

Teen, pets escape Mill St. house fire uninjured

Blaze starts in upstairs bedroom

A teen and three cats made it out safely after a Mill Street home caught fire Thursday evening.

Firefighters responded to the home around 5:30 p.m.

A 16-year-old boy had been the only one in the house when the fire started, and was waiting outside when crews from the Milton Fire Department arrived, said Insp. Steve Ellis.

"He'd heard a bang from upstairs and went to his room to see what it was and when he opened the door

there was a wall of flames," Ellis said.

The teen ran to a neighbour's house to call 911. When emergency officials arrived, he was taken to Milton District Hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening smoke inhalation.

One cat made it out on its own, while two others were rescued by firefighters.

The fire originated from the boy's second-storey bedroom on the north side of the home, but it's not known

at this point what caused the fire, Ellis said. It may have been accidental, but not deliberate, he said.

Once firefighters arrived on the scene — about 23 of them — it took about 30 minutes for the blaze to be extinguished.

It was contained to the boy's bedroom.

Damage to the home is undetermined at this point, but Ellis said there was a lot of smoke damage.

"The guys did a good job putting out the fire. There was very little (water) damage," Ellis said.



Firefighters tend to a cat following a house fire on Mill Street. DAVID RITCHIE / SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Man seriously injured in crash

A Milton man is in hospital with life-threatening injuries after being involved in a crash with a transport truck Saturday in Oakville.

Police said the 24-year-old victim was driving westbound on Wycroft Road at about 10:30 p.m. with a 23-year-old female passenger.

As they approached Westgate Road, the driver pulled his Pontiac Grand Am out into the eastbound lane in an attempt to pass

several vehicles, including a large tanker transport truck.

Just as the Pontiac was approaching the front of the truck, the truck turned left to pull into a driveway, police said, and the car collided with the front left wheel of the truck.

The Pontiac spun out of control, mounted the north curb and collided with a tree, a fire hydrant and then a large hydro pole. The vehicle was destroyed.

Once the trapped couple was extricated, both individuals were taken to Hamilton General Hospital.

The woman sustained minor injuries, while the transport driver wasn't injured.

The names of the injured people aren't being released at this time.

Halton Regional Police's reconstruction unit is investigating.

