

Noses turned off as rank new odor turns up

Wind changes that developed and sent breezes blowing from west to east were accompanied by a rank smell which permeated the downtown Acton business section and residential areas of town over the weekend, extending into the week.

The Free Press was called and advised it was the pollution control plant which had gone haywire. However, a personal investigation by the editor and another member of the staff proved that premise false. The town's plant, situated along the

Black Creek, at the foot of Churchill Road South, barely caused a nose to wrinkle inside the property.

Some blamed the Beardmore plant for the smelly intrusion but it seemed to be a new, unfamiliar odor which clung to the downtown business section and eventually was carried to other parts of town.

"Smells like liquid fertilizer to me," said a knowledgeable nose belonging to another resident. "I've never smelled that one before."

Others, however, said the odors had been drifting like clouds through the night, alighting whenever fancy took it.

"It woke us all up during the middle of the night," said one longtime resident. "An aunt visiting us from Toronto got up and sniffed the dog and cat because it smelled like rank animals."

It finally left like a spirit with a mission to enter windows open to help dispel the heat wave the area has experienced.

Residents annoyed by the smell may

take some relief in knowing that Government experts have also taken the scent and are on its trail.

When the Free Press checked with the Toronto office of the air management of the Department of the Environment, Roger Higgins district engineer for York and Ontario counties said his office has received 15 complaints about odor from Acton so far in July. Three of them were phoned in this week.

He said all complaints have been

followed up, even to the extent of sending investigators to town on Saturday nights, but added the source of the odor has not been determined.

"The odor seems to be intermittent. Our investigators have not been able to record any violations," Higgins said.

He acknowledged that his department has previously encountered problems with the Beardmore tannery. However, he emphasized that investigations to date have established no proof that the odor is

coming from that company's operations.

Higgins concluded that investigations will continue. His department hopes to be able to verify the source of the odor soon.

Meanwhile, one Acton businessman has donned a nose mask, claiming the smell is turning him sick. Housewives are busy with aerosol bombs. Those who have fled to the hills on vacation are beyond the call.

One man claimed it was an ill wind that brought the rank odor in and he hoped it would be a strong wind that carried it out.

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Sixteen Pages—Fifteen Cents

2,500 signatures approve 401 line

"Citizens' groups have the Nanticoke - Pickering line well in hand" said John Schneider this week following successful weekend campaigns with survey forms in Acton, Rockwood, Erin, Hillsburgh and Georgetown.

The group, which wants to reroute the Pickering-Nanticoke power line along the 401 Highway from Milton to Guelph instead of through farmland in this area, reports almost 2,500 signatures on a petition calling for the re-evaluation of the alternates proposed

by Bruce Howlett. They propose a modified Q. Campaigners report 95 per cent of all those approached, both rural and urban residents, were interested in the campaign.

Petitions will be submitted to Bruce Howlett Inc., a consultant for the Solandt Commission. It will undergo a month's study before the full report is issued.

Schneider is now turning his attention to the Bruce Line, the next step in the chain, and hopes to propose a route involving fewer farms.

Suspect rabies — shoot porcupine

Residents of Lakeview subdivision in the Tidey Ave. area were alarmed Monday morning when a porcupine wandered into the area.

The animal acted in an erratic

manner, bothering dogs in back yards, before it was chased into a tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Watzek, 130 Tidey. Residents called Acton O.P.P. and with an officer present the

animal was shot. Although no tests were made, residents of the area suspected the animal was rabid because of its behaviour. It is unusual to see them in daylight. They want to

warn others in the area to beware of animals acting in a strange manner. Pets, it is pointed out, should be inoculated against the usually fatal disease.

Need proof of citizenship to vote at next election

The importance of having proof of Canadian Citizenship in order to vote in the next federal election was brought to the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nelles of Acton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelles were in Milton at the Court of Canadian Citizenship where Mrs. Nelles was applying for her Citizenship prior to an impending trip to the United States.

