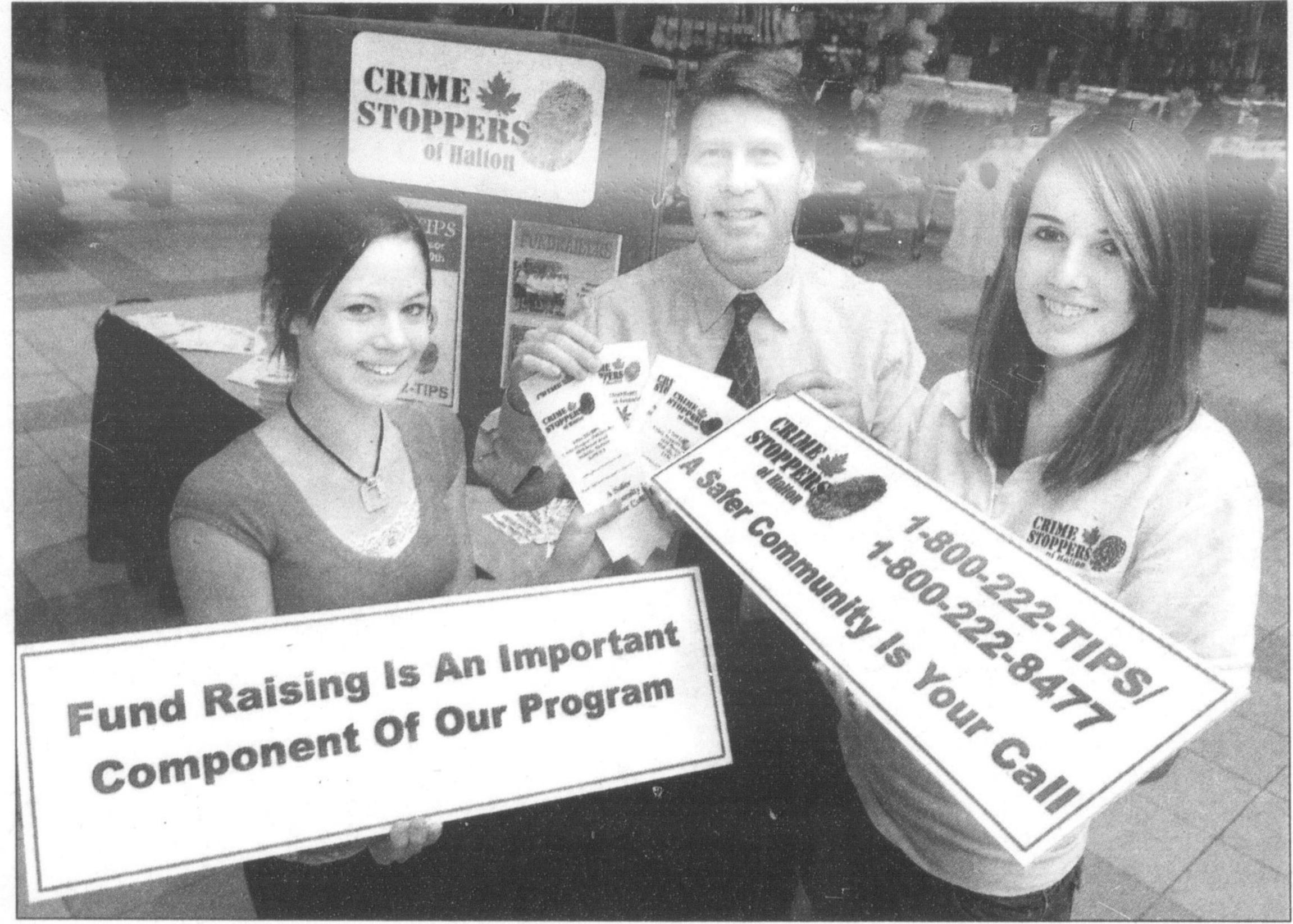


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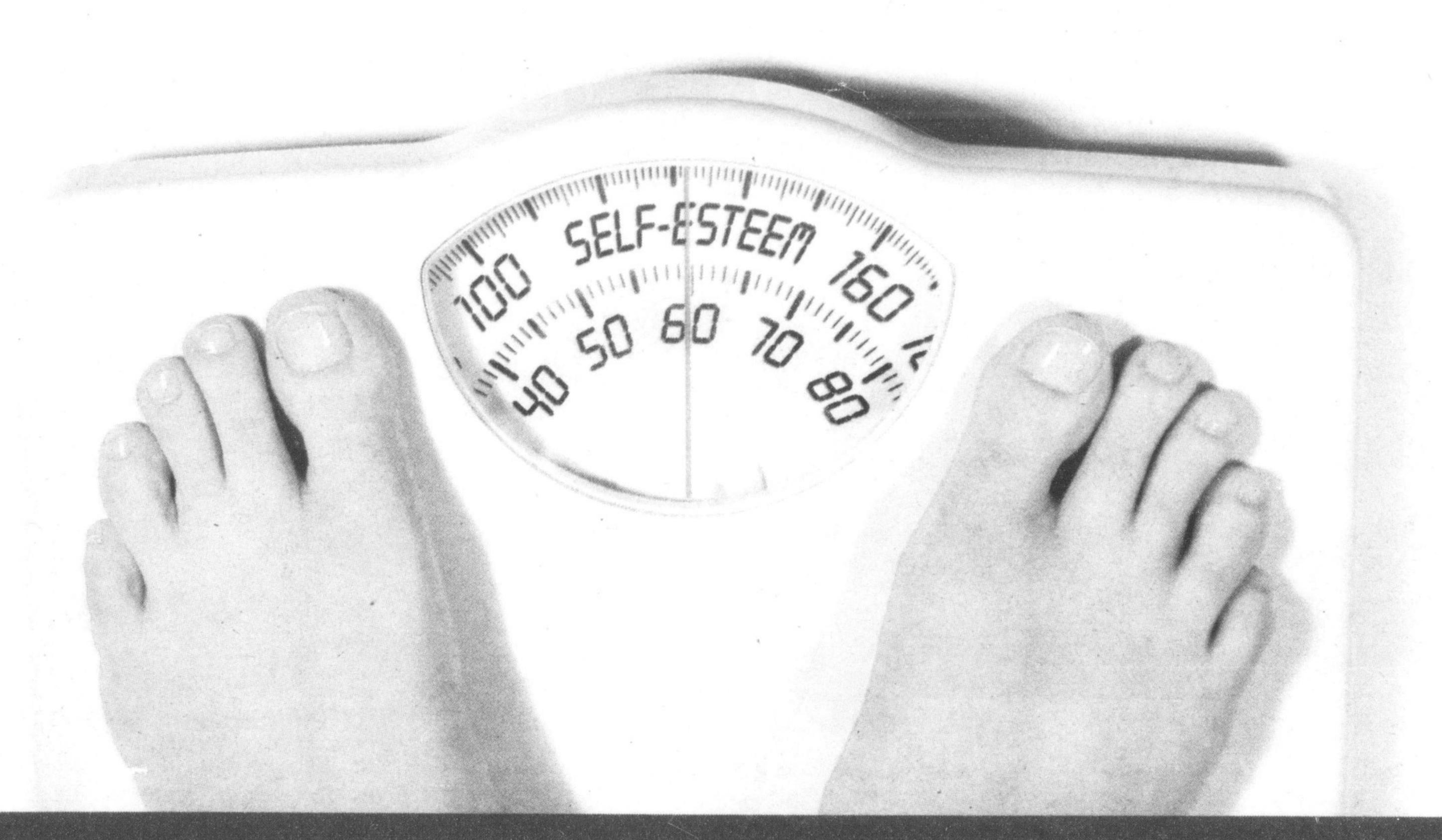




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GETTING THE WORD OUT: Student volunteers Melanie Pettipiece (left) and Jackie Agg join Halton Regional Police Det. Gary Gold Saturday at Milton Mall in promoting Crime Stoppers of Halton and encouraging more youths to volunteer. The organization had a booth set up to raise awareness to coincide with January being Crime Stoppers Month.

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Firefighters busy over weekend

Firefighters were busy battling three fires over the weekend.

Just after 6 p.m. Friday, the Milton Fire Department responded to Jade Gardens on Trafalgar Road where a greenhouse had caught fire.

The Oakville Fire Department arrived first on the scene.

Tim Roberts of Milton Fire Department said crews had to force their way into the structure by cutting through walls with a circular saw to extinguish the blaze.

Damage is estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Police said the cause is electrical-related.

One person had to be treated at Milton District Hospital for minor smoke inhalation, police said.

On Sunday at about 10:20 a.m., fire-fighters were called to a home on Mowat Lane after a pot of oil on the stove caught fire.

Roberts said a homeowner tried to put out the fire with water — not the right thing for a grease fire — and the blaze spread to the cupboards and throughout the kitchen.

The fire was already out by the time firefighters arrived, but they spent quite a while conducting overhaul, Roberts said.

Damage is pegged at about \$10,000. Roberts said the owner suffered a burn to his hand.

Shortly after, at about 1 p.m., fire-fighters were called to a chimney fire on Mill Street. It was out by the time crews arrived.

Roberts said the fire was most likely caused by a creosote buildup in a woodstove.