

# Acton homeowners charged with arson

The owners of an Acton residence were arrested and charged with arson Monday in connection with a January 25 house fire causing \$120,000 damage.

Kenneth Glen Thomson and Patricia Joan Thomson, both 33, will be appearing in court on Tuesday, July 7.

The arrests end a lengthy investigation into the circumstances surrounding the house fire. The accused were arrested at their relative's residence in Erin, where they have been living since the fire, said Det. Joe Taylor.

The two storey blue aluminum-sided home on the corner of Mill and Young Sts. went up in flames at 6:30 p.m. By the time the Halton Hills Fire Department arrived, the basement and den were already engulfed in flames.

A garbage bag containing gasoline was found wedged in a door at the top of the stairs leading to the bedrooms, and the fire had not yet reached this point, police said.

The Thomsons have been released on a promise to appear in court. They have been charged with arson and fraud for the purpose of arson.

The Thomsons were at a friend's birthday party in Toronto at the

time of the fire. The two children were staying with relatives, and the family's dog and two cat were stay-

ing with relatives, Taylor said. The investigation is on going, he said, adding police took five months

to make the arrest because they needed that time to collect enough evidence for a court hearing.



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## Georgetown food bank vandals arrested

The Halton Regional Police have arrested two Georgetown men who they believe are responsible for a break-in and vandalism at Love in Christ Food Bank a month before Christmas, 1990.

The two men are 18 and 19 years old now, but were young offenders at the time of the incident. Police are not releasing their names.

Police believe the youths broke into Mountainview Baptist Church, where the food bank is operated and was stocking up on food, clothing and toys to be distributed during the Christmas season. In addition to stealing a stereo amplifier, a VCR and a telephone, the suspects used fire extinguishers to destroy about 15 garbage bags full of donated clothing and another 12 to 15 bags of children's toys, police said.

The chemical from the extinguishers was sprayed on the car-

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pet and into the duct work. The total cost, including property stolen, damage and clean up was \$5,461.

The arresting officers recovered the amplifier and telephone. Both suspects have been charged with break and enter. They will appear in Milton court on June 19.

### Speakers stolen

Two speakers valued at \$100 were taken from outside a Main St. Acton business overnight Monday. A third speaker was left damaged, police said. The speakers were mounted on the building.

### Tires punctures

Three people in Georgetown had their tires punctured overnight Saturday. A left front

tire was punctured on a 1984 Pontiac parked on Prince Charles Dr., and also on a 1989 Dodge parked on Daniela Ct. A tire was also slashed on a 1988 Mercury parked on John St., police said.

### Phone lifted

A telephone was stolen from a vehicle parked in a Bell Canada parking lot on Main St. in Georgetown over the weekend. The phone was an older model with a headset, police said.

### Tire thief

Three tires on a truck parked at an Acton dealership were removed and taken away overnight Thursday, May 28. The tires are valued at \$750.

### Pellet gun

The rear window of a 1991 Toyota parked on Duncan Dr. in Georgetown was shot in one corner and shattered. Police believe the damage was done by a pellet gun.

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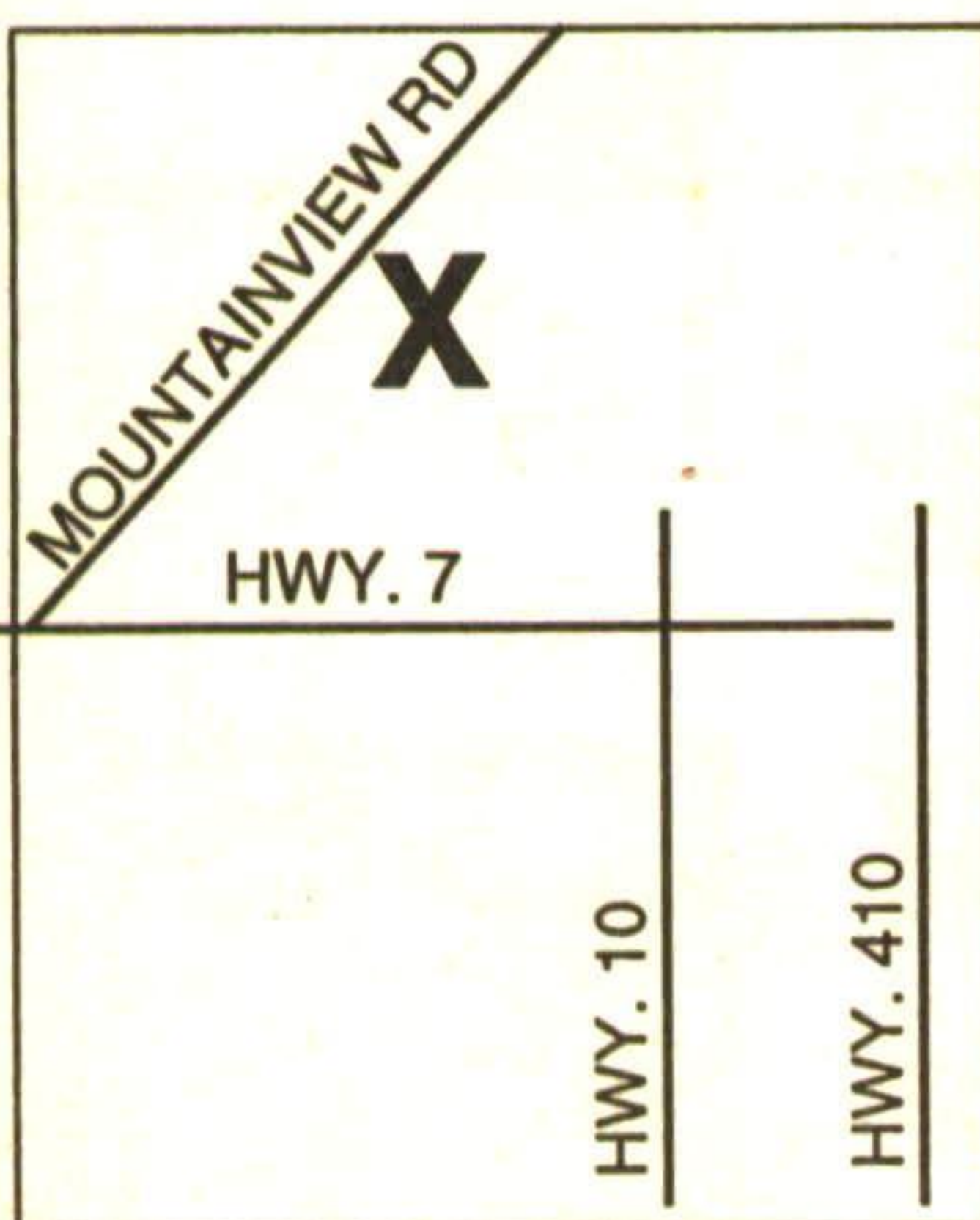
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