Born in Scotland, she applied because she wants no difficulties in returning to Canada, but she was not aware how important it would also be at the next federal election.

She was advised that unless proof of Citizenship was available she would not be able to vote, although she has experienced no difficulties in the past.

advised to obtain some proof of citizenship as well. Although a birth certificate is all that is necessary he is not in the position of being able to obtain one easily because of a fire which destroyed records in Haldimand County, where he was born.

Mrs. Nelles told the Free Press that officers of the Court explained the new regulations was part of the immigration law

tightening by the federal government.

The couple thought others were probably not aware of the new regulations and should have it brought to their attention before another federal election rolls around. British subjects, particularly, sometimes assume they are citizens, but they also require proof they are citizens of Canada.



FIRST CUSTOMERS AT the new Esqueing library not surprisingly were children of the library board members. Andrew Wilson expresses surprise at the contents of the book he has opened while Jennifer Lister, left, and Elizabeth Wilson browse through the books. —H. Coles Photo

Liquor charges fill police books

Effects of unsuccessful clashes with "John Barleycorn" were a familiar sight to Acton O.P.P. who were kept hopping investigating incidents which led to five liquor charges, one of minor consuming and two of impaired driving during the period of July 20-23.

At 1:20 a.m. Thursday morning police charged a 16-year-old Acton girl with having liquor in a place other than a residence, after they checked a car in the Dominion Hotel parking lot and found five pints of beer.

A charge of minor consuming was laid against an Erin youth the same night at 10:40, after police stopped a vehicle in town and discovered an underage driver who had been drinking.

Less than an hour later, a Guelph man was stopped and charged with impaired driving and liquor other than residence.

Check group
Early Friday morning at 1:55 a Milton man, passenger in a car was found to be in possession of liquor and charged with liquor other than residence. An hour earlier police had checked a group of youths in the Legion parking lot, found a Guelph man to be in possession of liquor and charged him.

Police found a part bottle of whisky in a vehicle on Mill St. at 2:45 a.m. Friday and subsequently laid a charge of liquor other than residence.

An Esqueing man failed the breathalyzer test and was charged with impaired driving at 3:45 a.m. Monday morning after police observed a vehicle being driven erratically on Main St. S. Monday night a local man was picked up on Queen St. and charged with impaired driving.

Garden loss
Parking his car in the garden of Mrs. Jean Precious, 125 Mill St. E. near the Station Hotel, cost a Toronto man a charge of careless driving early Saturday evening. An estimated \$75 worth of vegetables and flowers were destroyed.

While they were investigating a midnight beating at the Station Hotel Saturday, police observed a girl fighting with her father and using obscene language on the street and charged her with creating a disturbance. The victim of the beating fled from the scene and the incident is still under investigation.

Early Sunday morning an Orton woman reported a theft from her purse while she was in a local hotel. Approximately \$20 in cash was stolen from the purse.

A charge of malicious damage and being drunk in a public place was laid by Acton OPP against a local man yesterday (Tuesday).

At 2:50 a.m. police discovered paper boxes turned over, road signs damaged and garbage littering the streets.

Power off four hours

Acton was at a standstill for almost four hours this afternoon (Wednesday) following a fire at a pole on Main St. N. carrying primary high voltage power to Acton.

