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65 YEARS OF MARRIAGE were celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. William Mino of Eden Mills. A reception was held at their home on Sunday. (Staff Photo)

## Eden Mills couple mark 65th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Mino, Eden Mills, held open house on Sunday, October 8, to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with their family and friends. They were married in Rockwood by the Rev. Garman in the then Methodist Church, and farmed in Nassagaweya township for the first part of their married life.

They have four children, three boys and one girl, George, Tor-

onto; Nelson, Guelph; Bill, Milton and Margaret (Mrs. Sid Barnes) of Carnarvon. They have 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren as well. Both are in good health. Mrs. Mino is still a member of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. and attends the meetings in good weather, and church on Sunday.

Mr. Mino is quite active and traps in the winter and holds the

job of road-foreman of the village.

Congratulations have been received from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Alfred Hales, M.P., Premier John Roberts of Ontario, Prime Minister Lester Pearson of Canada, and John Root, M.P. of Wellington.

They have lived in Eden Mills for the past 43 years.

## Costs higher than estimates

### Town office renovations stalled until written bid received

Councillor Charlie Perry told council at their regular meeting last night (Tuesday) that the proposed town office renovations at the Y.M.C.A. were currently at a standstill.

Council rejected two bids from contractors at the last meeting as too high and a local contractor was contacted to see if he could construct the proposed addition at a price more in line with the architect's estimate.

Mr. Perry said the architect, clerk and he had met to discuss a bid from Mr. Reimer but in order to cut costs too many necessary items were being eliminated. The three met again but since no written revised bid was submitted, matters were at a standstill.

Councillor Ted Tyler asked if any report was received from the architect about the feasibility of the town hall being used.

"I want to know if the townhall is structurally sound," said Mr. Tyler who still would like council to consider constructing offices in the old red brick building.

Councillor Perry told council if they were considering the idea it would require full scale plans not a quick inspection by the architect.

"He could tell us after half a day inspection," said Mr. Tyler. Councillor Bob Drinkwater agreed.

"I'd hate to see our original plan abandoned but would like to see if this building is good for anything," observed Councillor Earl Masales.

Mayor Doby felt the architect wouldn't bind his decision on ob-

servations but would require an engineer's opinion as well. He reminded council a change of plans would waste money and time after council was "well on the road" to getting renovations established.

## No parking resolution passed for Elgin, Agnes

A long discussion on a proposed no parking by-law aimed specifically at Elgin and Willow Sts. finally culminated in a resolution at last night's regular meeting of council.

The matter was left over from the last meeting when a discussion resulted in the proposal being sent back to committee for

## Picked wrong sale subject

A transient who made the mistake of trying to sell an Acton man his own razor was charged with possession of stolen goods on Tuesday evening. The Acton man reported another man had tried to sell him a \$50 razor, which had been stolen from him in the first place.

When the charge was laid against the man, who had no fixed address, he was lodged in Halton county jail and will appear in court Oct. 16.

Further study. The resolution adopted reads: 1. No parking at any time on the East side of Elgin St. from Church St. to Agnes St. 2. No parking on the East side of Elgin St. from Agnes St. 3. No parking from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the west side of Elgin St. from Church St. to a point 60 ft. North of Agnes St. except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. 4. No parking on the West side of Elgin St. from Agnes St. to the Beardmore gates except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. 5. No parking at any time on the West side of Elgin St. from a point 60 feet North of Agnes St. to Agnes St. 6. No parking at any time on the South side of Agnes Street from Frederick St. to John St. 7. No parking at any time on the North side of Agnes St. from Frederick St. to a point 90 feet West of Elgin St. Discussion and resolutions on Agnes and Willow Sts. was trig-

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## Countdown begins

# CANDIDATES READY FOR ELECTION DAY

The provincial election campaign reached high pitch this week as six candidates in the Halton East and Halton West ridings began the final count-down to election day next Tuesday.

On October 17, the 41,841 voters in the Halton West riding (Burlington, Nassagaweya, Acton and the top 10 lots in Esquesing Township) will be eligible to select a candidate from the three in the running. M.P.P. George A. Kerr, the Progressive Conservative candidate is looking for a return trip to Queen's Park, and his opposition will come from Liberal Jack Lush and New Democratic Party hopeful Ted MacDonald. All three are Burlington residents.

