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—Rod Lamb, Milton Champion

HOPING TO ENTER their aircraft in the world aerobatic flying championship in Oshkosh, Wisc., are area pilots Gord Price (in cockpit) of Belfountain and Glenn Biederman of Milton. The two are raising funds for the

Canadian team. Mr. Price will be one of the five flyers which Canada will be able to enter and Mr. Biederman is the team's fund-raising chairman.

## Boyhood experience results in pilot raising funds for team

By Rod Lamb  
A childhood experience is responsible for Glenn Biederman's success as an aerobatic flyer.

The 46-year-old father of two said he had his first ride when he was eight.

"A friend of my father flew in to hunt with us," the Pembroke native said.

He gave Mr. Biederman a lift.

"I was thrilled," he said. "Ever since then, I always wanted to fly." It wasn't until 1970 he was able to put enough time and money together to go for his pilot's license.

The president of King Presticides in Campbell-

ville started taking flying lessons at Mount Hope Airport in Hamilton.

In 1971 he acquired his license and a Chipmunk, a military trainer.

The RCAF was dispensing with the aircraft and Mr. Biederman was able to purchase one.

"That really got me going in aerobatics... it was an aerobatic aircraft."

Handling the aircraft whetted his taste for more training.

Mr. Biederman went to Florida for expert instruction in aerobatic flying.

Aerobatic or aerobatic flying as an air force flyer would call it, is doing various aerial manoeuvres of varying difficulty.

Similar to stunt flying, aerobatic manoeuvres are done in a defined space and judged by experts.

Mr. Biederman joined Aerobatics Canada, the Canadian association. He competed for the first time in 1976.

Deciding the Chipmunk was no longer adequate, he moved up to a Belgian Stampe, a biplane with two sets of wings.

Bought in pieces from a barn north of Kitchener, the aircraft was restored by Wat Martin of Milton.

As in boating, so with planes, Mr. Biederman said he wanted to move up to something better.

Selling the Stampe to Roger Hadfield of Milton, Mr. Biederman went into

partnership with Gord Price of Belfountain for a Pitts Special, a biplane specially constructed for aerobatic flying.

"A partnership is a satisfactory arrangement," Mr. Biederman said. "You can split your costs."

"At competitions, you can fly the aircraft. And then your partner can use it."

Although Mr. Price had built the aircraft himself, special refinements have put the price tag around \$30,000.

Joking, Mr. Biederman said, "The difference between man and boys can be told by the price of their toys."

Using the aircraft in the Canadian champion-

ship at Centralia, about 40 miles north of London, Ont. Aug. 24, Mr. Biederman captured the top trophies in the open and national sportsmen divisions.

Mr. Price who flies in the top category, was awarded the national and open trophies in the unlimited division.

The two are among the aerobatic flyers carrying out fund raising activities to send a Canadian team to the world championships in Oshkosh, Wis., next August.

Held once every two years, this is the first time the championship has been held in North America.

Mr. Biederman said the reason is most aero-

batic flying is done in Europe.

The Czechs are reigning champs. However, he expects the Americans to make a strong bid since the competition is on home ground.

The Canucks are going to be competing against Commonwealth nations, European countries and the Russians as well as flyers from South America.

Mr. Biederman is fund raising chairman.

He said any donations sent to P.O. Box 99, Campbellville, Ont., will receive a registered receipt which is tax deductible.

Besides the flyers who will be making the trek,

will be the ground crew.

Mr. Price who is an Air Canada pilot will be one of the competitors. His colleagues will be Gerry Younger of Kitchener who runs an aerobatic flying school, Frank Jenkinson, a Toronto electrician and Bill Kennedy, an Air Canada pilot from St. Lazare, Que.

Mr. Biederman said a country is allowed five flyers. The fifth position hasn't been decided.

## At region

# Equalized rates pass

By Jim Robinson

Halton Regional Council has agreed to commence equalized water and sewer billing Jan. 1, 1980.

This was accomplished after some four hours' debate, a tie vote broken by chairman Jack Raftis, and pleas from several councillors for unity among the council instead of parochialism.

It is also going to be costly despite a special grant to help cushion the blow of the increase for the next two years.

The provincial grant of \$1,886,788 is designed to cover up to five years of phasing in equal water and sewer rates for all the ratepayers in the region. It will not do much to stave off a 1982 increase of 25 per cent for water and 15 per cent for sewers.

As it is, the actual cost of water and sewage will be going up but, this is to be offset by the use of the provincial monies, according to regional treasurer Don Farmer.

This does not appear to be borne out in Mr. Farmer's figures as introduced to council last Wednesday at a special meeting to discuss equalization.

Using Milton as an example, the present rate to a homeowner with a one-inch water pipe is \$3.75 for 1,000 gallons.

In 1980 this will decrease to \$3.59/1,000 gallons with the grant money and will rise to \$4.10/1,000 gallons although the special funding will still be in effect.

In 1982 that grant runs out. The average Milton ratepayer will then be paying \$5.90/1,000 gallons and in 1983 that will rise

again to \$6.41/1,000 gallons.

Milton will get a break in terms of special assistance grants to supplement sewer charges although the charge to the consumer will increase yearly.

Using a Milton homeowner on a one-inch pipe as an example, the 1980 and 1981 impact will be lessened by use of the provincial grant.