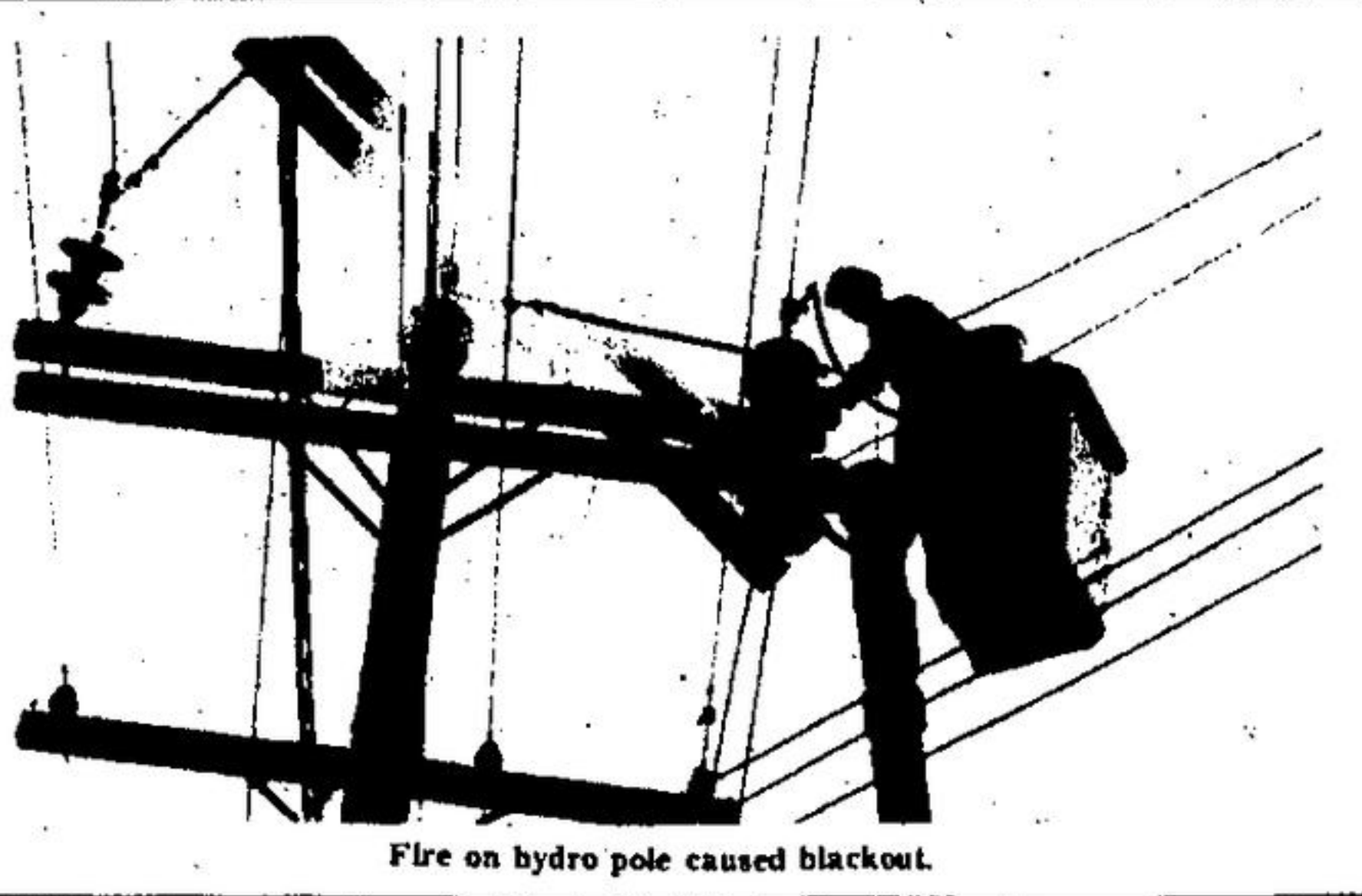
Contamination on insulators, coupled with rain, caused a short circuit, burning cross arms and dropping the high tension line on secondary lines.

The fire started about noon and power went off at 12:15 p.m. An Ontario Hydro crew had difficulty extinguishing the blaze with CO2 (see picture).

Hydro crews worked through pelting rain to establish the connection. A new pole had to be erected.

Power was turned on again at 4:10 p.m. and the town went back to business. The Free Press was four hours late.

Acton formerly received an emergency power supply from Brampton but this was terminated when Ontario Hydro upped voltage to 44,000. Acton purchases power of 27,600 volts.



Fire on hydro pole caused blackout.

