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*News*

**Digest**

**HRCA appointments**

Regional Council recently endorsed appointments to the Halton Region Conservation Authority for the term ending Nov. 30, 1997. Authority members are Ralph Scholtens; Robert MacIsaac, Dennis Gregor and Murray Harris representing Burlington; Keith Bird, Kathy Graham, Tedd Smith and Paul Farley representing Oakville; Gord Krantz and Brian Penman from Milton; Marilyn Serjeantson and John Day from Halton Hills.

**Woman burned**

A woman was treated and released from Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital with first and second degree burns on Monday at noon. The woman was injured by water which was boiling on the stove. A 32-year-old man has been charged with assault causing bodily harm and mischief. He was held in police custody for a bail hearing.

**Girl Guide cookies**

Help support your local Girl Guide Associations. Be on the look out for mall cookie sales, which have been planned throughout Georgetown on Feb. 18 and 19, and Feb. 25 and 26. Girls will also be filling order forms throughout the month.

**Appointment**

Tom Ramautarsingh of Georgetown has been appointed a member of the Learning Support Council of Canada. The council is a non profit, non aligned organization which supports education reform.

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Ken Hurren and his two sons were left homeless after a Wednesday morning blaze which gutted their Third Line property, causing an estimated \$200,000 damage. Donations are being accepted at the CIBC in Acton as well as the Halton Hills Hydro office, where Hurren works.

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## Fire leaves Acton family homeless

By JANET BAINE

Staff writer

An Acton man and his two sons managed to get out of their Third Line house as it burned Wednesday morning, but their dog, Rufus, didn't survive the blaze.

The fire gutted the home of Ken Hurren and his two sons, Ryan and Luke. Next door neighbor Joyce Marshall said only two pieces of furniture, the dishes, pots and pans were salvaged from the fire.

The Halton Hills Fire Department estimates damage to the house at \$200,000.

Rufus was a collie who got lots of attention from the two Hurren boys. He was spending the night in the garage where the fire started.

Eleven-year-old Ryan Hurren woke up

early in the morning and turned his light on, which immediately went out. He then smelled smoke and woke up his father, Ken got Ryan and his brother, 8-year-old Luke, out of the house. Ken then went back into the house, got a portable phone and called the fire department, Marshall said.

"They got out with nothing. Luke had his dad's coat on and nothing on his feet, only socks. Ryan had a coat and boots over his pajamas and Ken was dressed," she said.

Twenty-five firefighters arrived on the scene at 6:07 a.m., nine minutes after the call came in. When they arrived, the garage was fully engulfed in flames and the house was partially involved. Firefighters didn't leave until 9 a.m.

The cause of the fire is still unknown and it is under investigation by the fire department. Marshall said it started in

the garage.

People have been very generous and brought bags of clothes to Ken Hurren's parents' Acton home, where the family is staying. The insurance company also gave them a cheque for \$1,000 Wednesday to buy clothing, Marshall said.

"I was told they had enough clothes to open a clothing shop," she said.

While Luke went to school Wednesday, Ryan, who woke everybody up, had a very bad day.

Pam Murray, an employee at Halton Hills Hydro, said that Hurren has been a linesman there for 20 years and was doing "as well as can be expected under the circumstances."

His co-workers opened an account at the CIBC in Acton to accept donations on behalf of the family. Donations can also be made at the Halton Hills Hydro office, Murray said.



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