

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MINO of Eden Mills celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary, last Thursday. The Free Press joins with the friends and relatives in extending them congratulations.—(Staff Photo) .

Liquor vote request too late town election felt bad time

The request by the Chamber of Commerce to have council consider holding a plebiscite on the sale of liquor in Acton was referred to the committee for study Tuesday at their regular

Mayor Duby reported that there had been interest expressed by other people in holding a liquor plebiscite before the "Chamber of Commerce publicity". On the basis of this the mayor and clerk had investigated the possibility of

Advise against it

Clerk-Administrator Joe Hurst advised council that clerks in other municipalities strongly advise against holding a plebiscite in connection with the municipal elections.

He pointed out that the regulations for holding a liquor plebiscite require a municipal bylaw being passed two months before the proposed date, so it is already too late for a bylaw

before Acton elections December to conduct the plebiscite.

He reported the chief electoral

He said there would have to be a special enumeration of voters in Acton and a voters' list prepared for the plebiscite alone. Separate deputy returning officers would have to be appointed

officer of Ontario and the liquor board solicitor do not recommend holding plebiscites in conjunction with municipal elections.

He suggested by holding the plebiscite at a later time council

in their next year's budget could was read, said he assumed that provide the money required for this was the "decision of the holding a plebiscite or interested entire Chamber of Commerce". parties could pay the cost of the He felt sure the letter would not plebiscite.

chairman of the whole when the authorization. Chamber of Commerce letter

be written by the president or Reeve Oakes acting as secretary without full Chamber

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Plan UNICEF walkathon

Hallowe'en for UNICEF to Acton is again being sponsored by the Y's Men's club. A walkathon for UNICEF of approximately 20 miles is being arranged by principal Elmer Smith of the M. Z. Bennett school, and further details will be revealed later when decisions are

Youngsters will be collecting door-to-door on Hallowe'en. Proceeds go to the United Nations Children's Fund to aid

children all over the world.

Exciting races for council shaping up in Esquesing

A two or possibly three man race for reeve and an exciting contest for deputy-reeve and three council scats is shaping up, as the Dec. 7 municipal elections approach in Esquesing Town-

Although 80-year-old reeve George Currie has not yet disclosed his intentions, deputyreeve Tom Hill announced Monday he will definitely seek the position of reeve.

Mr. Currie, who has been on the township council for 44 years and is a two time warden of Halton County more than doubled the count on challenger Malcolm Freeman in the 1968 election for reeve. Mr. Hill had a whopping plurality over his opponent Jim France in the 1968 contest for deputy-reeve.

Ratepayers combine

Meanwhile, a second or third candidate for reeve (depending upon Mr. Currie's decision) may be backed by a combination group of ratepayers' associations that have formed in the township within the past year.

Fourth Line resident David Craig, vice-president of the North Esquesing Ratepayers' Association which was formed by citizens opposing the establish-ment of the Golden Horseshoe Dragway said this week his group plans to meet with representatives of two other associations in the southern half of the township this weekend. Mr. Craig expects the combined groups will discuss the possibility of running a candidate for reeve, deputyreeve and perhaps three or four candidates for council.

Dick Looye a resident of 17 Sideroad, along with Mr. Craig have been mentioned as possible

candidates but neither has made a decision about running. Bowman will run Sixth Line resident Peter

Bowman, a consistent critic of the dragway has said he intends to seek a position on council, but has not decided whether he will try for deputy-reeve or councillor. Mr. Bowman says he will base his campaign on the prin-ciple the township should be run for taxpayers, not for outsiders. He intends to have bumper stickers reading "Elect Peter Bowman in Esquesing" printed

Incumbent councillors Wilfrid Leslie and Russell Miller have both declared themselves as candidates for council seats in the December election. Mr. Leslie is a veteran member of council, while Mr. Miller is completing his first two year

Mr. Miller said he feels running again is the only fair thing to do, as far as the township electorate is concerned. "If the people don't want me, they'll soon let me know." he commented.

Marshall undecided

Councillor Ken Marshall, who is also completing his first two year term is presently undecided about running again, but has indicated he would like to see the township's official plan completed. A constant critic of the present education system in Ontario during his first term on council, Mr. Marshall also said this week the results of a meeting between representatives of municipal councils and the Halton County Board of Education, held last week, are most encouraging.

