



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 meeting.

Mayor Doby 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 holding a liquor plebiscite.

before Acton elections December 7.

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 to conduct the plebiscite.

He reported the chief electoral 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 provide the money required for holding a plebiscite or interested parties could pay the cost of the plebiscite.

Reeve Oakes acting as chairman of the whole when the Chamber of Commerce letter

was read, said he assumed that this was the "decision of the entire Chamber of Commerce". He felt sure the letter would not be written by the president or secretary without full Chamber authorization.

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Plan UNICEF walkathon

Hallowe'en for UNICEF in 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 made.

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 seats is shaping up, as the Dec. 7 municipal elections approach in Esquesing Township.

Although 80-year-old reeve George Currie has not yet disclosed his intentions, deputy-reeve 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.

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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 Photo)

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 \$98,336; Clinton Investment Ltd. \$86,712; R. E. Prouse trustee \$50,000.

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 8 per cent.

Will rezone

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 cemetery.

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 establishment 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, deputy-reeve 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 principle the township should be run for taxpayers, not for outsiders. He intends to have bumper stickers reading "Elect Peter Bowman in Esquesing" printed soon.

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 term.

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 until then."

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 pit.

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 eastbound vehicles as one after another, they piled into each

other in the fog when cars and trucks close to the crash scene stopped or slowed to see the downed plane. A squad of 10 men from the Milton detachment—the entire afternoon shift plus others called in to help — rushed to the scene to sort out the tangle.

Several hurt

Eleven vehicles, eight cars and three trucks were involved in the worst collision when a tractor-

trailer gravel truck jackknifed as it struck a pickup truck. Several laborers were riding in the back of the small truck. One of the men was killed and one other is in serious condition in Hamilton 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 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,

at Monday night's regular meeting.

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 spring 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.

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 prompt 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 Department of Justice.

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 against individuals will be heard in Milton court Monday October 19.

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 28 degrees is required before flooding of the surface can begin.

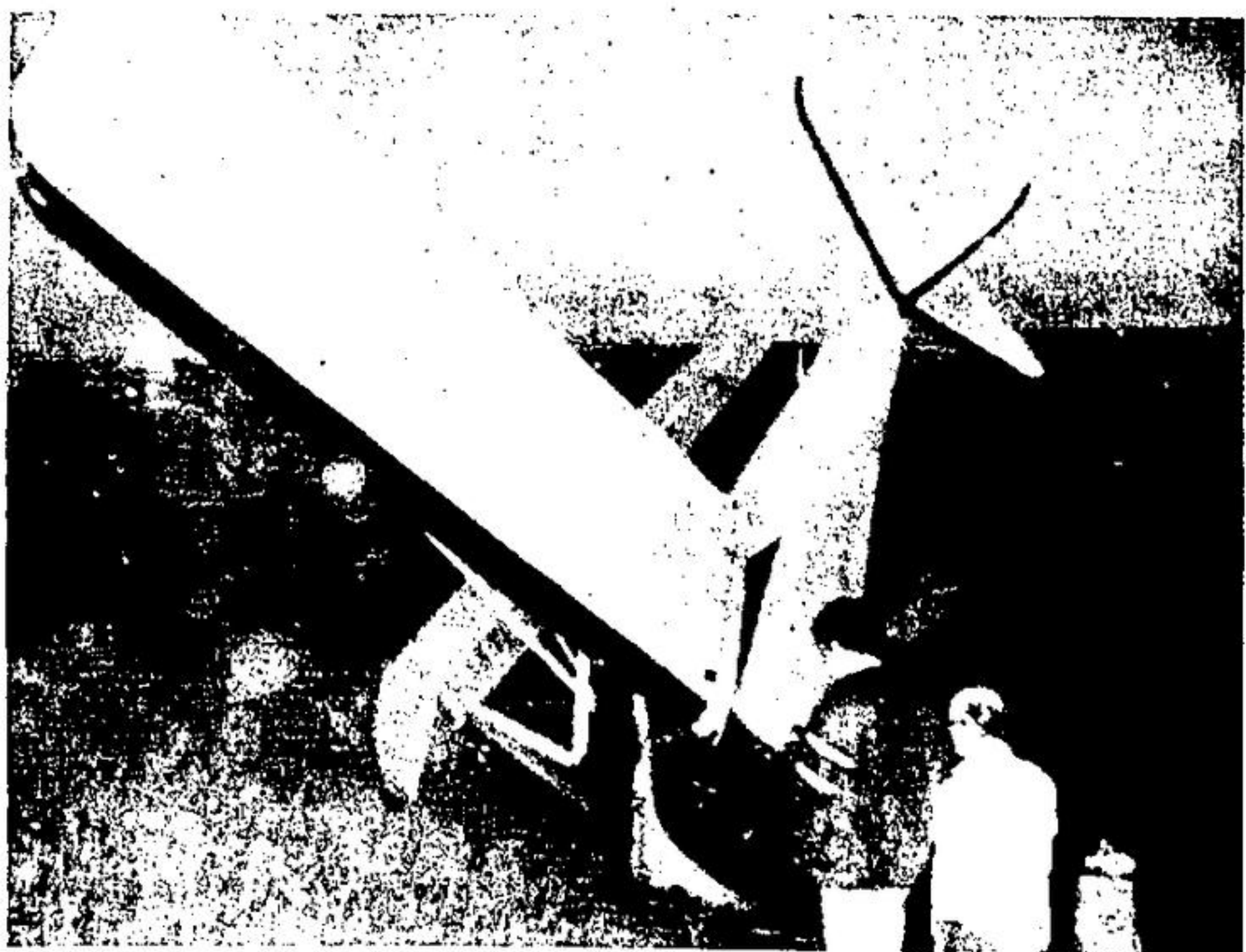
Mr. Townsley and his staff still have hopes for ice by the weekend but are making no promises.

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.

Noises down

His plane, a 1939 Taylorcraft



Seaplane which crashed on Highway 401 touched off chain of car, truck, bus accidents.