In Halton East, 102 enumerators registered over 40,000 voters eligible to vote. This is a new riding (encompassing Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and the lower 22 lots in Esquesing Township) which was formed when the former Halton County riding was split almost down the middle. The candidates are N.D.P. Bill Gillies of Oakville, Liberal Robin Stuce of Oakville and Progressive Conservative Jim Snow of Hornby.

To date the campaign has been fervent in both ridings. Social events, rallies, coffee parties and door-to-door canvassing for votes have featured the campaigns. All three parties have brought out their "big guns" to assist in the party standard-bearers and in the past three weeks Premier John Roberts, Liberal leader Robert Nixon and N.D.P. leader Donald MacDonald have visited municipalities in each of the ridings. Fall fairs and centennial events have also been invaded by the politicians in an attempt to meet as many of the voters as possible.

Come election day, Returning Officers Don McMillan in Halton West and Allan Masson in Halton East will have their hands full. McMillan's riding has 169 polling subdivisions and Masson's has 187. Poll clerks and deputy returning officers from all over the riding will be forwarding their poll results to the returning officers' headquarters in Burlington and Oakville.

Polls will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (D.S.T.) in both ridings. Voters are eligible if they are 21 years of age, a Canadian citizen or British subject, has resided in Ontario for 12 months prior to election day, and resided in the constituency on the date the election was called.

Advance polls will be held this weekend, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 8 to 11 p.m. (D.S.T.) at various places throughout the two ridings, for those who expect to be away on election day.

Polls are located in convenient places in each riding. If you do not know where to vote, contact the returning officer or your local candidate of his representatives for information.

## Meet your candidates

Want to see the Halton West candidates? Ask them specific questions? Hear their platforms?

For the second time, the Chamber of Commerce has arranged a Meet the Candidates night for the benefit of Actonians.

The three Halton West candidates, incumbent, George Kerr, Liberal, Jack Lush and N.D.P. Ted MacDonald will all be C. of C. guests at the high school Thursday evening.

Chamber president Paul Nielsen will chair the program, whose framework consists of drawing names from a hat for order of ten-minute speeches; five minutes each for rebuttal, and then questions from the floor.

Timers will be John Shadbolt and Chris Schults. Arrangements proved complicated, but at last the Chamber was able to set a night that was open for all three men.

## Trespassing hunters plague area farmers

One district family, plagued for years by hunters who destroy their stock, have finally "blown their top".

"I just had to tell somebody," said Mrs. Arthur Brown, R.R. 2, Rockwood, as she ruefully recalled the grisly record of kills and thefts hunters and others have racked up at their farm since they have lived there.

For six years they have had a series of unfortunate encounters which resulted in maiming, death and theft of livestock and fish.

Just last Saturday morning a steer, weighing between 800 and 900 pounds, was discovered to be

so injured by gun pellets it had to be destroyed.

Last week a man and his young son shot three ducks in the duck pond - not wild ducks, but white Pekin farm ducks. When Mrs. Brown remonstrated with the men at her back door, they answered her most rudely, claiming they had duly bought their hunting licenses and were entitled to their ducks.

After they left she hunted for their car, but of course was unable to locate them, to get the license number.

It's the license number that the Milton district O.P.P. have asked for, everytime the Browns have reported an incident at the farm to them. They can do nothing without proof and evidence.

Every year chicks are shot from the duck pond.

In the past three years, 42 pigs have been lost. They have seen people steal them; have seen the footprints.

They have a stocked pond where they and their children like to fish; every year - at night - unwanted callers come unannounced to fish there, too.

During the hunting season, the parents are afraid to let their three children play outdoors on their own property, with hunters trespassing. The property has warning signs which are simply disregarded by some.

Thinking of the injured steer, Mrs. Brown said, "There are honest accidents - so why not come and tell the owners? My husband loves to go hunting himself... most people would give them the benefit of the doubt... when they won't come in, it makes you furious!"

Methods of solving the problem suggested just don't appeal to the Browns. They already have a dog - but he's not vicious enough to frighten off trespassers. (Loose dogs have also counted up a very bad record of deaths of the farm).

