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**FIRST MEETING IN THIRTY YEARS** took place at Malton Airport on Tuesday of this week, when Nick Tomasic, left, arrived from Yugoslavia to visit his father Paul, right, of Acton. The couple are seen looking at pictures of the homeland. Paul Tomasic left his homeland and arrived in Canada 28 years ago and has not seen his son since he was three years old.

## 20 Hour Aeroplane Trip Ends 30 Year Separation

Memories of 30 years ago were brought back to Paul Tomasic, Brock Street, Acton, at Malton Airport on Tuesday of this week, as his youngest son, Nick, alighted from the 300 p.m. plane from Yugoslavia.

Seeing his 33-year-old son for the first time in 30 years brought tears of happiness to the father who emigrated to this country as a young married man in 1928.

**Left Monday**—Nick Tomasic left his homeland on Monday afternoon, stopping only at Paris and Montreal before arriving at Malton airport 30 hours later.

Seeing the father, whom he had little or no memory of, proved to be a pleasant and happy occasion for the recent arrival to Canada.

Paul Tomasic at a young age decided to come to Canada and provide a living and make a home for his wife and two young sons.

First settling in Alberta in 1928, the young emigrant father moved to Huntsville in 1930. Six years later he arrived in Acton and began working for Beaufort and Co.

### Will Learn English

Asked if his wife and eldest son might come to Canada, Mr. Tomasic stated his wife was in poor health and was happy to remain in her homeland with her son who is married.

Interpreting for his newly arrived son, Paul Tomasic reported Nick's first chore would be to learn to speak English and providing he finds work, he will remain in Canada and become a Canadian citizen.

One of his first tasks in becoming acquainted with Canadian customs was as Paul Tomasic put it, to receive a good Canadian haircut. Early Wednesday morning, the couple were seen in a local barber shop with the son in the chair and the father giving instructions to the barber.

Driven here from the airport by Mr. and Mrs. John Kropak, the father and son are living at the home of Mrs. William MacArthur on Brock Street.

## Name I. Kilby to Fill Vacancy On Board of Parks Management

Acton Board of Parks Management agreed to request council to appoint Ivan Kilby, Elmrose Drive, Lakeview Subdivision, as a member of the board, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harold Miller Cole, at their regular meeting on Tuesday of this week.

This action followed a short discussion by board members after Mayor W. H. Cook informed the board Mr. Kilby was willing to serve for the completion of the term.

**Query Responsibility**—Following the recent action of the Y's Men's Club in turning over the slides, swings and diving pit at the park to the Parks Board information was sought from the insurance company regarding the board's responsibility if anyone was injured while using the park. Chairman G. V. Harbison read a letter from the agent informing members that the board was negligent in case of an accident if a lifeguard was not supplied at the beach area.

**Open for Fair**—Board members agreed to open the change stations and check room at the park for the Fall Fair this weekend. It was further decided to engage the services of attendants for the occasion.

A letter of appreciation for their services was authorized to be sent to the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The Brigade had patrolled the park area during the summer months and had treated many swimmers for cuts and bruises.

Current accounts were passed for payment. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

## Name New Co-ordinator For Halton Civil Defence

Councillors at Tuesday's county council meeting in Milton adopted the Civil Defence committee's recommendation and approved the appointment of Lieut. Commander W. B. McGregor of 327, Cassin Drive, Burlington, as Civil Defence Co-ordinator for the County of Halton.

Mr. McGregor was chosen by the Civil Defence committee of council from several applicants for the position and will take over his duties at the Milton headquarters October 8—some week after his tenure of office in the Royal Canadian Navy. Married with two children, Mr. McGregor is 44 years old. His salary with a recommendation for a \$500 yearly increase after a six month probationary period.

Two readings of a by-law authorizing the grant of \$172,000 to the Milton District Hospital was given on Tuesday afternoon. The readings clear the hospital board's way for application to the Ontario Municipal Board for final approval to proceed with the \$25-bed hospital.

