



FRONT ELEVATION of three-storey building at 21 Mill St. sketched.

Apts. above stores on Mill St., Acton

A three storey building with stores on the ground floor and apartments above could be erected at 21 Mill Street, Acton, beside Denny's Insurance Agency.

The request for rezoning from residential to commercial was again presented to Halton Hills planning board, this week.

The 71 foot lot on Mill Street is owned by R. Delina and B. Mazaro, who plan to have 1247 square feet of commercial area and 5557 square feet of residential. Two one bedroom and four two bedroom apartments are planned above the store.

A one storey single family home, previously on the lot has been demolished.

In a report from the planning department, a scaling down of the size of the building was suggested, to allow for more parking and a wider driveway.

Architect A. Stecura told planning board he was surprised to hear the planner's report, since no one had told him of the recommended changes. He said he could easily have had the changes made before coming to planning board.

The planner said he told the owners of the desired changes, but evidently they had not told the architect. Councillor Les Duby said there was undue concern being shown about parking, and described it as a reasonable proposal for this piece of

land. A revised site plan will be prepared for the next planning board meeting.

Spending less on our food

Canadians have moved into top spot in the world in terms of how little they spend on food. The world statistics are compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture, and measure the percentage of disposable income various peoples spend on food.

Canada used to be a consistent second to the U.S., but the Americans report in the latest issue of their magazine Foreign Agriculture, that in 1976, Canadians spent only 13.8 per cent of disposable income on food compared with 14.9 per cent in 1970 with 15 per cent in 1976 in the U.S. After Canada and the U.S. come Australia and France, tied at 16.7 per cent, Denmark at 19.2 per cent, Japan at 20.5 per cent, the United Kingdom at 21.5 per cent and Italy at 26.5 per cent.

Car strikes small tree

A south-bound auto on Churchill Road North ended up in the east ditch and struck a small tree Friday evening, according to police. The car, driven by Orville Porte of 18A Mill St. E., has about \$150 in damages, police say.

Pilot plans visit to plane crash scene

There is nothing quite like flying and Thomas Walker of Chesley is already busy shopping for his next plane, following the crash of his Howard DJA Float plane a month ago in the forested area south of Speyside.

Mr. Walker doesn't know what kind of a plane will replace his former model, but without a doubt he will fly again, he stated. "I still look like a polka-dotted panda bear with the burn marks and I have a cast on one foot, but I am recovering very rapidly," said the 42-year-old pilot.

In what can only be described as a miraculous

survival, Mr. Walker managed to crawl approximately two miles through swamp suffering a broken foot, multiple burns and fractures, to Highway 25, after being thrown from the plane.

Mr. Walker had left Toronto Harbor Airport Tuesday, Nov. 8 after waiting two days for fog to lift, to head back home to Chesley. His wife caught a bus the evening before.

Mr. Walker ran into trouble north of Milton, when the plane hit a fog bank. At the time of the crash, Mr. Walker attributed the crash to loss of control and inability to determine his direction.

"Now though, I'm having second thoughts about how the accident occurred."

Rough water at the fuelling dock at Toronto Harbor Airport could have damaged the float linkage, causing one float to loosen and shift the balance of the plane, said Mr. Walker, adding that such a factor could have caused the sudden spiral and plane crash.

Mr. Walker said several sources have told him only one float has been found at the crash site. This has been denied by both federal investigators from the Department of Transport and Halton Regional Police.

"We told him both floats were there," stated Paul Andoney, investigating officer from the Department of Transport. "It is quite possible however, that one float has since been removed from the site by anyone who came upon it."

One float was completely burned, with the second float found lying against a tree, according to Halton Regional Police who first spotted the wreckage from an OPP helicopter.

Bad weather prevented

Snow blocks council

There was almost a council meeting Monday night, when five councillors, Peter Morris, Pete Pomeroy, Mike Armstrong, Russ Miller, Roy Booth and Mayor Tom Hill struggled through the first snow storm of the season.

But they voted to adjourn until Tuesday night, since no one from the Acton area and only one from Esquimes had managed to make it on snowy, icy roads.

investigators from visiting the crash site for two days, but both floats were noted, according to Mr. Andoney.

The federal investigation has yet to be completed, stated Mr. Andoney but government officials hope to finish the investigation soon. "It is only a matter of visiting the site once again to check details," he said.

"That crash amazed me," said Mr. Walker, adding he had flown in much worse weather with a variety of aircraft, without running into trouble.

"Quite honestly, I am a good V.F.R. pilot, and I can hold a good steady course. I

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have flown in blinding snow-storms and places where nobody else would go."

Mr. Walker hopes to visit the crash site soon, to pursue his own theory on the float factor.

"I am wondering if there is damaged linkage, or signs of sheared metal."

The loss of a float would have caused more than sufficient imbalance to throw the plane into a spiral, according

to Mr. Walker. "In the fog you would not be able to tell if that happened, since you cannot see the horizon, but it is certainly a reasonable theory."

A pilot for eight years, Mr. Walker has logged over 2,000 hours of flying time, "including a good deal of weather flying." He spent several years previously using a plane for business purposes and has flown Cessnas, a Piper Family Cruiser 150 and a six-seater Comanche.

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Coloring contest entries pouring in

Entries are pouring into the Free Press office for the second annual Christmas Coloring contest.

The deadline is December 16, giving youngsters plenty of time to color the provided pictures.

Entries appeared in last week's Free Press, and were

Any recreation committee volunteers?

The possibility of reorganizing the wards one and two recreation advisory committee was floored at the public meeting in the Robert Little School Wednesday. The previous group all resigned; the group in Georgetown still meets and they would like to have an Acton counterpart. Anyone interested was asked to pass on their thoughts to Glen Gray, Anne Pickering, Harold Townsley or Liz Binsfeld.

The role of the committee: planning, policy, programs, personnel, and philosophy, the recreation staff recited.

divided into three categories. Children four to six years were to color Santa Claus in the Christmas stocking. Youngsters seven to ten years old were asked to color the three wise men in the star, and those 11 to 13 were asked to draw a picture of something they saw in the Santa Claus parade, or other Christmas scene.

This format was changed greatly from last year's one picture for all. More than one child in the family posed problems when only one copy of the paper was around, and the judge, Santa Claus, found it difficult to judge the winners when such a wide variety of ages colored the same picture.

Entries are still welcome from any children falling into any of these three age groups, living in the Free Press coverage area, including Rockwood, Limehouse, Eden Mills, Balfinford and Speyside.

Entries can be sent to "Christmas Coloring Contest" c/o The Acton Free Press, Box 120, Acton, Ontario.

For those missing last week's paper, the entries have been published elsewhere in this week's Free Press. This will be the last chance to cut the drawings out.

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