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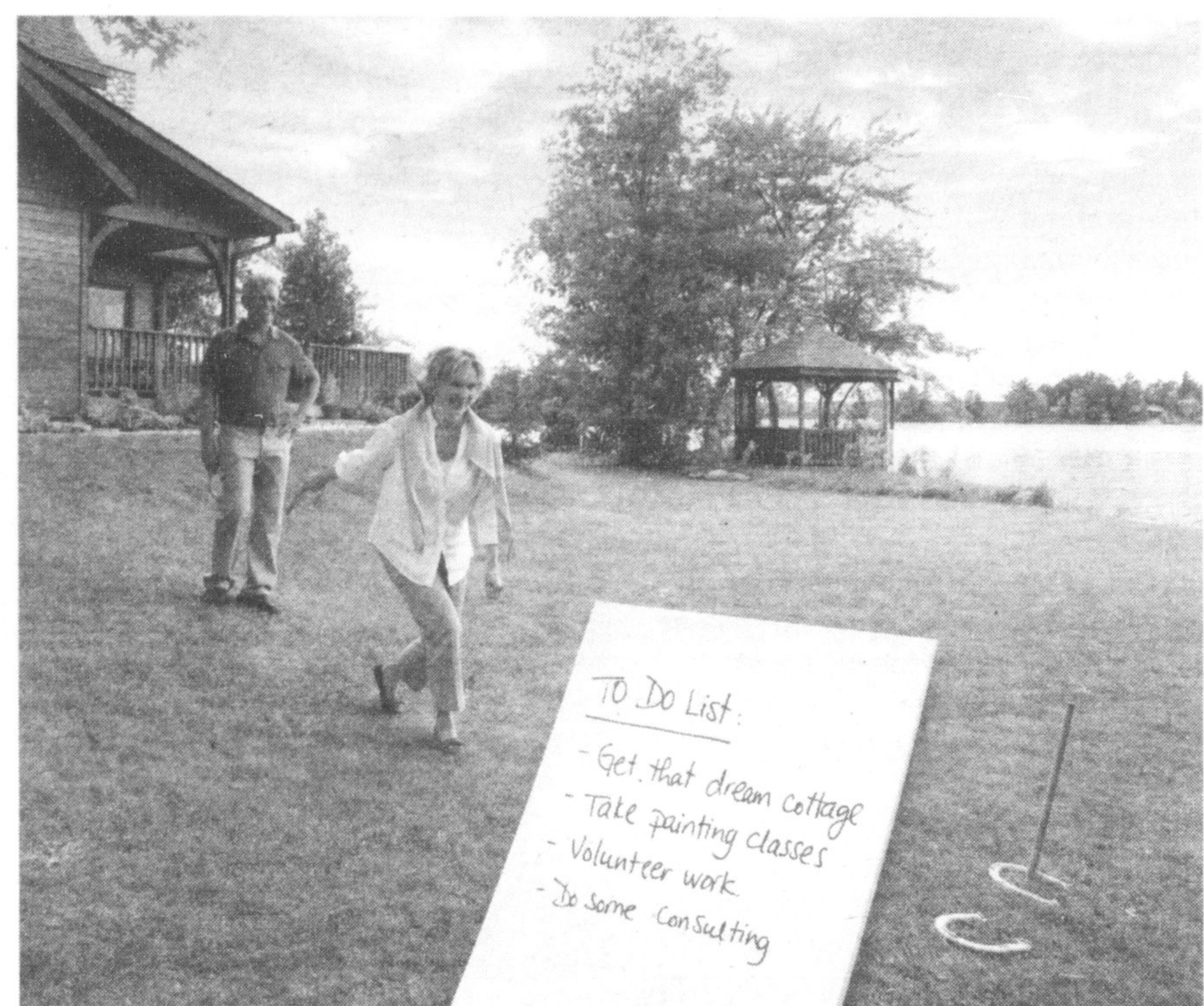
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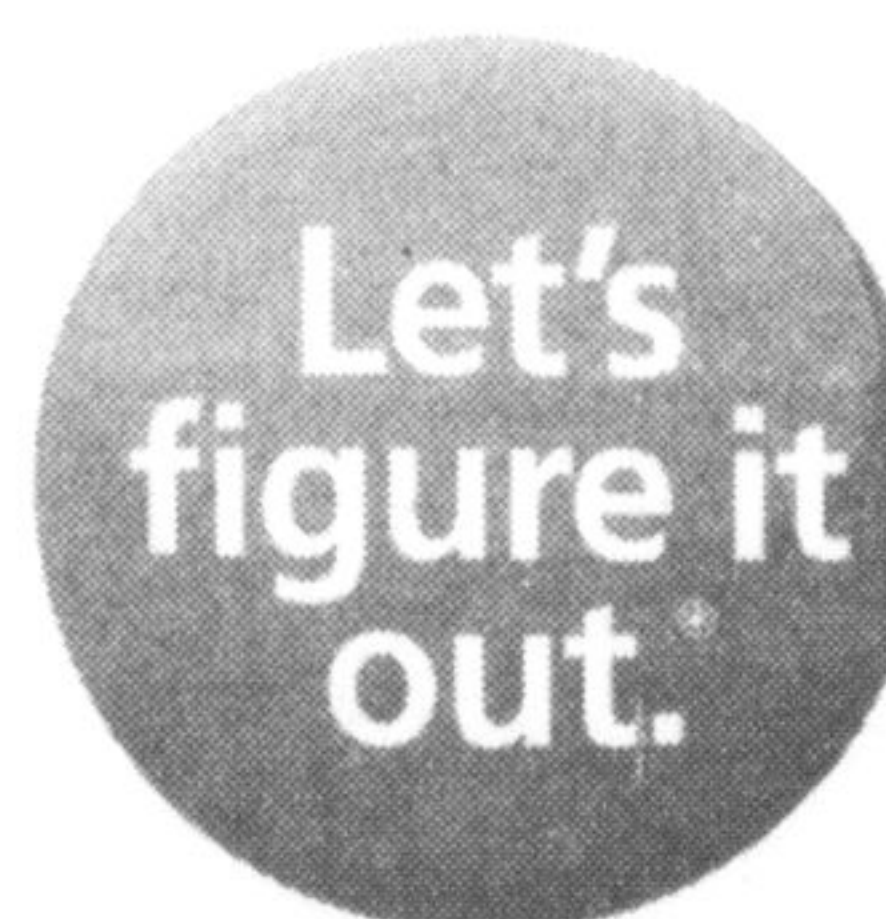
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