Reeve will wait

Reeve Currie apparently does not intend to reveal his intentions until nomination night Nov. 23. When asked about his plans he replied "I'll know nomination night, you can do the guessing



THE LONG AND the short of it, from a snakeskin longuette coat to still-popular minis. L'Arche Auxiliary forecast the season for 150 Actonians at a fashion show last week. Story and more pictures inside.—(Staff

Municipal land sold to Alteo for housing

Council at their regular Tuesday evening session accepted the offer of Alteo Construction Limited for the purchase of 48.16 acres of land, part of lot 27, concession 2 in Acton, the municipally-owned land behind the cemetery.

The price arrived at, after negotiations with four other bidders was \$105,000. Also considered were the bids of

Trillium Realty in the amount of \$101,000; R. T. Williams in trust \$96,336; Cinton Investment Ltd. \$86,712; R. E. Prouse trustee

Special meetings

The sale negotiated through Johnson Real Estate to Alteo culminated a series of special meetings and negotiations by the administration committee.

Under the terms of the offer to purchase \$5,000 was deposited with the agent; \$20,000 will be paid March 31 at the closing and the municipality will carry a first mortgage on the property for one year on the balance of \$80,000, at B per cent.

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The municipality will rezone the property for residential use.

Alteo's offer was accepted following discussions between Alteo, Johnson real estate, the solicitor and the engineer.

Alteo's latest project in town was the five-store plaza at Main St. and Church St. Mr. Barry is involved also in the apartment building on Churchill Rd. S. and is interested in the Campbell property on Main St. south of the

One dead in rash of accidents as plane crash-lands on 401

The pilot of a light aircraft suffered only minor injuries but one man was killed and 22 persons were injured in a costly series of major and minor traffic accidents and pile-ups that followed the plane's crash on Highway 401 near Campbellville late Tuesday afternoon.

Milton OPP officers described the grisly scene as "a nightmare" as an estimated 19 cars and trucks and a bus sprawled across the eastbound lanes of the highway in the wake of the plane's crash. The wayward plane brought added problems off the highway, too, as it touched a high power hydro line as it came down on the south shoulder of the road. This shut off power supplies in the village of Campbellville and district for five hours and is believed to have caused a fire in a motor at the nearby Campbellville Sand and Gravel plt.

It all started when, according to an OPP spokesman pilot Stephen W. Wood of 147 Westmount Rd., Guelph apparently lost his way while flying over the district. It was raining steadily and a heavy fog had blanketed

the area, cutting visibility. The officer said it appeared the pilot attempted to follow a hydro line or highway until he could find a

landmark. Noses down

His plane, a 1939 Taylorcraft

seaplane, came into contact with the hydro line across Highway 401 near the Campbellville gravel pit, a mile from Campbellville Rd. interchange. It plunged to the ground, ending up nose-first on the south shoulder of the eastbound lanes of the highway. The pilot walked away from the crash, only slightly injured. But the trouble was just beginning for the drivers of

other in the fog when cars and trailer gravel truck jackknifed as scene to sort out the tangle.

Several hurt

Eleven vehicles, eight cars and eastbound vehicles as one after three trucks were involved in the another, they piled into each worst collision when a tractor-

trucks close to the crash scene it struck a pickup truck. Several stopped or slowed to see the laborers were riding in the back downed plane. A squad of 10 men of the small truck. One of the men from the Milton detachment—the was killed and one other is in entire afternoon shift plus others serious condition in Hamilton called in to help - rushed to the General Hospital. The injured man, pinned under the gravel truck, lost both legs and has two broken arms. Police refused to divulge the name of the deceased until relatives are contacted. They could not say which vehicle Pass by-law regulating the dead man was with.

Postpone erection of signs improve roads, Bowman asks

Golden Horseshoe Dragway critic Peter Bowman added a new twist to suggestions he has been offering Esquesing Council,

With the racing season at the dragway completed for this season Mr. Bowman suggested council leave the erection of "No Parking" signs on the Sixth Line near the end of the strip until next soring and use money to make improvements on 17 Sideroad in the southern half of the township. Residents of the 17 Sideroad area are upset about the excessive use of the road by trucks hauling from Indusmin Quarries.

at Monday night's regular

Cold spell needed for ice

Cooler weather will be needed between today (Wednesday) and the weekend, in order for Ice to be ready in the arena.