Shooting at the trespassers is a resort they aren't anxious to reach.

Just what solution is there to the problem?

The Free Press would be interested to hear of similar incidents of hunters failing to ask permission before coming on private property.

## Three injured in accident on Sunday

Three people were treated in hospital for injuries following an accident on Westcott Road at 6:40 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 8, Mrs. Christine Stevenson, 16 Rosford Terrace, was driving their 1966 Volkswagen, with neighbour children, westbound on Westcott Road when the car left the road and struck a concrete culvert.

Mrs. Stevenson is still in Guelph General Hospital with severe lacerations to her left knee and head.

The two children, who were both injured, were released from hospital. Deborah McDonald, 10, received facial injuries and her brother Brian McDonald, seven, had facial lacerations, a fractured jaw and broken teeth. Both live at 49 Rosford Terrace.

The Volkswagen's damage was estimated at \$350.

## Car chased charge laid

A high speed chase Saturday, Oct. 7 resulted in a charge of careless driving laid against an Acton district man. Acton O.P.P. saw the car proceed erratically and gave chase until the car spun out of control at the corner of 22 Sideroad and Esquesing-Nassagaweya town line. The charge was laid about 12:30 a.m.

## Phone for election results

For up-to-the-minute provincial election results next Tuesday evening, call the Free Press at 853-2010.

Reporters stationed at Halton East and Halton West returning officers' headquarters will be feeding the returns back to the Acton and Milton newspaper offices. Polls in both ridings close at 8 p.m. and the first returns are expected about 8:30 p.m. The telephone service will continue until 11 p.m. or later if necessary.

No word has yet been received but normal procedure in these



Dr. Harry Harley.

## Transport Minister asks full report closing station

Transport minister Paul Hellyer, prodded by Halton M.P. Harry Harley, wants a full report from the Canadian Transportation Commission on the closing of the Acton C.N.R. station.

He's written to the commission asking for a report on closing the Acton station and others on the C.N.R. line in the district. His request followed one from Halton M.P. Dr. Harley who forwarded letters to both the Minister of Transport and to C.N.R. president N.J. MacMillan asking for a transportation study in Acton.

No word has yet been received but normal procedure in these

cases is for the request to go to the regional vice president for a report. In this case the vice president is in Toronto and his report would go back to Mr. MacMillan in Montreal before Dr. Harley receives a reply.

Dr. Harley hopes that a hearing before the Board of Transport Commissioners can take place before they start shutting down the Acton station. However this is due to start November 6 when accounting procedure will be taken out.

Acton council has sent a letter protesting the closing although they have not yet been officially notified of it.

Despite efforts by the railway to spell out what the plan advantages to the plan of a master agency, objections are being registered from members of parliament, councils and candidates in the provincial election. All three candidates in Halton West opposed the move and promised local officials they would do all in their power to block it.

Transport Minister Paul Hellyer is specially concerned Halton West Liberal Association president Frank Herman told the Free Press. He got full details of the Acton case from liberal headquarters in Burlington.

Mr. Hellyer said the outcome of a hearing would depend to a large extent on the amount of opposition raised to closing of the service here. It is difficult for representatives to present a strong case unless they're backed by the citizens of the area involved.

Agents or operators at the stations to be closed will remain for the "experimental" period although they will not perform any function. If the master plan works the C.N.R. will apply to the Transport Commission for permission to continue and the agent or operator will leave.

## Still investigate hit, run accident

Local police are still investigating a hit-and-run accident which occurred at 12:35 a.m. Saturday, October 7, Albert Winters, 41 Main St., was backing his car out from his driveway when it was struck by a southbound car which went out of control. The driver of the unidentified car stopped for a few moments and then left.

Damage, estimated at \$250, was all to the Winters car, and Mr. Winters suffered scalp lacerations.



THIS 11-lb. RAINBOW TROUT, pulled from the waters of the Nottawasaga River Thanksgiving Day by 16-year-old high school student John Courtney, took only about 20 minutes to net. John can hold the huge rainbow nonchalantly

now but was plenty excited about his catch Monday. The fish measured 30 inches in length. John would like to have the luncheon mounted but will eat it and depend on photos to show his angling skill. (Staff Photo)