walks by hand in front of downtown municipal offices in both Georgetown and Acton. He added no sidewalks have been sanded by the town this year. the town this year.

town has tried to remove snow from town sidewalks but it hasn't been a successful venture since the equipment Halton Hills has for snow removal is too light.

Morette explained that in larger centres like Mississauga and Guelph large \$10,000 snow removal units for cleaning sidewalks are used and they are big enough to do the

Halton Hills has three Lowbo sidewalk snowplows which cost \$4,500 each but they can't do the job properly and they cost a lot to maintain Morette

"In the past we have clear-ed snow off sidewalks but the results were poor and there were high equipment main-tenance costs. For the municipality to clean sidewalks it would be a huge burden on taxpayers. We have at least double the number of miles in sidewalks in Halton Hills compared to roads. If people want the town to clean sidewalks then they will face

phenomenal costs." He added he thought it should be the job of residents to clean the sidewalks in front of their property to reduce costs to the town.

Engineer Robert Austin said his department is unclear about town policy concerning sidewalk snow removal since a definite policy has never been set down. He noted there was some sidewalk snow removal last year in town but generally it has been restricted to the few He noted in past years the locations where there is a sidewalk in front of town-

owned land. Clerk-administrator Doug Pritchard said there is no bylaw in Halton Hills requiring residents to remove snow from in front of their homes

He pointed out there was a by-law in Georgetown which dated back to the 1890s but there isn't one in Halton Hills. The old Georgetown by-law was to be updated in the early 1970s but updating never materialized and Halton Hills repealed the by-law when they discovered there weren't

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Ruling shuts

Foodland was closed to shoppers last Sunday. The supermarket on Mill E. used to be open seven days a week and two nights. Now new

provincial regulations have forced it to close Sundays. It is the only store in Acton effected by the ruling which came into effect January 1. Other variety-and-grocery stores such as Becker's and Ed's In' and Out are smaller and are exempted:

Foodland manager Bill Edmunds of Burlington is disappointed about the new ruling. He knows from the amount of business done on Sundays that the extra hours filled a need in Acton.

He has a staff of seven fulltime people and 16 part-time. Students worked on Sundays but their hours have been rearranged so they are not losing many hours of work, Mr. Edmunds explained.

Highway 25 scene of two separate crashes

damages following a two car crash at the corner of High-way 25 and Mill St., on Janu-

Place and Douglas Marcille, Mississauga, were in collision

Halton Regional Police at 9.25 p.m. police said.
estimate a total of \$900 in Vehicles driven by James Coles, R.R. 2, Acton and Lorne McGregor, R.R. 1, Moffatt, were in collision at the corner of Church St., and Cars driven by Richard New Year's Eve, according to Place and Douglas Marrill the crash totalled \$900 police

Four charges against driver

Four charges have been laid against Sylvio Zanchetta of Weston, driver of a GM Sierra involved in a threevehicle collision on Highway 25 on Christmas Eve. Elizabeth Mackie of Windsor, driving to Acton to spend Christmas with relatives, was killed in the accident.

Zanchetta is charged with criminal negligence causing death by motor vehicle, dangerous driving, impaired driving and having liquor in a place other than his resi-

In hospital General Hospital with head injuries, broken ribs and a broken right foot.

He has a wife and children living in Weston. Zanchetta was working on construction at Cobblehill Estates the day of the accident.

The Windsor woman was driving to Acton to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson and family. She was Mr. Wilson's only relative in Canada other than his immediate family; they were cousins. She lived in Windsor and was employed in the Social Services department of Grace hospital in De-

All dances successful

All the New Year's Eve He remains in Hamilton dances in town and district were reported very successful. The New Year came in to the noise of horns, cheers and bands playing Auld Lang

No serious incidents were reported by police during the hours of revelry.

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Maplehurst: Foodland Sun. 550 new jobs

Residents at Maplehurst Complex in Milton weren't just thinking of themselves over the holiday season-they six months. took up a collection to aid others even less fortunate professional staff members

than themselves. After watching the 24-hour telethon for cystic fibrosis on Toronto's CFTO-TV New Year's Day, residents in Maplehurst's adult training centre took up a collection from the 90 men residing there and came up with a total of \$176.25 to donate to the

telethon. They not only gave their own money, the inmates also issued a challenge to residents of other penal institutions to meet or match their contribution. Official records aren't yet available, but it appears inmates of at least two other institutions followed their lead.

Earlier, residents of Unit Four at Maplehurst had taken up a collection for ARC Industries workshop at Hornby and it totalled \$143.

Maplehurst, which includes a correctional centre and an adult training centre, opened its doors Labor Day and 265 persons are now employed there full-time, according to Superintendent John Main. Of this number, 150 are cor-

rectional officers while the others act as cooks, nurses teachers, chaplains and maintenance personnel.



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But that's not all, for Superintendent Main says an addi-

tional 280 employees are to be hired for Maplehurst within He said they will mostly be

including social workers,

psychologists and recreation



officers.

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