Survey results slow coming

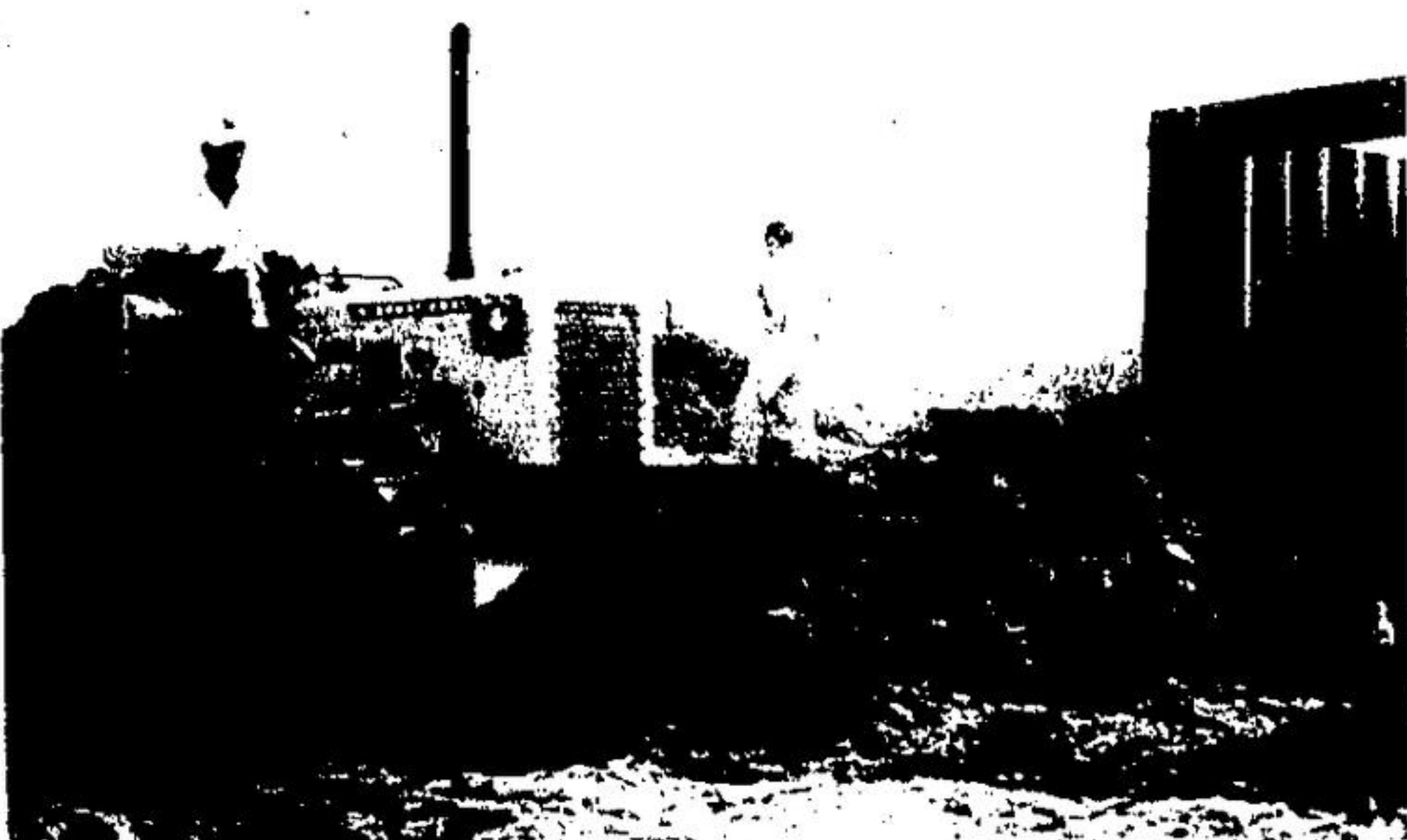
Bell Canada is disappointed in the number of survey cards they have received regarding extending the toll-free calling area of the Acton exchange to include Milton and Guelph.