In 1982 there will be a 15 per cent increase expected but Milton and Burlington will continue to receive special assistance grant aid.

In 1980 for Milton, the sewer rate will be \$6.30/1,000 gallons; 1981, \$6.67/1,000 gallons; 1982 (with increase cut by

grant) \$8.15/1,000 gallons; and 1983, \$8.52/1,000 gallons.

Regional councillors agreed with Mr. Farmer to institute a public relations campaign to let ratepayers know about what equalization means and the costs.

They have also recognized that some sectors of the water and sewer users in the region are going to be disadvantaged financially under the equalization system.

A consultant will be brought in to help identify the problem areas for councillors in hopes the problems can be ironed out before the Jan. 1, 1980, implementation date. His

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## Milton Brick plant reopens

By Jim Robinson

Seventy-five new jobs will be created locally when Milton Brick Co. Ltd. is re-opened in the next few weeks.

The brick-manufacturing was recently purchased by Pe Ben Oilfields Ltd., Edmonton, and is backed by \$5 million in financing.

About half of this will go to the construction of a new brick kiln which the firm wants to get in operation this year. That will allow a substantial quantity of new brick to be readied for the 1980 construction season.

Milton Mayor Don Gordon told The Champion the

new owners of the brickyard approached the town in June looking for Milton's support.

Mr. Gordon said the company has proved easy to work with and has also offered to help solve a problem for Halton Region.

The company will let the region use the mined-out clay pit on the Milton Brick Co. lands for disposal of brick and concrete rubble.

Currently, the region has no site although it has been looking.

Grant Bigelow, president of the Pe Ben Oilfield, announced purchase of the outstanding shares of the

former owners after it offered 45 cents per share. Provincial purchase approval was given last week under the Ontario Business Corporations Act.

The plant has been closed for about three years, Mr. Gordon said he is happy.

"We will have Milton Brick back on the market. Milton Brick is known throughout North America as the finest you can buy."

"Now the British say theirs is better, but I have Milton brick on my home and it still looks just like new."

"There's something special about that clay they use," he said.

## Engineer says

# Space: It's closer than work

By Linda Kirby

It takes less time to travel into orbit, than most people spend going to and from work, an indication of how rapidly space technology is advancing, says J. Alan Wright, an engineer with Rockwell International Space Systems Group.

Mr. Wright is in Milton today, (Wednesday) to speak on the development of Rockwell's space shuttle to be launched by NASA later this year from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

His visit coincides with the presentation by Rockwell International of Canada of a sneak preview of a space shuttle launching.

"I like to look at space as a new frontier," said the California engineer.

The shuttle created by the company's Space Systems Group, represents the first reusable space vehicle to be constructed.

"It is part of the evolution of the space program. In the past, all vehicles used were expendable. This shuttle will now enable man to run back and forth to the moon," he explained.

According to Mr. Wright, North American space development is "away ahead of the Russians" because of highly advanced computer technology.

Rockwell International's involvement in the space program began in 1958, when the firm acquired North American Aviation Co.

The aviation com-

pany, famous for its wartime bombers, was the first to design and construct space rockets.

Rockwell International this year celebrates the 10th anniversary of the first lunar landing.

Mr. Wright, who is directly responsible for the design of the environmental thermal control of the space shuttle said he feels it is important the public understand what is being done in space technology.

"It is time we put in a good word for the space program," he said. Enthusiasm over the idea had died over the past few years.

Mr. Wright has been with the engineering department of the Space Systems Group, Rock-

well International, since 1955 in various capacities including manager of the engineering information centre; supervisor of systems engineering; and project engineer at the Apollo launch site in Florida.

Today, local residents have an opportunity to view the sound-and-sight presentation, "Rock-

well...In the Beginning."

The computer-operated show which uses 12 projectors, three screens and a "sens-a-round" sound system, is currently touring Rockwell plants throughout the nation.

The presentation is described as a tribute to Rockwell's 15,000 em-

ployees, working directly on components for the space program and others working in spin-off developments.

The seven scheduled shows run today and this evening at the Senior Auditorium, Ernest C. Drury School, 255 Ontario St. There is no admission charge and the show is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

## Jelinek named assistant

Halton MP Otto Jelinek has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to Transport Minister Don Mazankowski.

The announcement was made on the weekend by Prime Minister Joe Clark. Mr. Jelinek was one of 22 Progressive Conservative members

named to secretarial posts.

In the House of Commons, the Parliamentary Secretary is empowered to answer questions if his minister is away on business. The PS is also allowed to make speeches for the Minister.

The post brings a \$5,600 salary increase to the \$11,300 Mr. Jelinek already makes as MP.

Mr. Jelinek took his seat in the House of Commons yesterday as Parliament came back into session after an absence of more than six months.



Photo by GEORGE TANSLEY

WATERFOWL, such as this bluewing teal held by Martin Wernaart, banded at Mountsberg Conservation Area turn up all across the northern and southern hemispheres. Wernaart, supervisor of the bird-banding operation at Mountsberg, is now

able to use a computerized cataloging system to identify birds banded there and across the country. Mountsberg is said to be one of the top 10 birdbanding operations in North America. For more on the operation, see pg. 10.