



**Smoke kills**

More people die from smoke than flames in a fire. Smoke contains poisonous gases. Just a few breaths can kill.

Most fatal home fires start at night while you are sleeping. You need early warning to escape.

Protect your family. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test them monthly and change batteries yearly.

Fire won't wait, so plan your escape. When the smoke alarm goes off, know how to escape safely.

The Halton Hills Fire Department reminds you, "Smoke Alarms Save Lives."

**Ten-year-old hero**

Ten-year-old Adam Cook of

Georgetown is being credited with saving the lives of seven people when an early morning fire broke out in a Raylawn Cres. bungalow, last Wednesday.

According to fire officials, Adam awoke at about 1:55 a.m. with the house smelling of smoke. He immediately alerted his six-year-old brother, Brandon, with whom he shares a bedroom. He then roused his mother, Wendy, her boyfriend Doug Trimble and three-year-old brother, Travis.

Cook, her three sons and Trimble left the house. Three occupants of the basement apartment at 51 Raylawn Crescent were awakened when Trimble broke their bedroom window and told them to leave the building. Scott and Margaret Hunter left the apartment with their 15-month-old daughter.

It is believed that careless smoking may have caused the fire, but fire and police officials are continu-

ing their investigation.

The fire originated on the main level. Damage to the house is estimated at \$50,000 with another \$7,000 to the contents.

It took firefighters about three hours to quell the blaze. A smoke detector was discovered in the house but it was not equipped with a battery, Halton Hills fire officials said.

A Halton Regional Police are recommending Adam be honored for his act of bravery during the blaze.

**Light explodes**

The explosion of a hydro pole light on Hillside Drive, Georgetown, at 9:37 p.m., Wednesday, prompted a fire report to the Halton Hills Fire Department. The short-lived blaze, believed to be caused by the exploding light, burned itself out before firefighters arrived at the scene.

**Loonies stolen**

Police are continuing their investigation of a theft which occurred last Tuesday night at Acton Auto Tech, on Agnes Street.

Although thousands of dollars worth of tools were left untouched during the break-in at the automotive repair shop, the culprit stole

12 loonies and \$6 in loose change. As a result, police speculate that the culprit is a juvenile.

Entry to the building was gained by using a screwdriver to pry back the deadbolt on the front door.

**Rural break-in**

A daylight break-in in rural Georgetown last Friday resulted in \$2,000 worth of household items being stolen from a home on the Sixth Line, north of Steeles Avenue. Stolen were a Goldstar receiver and VCR, a CD player, two 3-way speakers and a photocopier.

According to Halton Regional Police, the culprit ransacked the living room, kitchen and master bed-

room of the home before leaving by the front door. Entry was gained through an unlocked patio door on an elevated wooden deck. The suspect climbed a television tower to gain entry to the deck.

The Halton Regional Police in Burlington and Crime Stoppers of Halton are appealing to the public for information that will lead to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for damage to new houses at a construction site, where arson is responsible for an estimated \$1-million damage.

On Saturday, June 13 at approximately 3:10 a.m., residents on Heidi Ave. near Cleaver Ave., Burlington were awakened by fire at a house under construction. The Fire Department and Halton Police responded to the scene.

The fire originated at lot 21 but due to strong winds it spread to

three other houses. As a result, hundreds of area residents were evacuated as the fires raged on.

While members of the Burlington Fire Department were battling the fires at lot 21 and adjacent building, they were alerted to a second fire started at lot 15. This fire was six lots east of lot 21.

The fires have been investigated by the Ontario Fire Marshall's office and both have been determined to have been deliberately set.

The Halton Regional Police Service are also investigating these fires and several similar arsons that occurred in 1989 and 1990 to home under construction.

**POLICE BEAT**

Running shoe footprints were detected at the scene of the theft. Police are continuing their investigation.

**High school break-in**

Video and camera equipment, valued at \$1,000, was stolen last week during a break-in at Georgetown District High School. The break-in, discovered by a teacher last Thursday morning, is thought to have occurred sometime last Tuesday or Wednesday.

Stolen were a 35-mm. Pentax camera and lens, two VCRs, camcorders and a film-making camera.

Police report that culprits climbed a fence to the school's single-storey roof where ladders are affixed for access to other levels of the building. From there, they climbed to the second floor, smashing a window and unlatching a lock to gain entry. They proceeded to the school's media storage room, where a chisel was used to loosen the door frame and a screwdriver was used to remove the doorknob. Police have no suspects in the case but they are investigating the possibility that a group of students may be responsible.

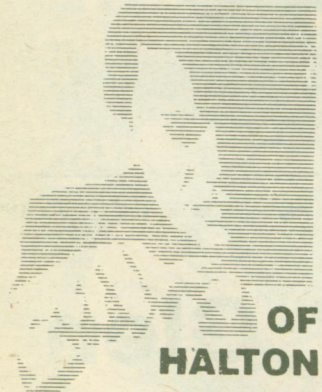
**Bus stolen**

A bus stolen from the Halton School Transit lot at the corner of Wildwood Road and Confederation Street in Glen Williams was recovered by Halton Regional Police on Saturday. The bus, which was stolen overnight on Friday, was found abandoned on 22 Sideroad, west of Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Police report that the bus had been driven off the south side of the road, where it had knocked over three mailboxes and come to rest against a fence owned by Sheridan Nurseries. The bus received extensive damage to its right fender, tie rod and headlamp.

Culprits gained entry to the bus storage area by sliding a padlock along a latch under a door and then unhooking it. Ignition wires were crossed to get the bus running.

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