Manager Lloyd Denby told the Free Press they have received only about 150 answers to the survey to date and they anticipated many more. Dr. Denby is urging Bell subscribers to make their wishes known so they can either proceed or forget about the project. They hope to have results tabulated before the end of August.

The increased calling area which would cost an extra dollar per month for individual residential lines would connect Acton subscribers to 61,200 telephones. Acton telephone users now have free local calling to Georgetown and Rockwood which accounts for 15,700 telephones. This is broken down to 3,422 telephones in the Acton area, 1,402 in Rockwood area and 10,907 in Georgetown.

Bell has said that because expensive modifications are needed to telephone equipment, at least 60 per cent of the customers would have to agree before Bell would consider undertaking the proposal.

63 more homes started in 382 home subdivision



CLEARING LAND around an Alteo Construction Condominium on Kingham Rd. is part of the work being done in phase two of a building project that will

provide 63 homes. The new condominium units are bigger than the earlier ones and are built with steel joists. —D. Pink Photo

Sixty-three condominium units started in Kingham Hill Estates will be ready for occupancy by the end of November, Alf Berry of Alteo Construction informed the Free Press this week.

One-third of the new homes have already been sold. This phase two of a building project erecting 382 homes on 40 acres between Cobblehill Rd., Mill St. W. and Main St. S. Entrance to the project is located on Main St. S., opposite Vimy St.

Phase one, also a condominium project, was recently finished. That project included construction of 76 units with electric heating and broadloom. Crews are still laying sod around the buildings and will be planting trees in September.

Owners of a phase one home had salary limits. They could not earn more than \$7,000 a year at the time of purchase to qualify for the housing. Costs started at \$17,900.

Ownership of a phase two unit requires the purchaser must make more than \$9,700 per year. Phase two homes are larger than those in phase one and have steel joist construction.

Plywood subfloors are attached to the steel beams by special

screws with a drill head to ensure the subfloor will not shrink. All phase one services, including full landscaping, are provided for the homes costing \$25,900.

Twenty-eight of the 63 phase two units will have walk out basements for \$1,000 more.

Sharp increases in building costs since the commencement of phase one have accounted for the sharp rise in prices.

Phase three soon Kingham Rd. will extend through two Cobblehill Rd. and will be a major artery in phase three of the Alteo project.

A subdivision of 14 houses with 60 foot frontage, 119 houses with 50 foot frontage and 30 double houses—60 family units—are

scheduled to be built following Alteo negotiations with Home Owing Made Easier (H.O.M.E.)

Presently workmen are levelling land behind the

cemetery and laying services under the subdivision site.

The double homes will be located on Greenore Cres. Names of other streets in the new sub-

Buffalo youth saved by belt driver killed in crash on 7

Use of a seat belt probably saved the life of a 15-year-old Buffalo area youth when a car in which he was riding rolled over and burned on Highway 7, east of Acton, Wednesday evening.

James Roland of Rome, New York was only slightly injured in the accident which claimed the life of the car's driver, Andrew Kellos, 34, of Buffalo N.Y. Police said Kellos was not wearing his seat belt at the time.

Kellos' car, a 1972 Maverick; apparently was attempting to pass another vehicle on a curve on Highway 7 near Silvercreek, police said. Forced back into his

own lane by oncoming traffic, the driver braked the car and lost control.

The car skidded 200 feet, rolled over several times and caught fire.

Police said the driver was thrown from the vehicle.

Passenger Roland, however, was wearing his seat belt and stayed with the car until it stopped, then escaped.

Investigating officers said the 10 p.m. accident demolished the car. The road is clearly marked with a double solid centre line.

Call urgent Hydro meet

Another urgent meeting to discuss the proposed hydro line routes will be held in Kilbride next Monday evening and residents in the district are invited to attend and state their

views. A meeting held two weeks ago drew a crowd of about 200 people when it was learned one of the proposed alternate routes for the 500 KV line is close to Kilbride.