

## Nine people injured

# Fires have caused \$3 million damage in town this year

This has been a dangerous year for fire in Halton Hills with nine people injured in blazes and almost \$3 million worth of property damaged.

The Halton Hills Fire Department released its November statistics to the Town of Halton Hills. Damages went up 30 per cent over 1988, where fire damage totalled \$866,000 by the year's end.

In 1988 one member of the public and three firefighters were injured. This year, seven firefighters and two members of the public were injured during blazes.

"There were two major house fires in the space of two days," Halton Hills Fire Chief Bill Cunningham said in response to the statistics that show seven firefighter injuries last month.

Four firefighters were burned and one firefighter was overcome with carbon monoxide fumes in a farmhouse blaze on Highway 25. Days before, two firefighters were treated and released for carbon monoxide poisoning after fighting a blaze at Sideroad 22 west of Highway 25 using a faulty fire pumper.

Chief Cunningham said all the department's fire equipment is being checked to ensure safety.

The two fires caused \$260,000 in damage.

Fires have blazed a trail through Halton Hills industry in 1989. Major fires broke out at Meadowglen Mushroom Growers near Glen Williams, Halton Flour Milling Inc. in Acton, Country Video

Warehouse north of Georgetown and in the Georgetown Marketplace on Guelph Street.

Halton Hills fire prevention officer John Martin suggests "there is nothing better than a smoke alarm (to prevent fires); they are the best life safety tool available."

Mr. Martin also recommends that homeowners check and clean their furnaces annually. They should always make sure that ashtrays are completely out before

they are dumped. He said grease fires can be prevented, if people have a proper-fitting lid available to cover the pan. People should never carry around a pan full of grease or douse it with water, he added.

For further tips on how to prevent fires, Mr. Martin recommends the booklet "Fire Safety: A Family Affair" which can be obtained at the Halton Hills Fire Department in Georgetown and Acton.

## Seniors to visit Santa at Club 2000 Sunday

Seniors are invited to Club 2000 Sunday afternoon for a visit from Santa Claus and a day of snacks and entertainment.

"We are opening our doors on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the afternoon with a full range of entertainment. We invite one and all to attend," Club 2000 representatives say.

The management and staff of Club 2000 in Norval and local businesses and organizations "would like to pay tribute to our friends of senior years."

Club 2000 manager John Fisher said the theme of the afternoon is "a salute to the Golden Age." There will be complimentary snacks and beverages.

"We will be welcoming one and all as we pay tribute to the heartland of our community: our seniors," Mr. Fisher said.



Journalism award

Georgetown native Leanne Murray has been named co-winner of the 1989 Association of Quebec Regional English Media Journalism scholarship award, an honor that carries a prize of \$2,000 that will be split. The Concordia student will graduate in December. Ms. Murray, 22, joined the Hampstead Herald in May and spent the summer producing a wide variety of news and feature stories. Here, she accepts a cheque from AQREM vice-president Bobby Fisher. (Photo submitted)

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