**Clears Charges**—A. A. Brown, assistant inspector of the Ontario Police, spoke to council requesting their request for a refund of the crown attorney's fees. He explained charges made by the crown attorneys are statutory and the accused cannot pay the money. It must be paid by the crown. He stated the magistrate's fees are not payable in cases to give the full crown attorney fee, but a portion as has been the case previously.

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## \$119,000 Paving Program, Annexation Receive O.M.B.'s Tentative Approval

Annexation of 27.45 acres of land from the Township of Esquevas to the town of Acton and permission to dispense with a public vote to spend \$119,000 on a paving and storm sewer project for the Glenlea Subdivision received approval from R. C. Rowland of the Ontario Municipal Board, subject to approval by the other Board members at a public hearing held in the town hall on Friday, September 12.

During the first hearing, for the purpose of dispensing with a public vote to spend \$119,000 for the paving and installation of storm sewers in the Glenlea Subdivision, no opposition to the application was received.

**Produce Exhibits**—C. F. Leatherland, solicitor for the town, and Clerk J. McGeehan produced exhibits including paving plans and a map of the subdivision.

Immediately following a hearing on the application of the town for annexation of 27.45 acres of land from the Township of Esquevas was given a temporary order of approval by the O.M.B. representatives.

**Second Hearing**—Representing the town of Acton were C. F. Leatherland, solicitor, J. McGeehan, clerk, and P. Alan Deacon, planning consultant.

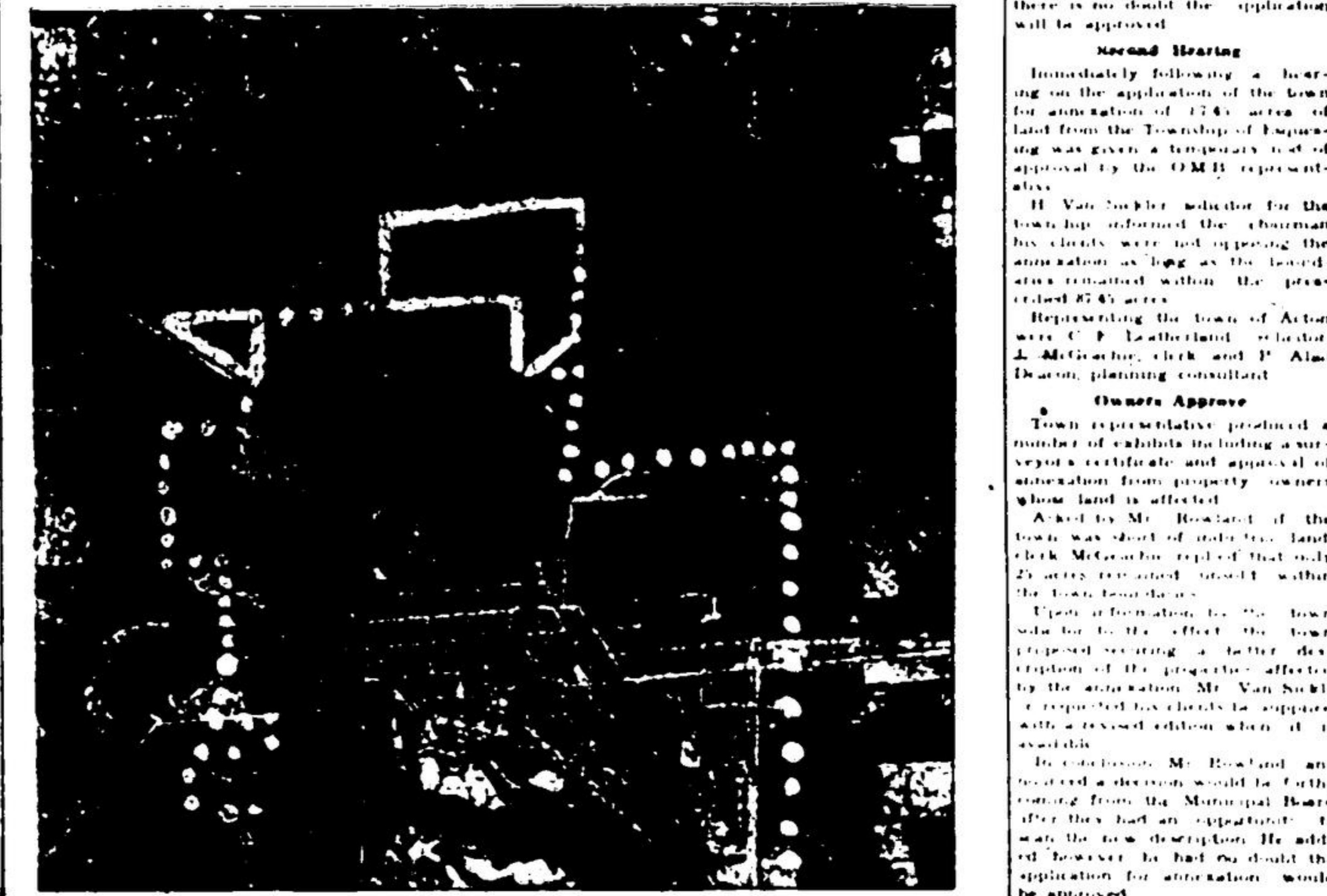
**Minutes Approve**—Town representatives produced a number of exhibits including a survey certificate and approval of annexation from property owners whose land is affected.