Arena manager Harold Townsley started ice making machinery in motion last Friday, but temperature of the arena floor has still not dropped below 30 degrees. A temperature of approximately 20 degrees is required before flooding of the surface can begin.

Mr. Townsley and his staff still have hopes for ice by the weekend but are making no promises.

Later in the meeting council put off passing the Sixth Line parking by-law until next Spring. Deputy-reeve Hill pointed out a by-law prohibiting parking on township roads during the winter is already on the township books.

The deputy-reeve and councillor Ken Marshall have shown concern about passing of the proposed parking by-law, claiming it could promp residents from other parts of the township to ask for the same.

Broken branches

Mr. Bowman also reminded council broken branches from trees at the end of the dragway are still scattered over the township road allowance. He had complained to council earlier racing fans were climbing trees to have a free view of events.

In answer to a complaint about the dragway's violation of the Lord's Day Act he raised at last week's meeting, Mr. Bowman was informed by deputy-reeve Tom Hill violations of the Act must be reported to the Depart-

The charges of violation of the township racing by-law Mr. Bowman laid against operators of the dragway plus 11 separate trespassing charges he laid

As a result of continuing complaints from residents of the Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad, Esquesing Council has taken action to regulate the speed limit and reclassify portions of the roads as Class "B" roads.

At Monday night's regular meeting before a deputation of 22 concerned ratepayers, council passed a by-law placing a maximum speed limit of 40 miles per hour on parts of 17 Sideroad. In addition council passed a motion instructing clerktreasurer Delmar French to prepare the necessary by-law or motion deleting the Fourth Line from Lot 18 to Lot 24, and 17 Sideroad in concessions five, six and seven, from a July 20 motion, which exempted the roads from the posting of signs stating "Second Class Road 11 tons." The by-law or motion is to be prepared providing It is in accord with advice from the township solicitor, the Department of Highways and the Department of

Residents of the Fourth Line and 17 Sideroad have been complaining to council for the past month about excessive use of the route by trucks hauling from Indusmin Quarries. Council designated the roads as a truck route, hoping to save wear and tear on other township roads.

12 point program

John Michie, spokesman for the deputation reminded council against individuals will be heard of a 12 point program that in Milton court Monday October resulted from a meeting last Thursday attended

representatives of ratepayers, Indusmin Quarries, the County of Halton and the Department of Transport. Among the recommendations in the program were requests that quarry trucks use the Fourth Line north to Highway 7 when possible as soon as repaying of the highway is completed, that council petition the C.N.R. to rebuild the Limehouse bridge, that

County rebuild 22 Sideroad from the Third Line west to Highway 25, that the O.P.P. control weight and speed limits on the roads, that Indusmin Quarries remind drivers of their responsibility to obey laws and that empty trucks returning to the quarry use 22 Sideroad and the Limehouse bridge. Mr. Michie asked for council's approach to the 12 point program, at the same time pointing out Indusmin were making an effort to resolve the

17 Sideroad speed limit

problem. Deputy-reeve Tom Hill said he had been told by a representative of Indusmin empty trucks were already using 22 Sideroad and the Limehouse bridge prior to last

Thursday's meeting. Mr. Michie said he considered the change in route for empty trucks an attempt by Indusmin to diversify traffic in the township and asked for further direction from council.

Use Fourth Line

Councillor Ken Marshall reminded Mr. Michie there are children in the Limehouse area as well who have to walk to school along the road. He suggested

council "keep after the Department of Mines to make sure they look after roads between quarries and highways." If a hill on the Fourth Line were cut down, trucks could travel north then take their choice of using Highway 7 or Highway 7 to Highway 25, he explained.

Deputy-reeve Hill supported councillor Marshall's suggestion. He thought work on the Fourth Line hill should be included in next year's road budget.

Didn't consider safety

Asked by a member of the deputation what the township gains from allowing heavy traffic on the Fourth Line 17 Sideroad route, councillor Russell Miller explained it was an effort to keep all truck traffic on one specific route in order to preserve other township roads. However, he admitted council had not considered the safety factor.

Mr. Michie read a passage of a letter to council from the Department of Highways, which stated the Highway Traffic Act grants council permission to restrict excessive use of roads by trucks and the Issue of hauling permits.

When Mr. French assured council they have the authority. deputy-reeve Hill suggested council draw up a by-law and test it in the courts to find out how strong it is.

Seaplane which crashed on Highway 401 touched off chain of

car, truck, bus accidents.