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*Four-year-old is 'honorary firefighter'*

**Student earns special honor**

By JANET BAINE  
Staff writer

"I'm happy, I'm happy," said four-year-old Cameron O'Rourke when he became an honorary firefighter for a day and got to go for a ride in a fire truck.

He also went home with an emergency services T-shirt and a framed award. His parents were at Cedarvale Park with a camera and video camera to record the special occasion.

The Maple Co-op Nursery School student was given the award for being an exceptional student in the Learn Not to Burn program. In fact, some people are sure the boy will become a firefighter when he grows up.

"If I was a betting man I'd put \$20 on it right now," said Fire Prevention Officer Brian Ellsworth. "He's an exceptional individual, he has a great grasp of fire prevention and is a leader of his group. He knows the answers and has enthusiasm for the program."

All 50 students at Maple Co-op Nursery School went through the 10 hours of instruction between September

and December.

"They learn to drop and roll if their clothes catch on fire, what to do if the smoke alarm goes off, what to do if they find matches or hot things (tell an adult), how to get out of a home and not to be afraid of firefighters when they have their equipment on," Ellsworth said.

Learn Not to Burn has been in place in Halton for one or two years. It is available to children up to Grade 8, and the separate board will be introducing the program soon, but so far the public board hasn't taken up the instruction.

The program originated in the United States and teaches children 25 safety practices. Ellsworth said that the fire department found that children were coming to the Fire Hall and were very impressed with the large trucks, but weren't learning fire prevention. This program has them well versed in fire safety before they visit the hall, and is based on continually reinforcing and building on what they have learned so that by the time they get to Grade 8 they know a great deal about fire prevention.

**Tree hit**

A car driven by a 19-year-old Georgetown man went out of control on an icy patch and struck a tree Wednesday at 9:45 p.m., police said. The accident happened on Fifth Line near 17 Sideroad. No charges are being laid.

**Machine missing**

Someone broke into Jet Industrial Supplies on Commerce Ct. in Acton overnight Sunday and removed an answering machine. A door was forced open and the building was ransacked.

**Suspicious fire**

The police are investigating a suspicious fire which caused \$1,000 damage. The Halton Hills Fire Department was called to the fire in two recycling bins on Churchill Rd. Sunday at 2 p.m.

**Man arrested**

A rural resident was arrested

**Police  
Blotter**

and charged with theft over \$1,000 Wednesday. Someone rented a tractor trailer from Tyler Transport which was due back on Nov. 21, but was never returned. Police found out the 45 ft. trailer, worth about \$6,000, was stored on the Sixth Line the same day they made the arrest.

**Break-in**

Someone broke into United Aggregates sometime Sunday evening, police said. A rear door on a building was forced open and tools were used to open a pop machine and remove money.

**Youths seen**

Two youths were seen rummaging through a car parked at the

GO station on Queen St. in Georgetown Monday evening. Both were blond, one was wearing a baseball cap and green parka, while the second was wearing a dark jacket. Nothing appears to have been taken, police said.

**Vehicles collide**

A tractor trailer rear-ended a car on Hwy. 7 near Lakeview Rd. in Acton Wednesday at 8:45 a.m., police said. The car, a 1985 Ford, was turning left and was severely damaged in the mishap while the tractor trailer was lightly damaged, police said.

**Careless driving charge**

A Toronto man was charged with careless driving after an accident Monday at 5:30 a.m. A vehicle was heading west on 17 Sideroad approaching a T-intersection but kept going straight and struck a boulder, police said. Damage to the vehicle was severe.



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**Tooth Chatter**



by  
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**OLD AGE IS GOLDEN?**

There is nothing the matter with me, I'm healthy as can be, I have arthritis in both of my knees, And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze, My pulse is weak and my blood is thin, But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet, Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street, Sleep is denied me night after night, But every morning I find I'm all right, My mem'ry is falling, my head's in a spin, But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent? Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went, But I really don't mind when I think with a grin, Of all the grand places my "get up" has been.

Old age is golden, I've heard it said, But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed, With my ears in the drawer, "my teeth in a cup", My eyes on the table until I wake; E're sleep comes o'er me, I say to myself: "Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?"

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