Asked by Mr. Rowland if the town was short of funds for land, Clerk McGeehan replied that only \$2,000 was available for the town's funds.

Upon information by the town solicitor to the effect the town proposed retaining a better description of the property affected by the annexation, Mr. Van Sickle reported his clients had agreed with a revised edition when it is available.

In conclusion, Mr. Rowland announced a decision would be forthcoming from the Municipal Board after they had an opportunity to study the new description. He added, however, he had no doubt the application for annexation would be approved.

The hearings concluded at 11:22 a.m.



**AN AERIAL VIEW** outlines recently annexed land from the Township of Esquevas as well as present existing boundary lines of Acton. Shown in solid lines are the 27.45 acres recently annexed and broken lines indicate town boundaries. During a hearing on Friday, September 12, R. C. Rowland, of the Ontario Municipal Board, gave a nod of approval to the annexation, subject to other Board members' approval.

### Power Shutoff

Power failure in the Lower Avenue section of town on Wednesday evening around five o'clock was caused by tree branches falling on the wires in that area, reported Hydro Superintendent D. Mason.

### Good Luck

A hobby of gathering four leaf clovers has enlarged to quite an interesting display for Mrs. Marion Harries, 90 Mill Street, Acton, and presently she has several four, five, six and seven leaf clovers. She gathered them on the farm of her father in Erin township and has in her possession several four and five leaf clovers, two six and one seven.

For safe keeping, the clovers are stored in the family Bible.

### Lose 90 Gallons Oil In Disston Saw Fire

An overheated oil quench tank at the Disston Saw Plant, in Acton, Tuesday evening caused some alarm when the sprinkler system was pressed into service, damaging approximately 90 gallons of oil.

Although the fire was put out by the automatic sprinkler system within 20 seconds water had ruined further use of about 90 gallons of oil.

Len Durning, plant manager, reported Wednesday that damage was limited to the oil loss causing only a slight delay in production.

### Come to the Fair

Acton Fair Board have completed work on remodeling the chicken pens at the display centre at the park for the two day Fall Fair this weekend.

Display stands have been set up in the arena and some exhibitors are expected to start arranging their displays today (Thursday).

Some chicken exhibits are scheduled to arrive at the park this evening and the midway will arrive Friday and commence setting up over 35 amusements.

With added competitiveness on Friday evening in the horse show at the arena, the prize money is the largest in the history of the fair.

A parade will be held on Saturday to the park which will include Acton Citizens Band, Acton Junior Pipe Band, decorated bicycles and carriages, school children, etc.

Closing fall fair activities will be a dance held in the park hall Saturday evening by the fair board.

### New Pumphouse

Work on installing pumping equipment at the Churchhill Road pump house is continuing rapidly. J. G. Guy, chairman of the sewer and water committee of council, is in charge of the project.

The International Water Supply Company has the contract to install the pumps for the new station.

## Fourteen Boy Scouts Take Special Course

Fourteen Acton Boy Scouts are receiving training at the Fire Hall here from Fire Chief J. Newton in order to pass tests for their Fireman's Badges.

Classes are held every Tuesday and Friday evening for the boys and they are taught the principles of rescue work, handling ladders, resuscitation and other methods of fire prevention.

The Acton chief reports the young scouts are quick at learning and prove to be excellent pupils.

## Suggests Study County Building

The advisability of erecting a new county building to house more office space for the various county departments will be reviewed by county council members at the September meeting. Tuesday at the St. John Ambulance.

Warden Carl Oakes started the discussion on the subject with G. Brown, and assistant F. Rogers were switching off on to examine a crowd in the assessing department. He also noted the crown attorney whose office is a few doors away down the hall had very a good deal of sufficient office space.

I think we should start some discussions on it, said the Warden suggesting adequate study of a building to be built for the county would pay the way for improvements in law. Not budgeted for the work couldn't be undertaken this year.

### Everybody's Doing It

## Rush Production of Hula-Hoops

Termed the greatest invention in the amusement field since the yo-yo, the Hula-Hoop has captured the fancy of grown-ups and children alike.

Micro Plastics Limited of Acton, the first Canadian manufacturer to produce the linear polyethylene piping for use in the hoops, are at present shipping over 5000 per day of the product to Toronto daily.

Two machines producing a 177-inch length of piping every 20 seconds are the sole means of supplying the demand.

**Speed Supply**—Vice-president in charge of production, Al Long this week reported a third machine is being put into operation in order to speed up the supply.

From start to finish, the entire operation is simple but fascinating. The raw material is poured into the hopper feeding the machinery. It takes exactly 20 seconds for the finished product to be processed.

One of the largest suppliers of the Micro Plastics, Monday of this week, with 2000 yards of material were sent to Toronto for the Hula-Hoop. The material is a white, flexible plastic.

The material is produced by Acton, where the Hula-Hoop is produced. The Hula-Hoop is a linear polyethylene piping for use in the hoops.

Today's production is expected to be the highest in the history of the Hula-Hoop. The Hula-Hoop is a linear polyethylene piping for use in the hoops.

**Hula-Dancer**—The finished product of the Hula-Hoop is a linear polyethylene piping for use in the hoops. The Hula-Hoop is a linear polyethylene piping for use in the hoops.

When the pipe is cut, it is fed into the Hula-Hoop machine, where it is cut into the Hula-Hoop. The Hula-Hoop is a linear polyethylene piping for use in the hoops.



**READY FOR SHIPMENT** are bundles of plastic pipe used in making the hula-hoop, the craze that has stormed the country. The hoops are manufactured at Micro Plastics Company in Acton and two machines are at present running night and day to turn out the product. A third machine is being set up to attempt to fill the demand for the novelty. Originating in Australia, the idea was patented by a U.S. firm which has since begun operations in Canada. Reports have it that the hula-hoop is the greatest amusement since the yo-yo.



**KEEPING THE HOPPER FILLED** with a fresh supply of raw material Harold Deforest, on the night shift at the Micro Plastics Plant, pours more linear polyethylene material into the machine that turns out hula-hoop material. One 117-inch length of the plastic material is turned out every 20 seconds.



**HOOPS GALORE** are being piled into the transport for shipment to the Toronto Warehouse where they are assembled into the Whammo Hula-Hoop. Pictured above are Ray Ailan and Phil McCristall of the Micro Plastics Plant as they load tons of the linear polyethylene piping manufactured at the plant. Termed the latest craze since the yo-yo, the hula-hoop is gradually capturing the field of entertainment for both young and old. Micro were the first Canadian firm to manufacture the product.