

A 38-year-old Milton resident died when the ultralight aircraft crashed last Sunday. The machine clipped a television antenna and crashed into a tree. (Staff photo by Jon Borgstrom)

Planning growth is key for the future of Milton

By LINDA KIRBY
Staff Writer

Meeting the changing needs of the people, plotting a strategy for a growing community—these are among the most important goals of Milton's new clerk-administrator, Roy Main.

The position is an onerous one—essentially he is manager and co-ordinator for the business of the town, which means he oversees the workings of every department, attends all committee and council meetings and assists in major policy decisions.

He does not vote at council meetings but is present to answer questions on proposals and plans submitted by town staff.

It is a job he tackles with enthusiasm and pride.

"I am not a profit and loss person, I like to think I am people oriented," he said recently during an interview.

His entrance into municipal government has been more of a happy accident than by design.

Born in Hamilton and raised in Pelham, he enrolled at the University of Windsor in 1970, majoring in history.

History Nut

He admits he is a history nut, but one year after starting university he changed his mind and opted for an honors business degree after concluding history might not get him a job.

He graduated in June of 1973 and returned home, unemployed.

He describes it as fate, that at the time the Town of Pelham was looking for an assistant to the clerk.

He got the job and four months later made his debut in the world of municipal politics.

By June of 1977 however, he had come as far as possible with the position and began seeking out new opportunities.

By this time he knew he liked what he was doing but wanted a fresh challenge.

When he saw the job of deputy clerk for the Town of Milton advertised, he applied immediately.

He was not entirely familiar with the community (he got lost trying to find this way into the town on the day of the interview) but he felt there would be tremendous satisfaction working in an area that was growing in leaps and bounds.

"As a deputy clerk, I derived a lot of satisfaction from local government.

"I had a chance to see the community grow and change and have an impact on those changes," he explained.

He augmented his university education

with a further diploma in public administration (University of Western Ontario) and also attended Syracuse University for a local government course.

He serves on a provincial education committee to foster the educational advancement of municipal employees and for the past three years has taught a municipal government evening course at MacMaster University.

"I enjoy teaching—I like being able to give back what I have learned," he said, adding he feels adult education brings together people with education and experience in a variety of fields.

Job Goal

The position of town administrator was something Roy Main set his sights on soon after he began in Milton.

"I wanted an organization of my own... I wanted to see certain ideas come to light," he explained.

"I would also like to return some of the positive things this job has given me."

He emphasized that his job is not something that can be accomplished single handedly.

"There are a lot of terrific people here," he said of the town staff.

"I could not do it alone and I see my position as leading a team, rather than directing it. I don't see myself as El Presidente," he quipped with a smile.

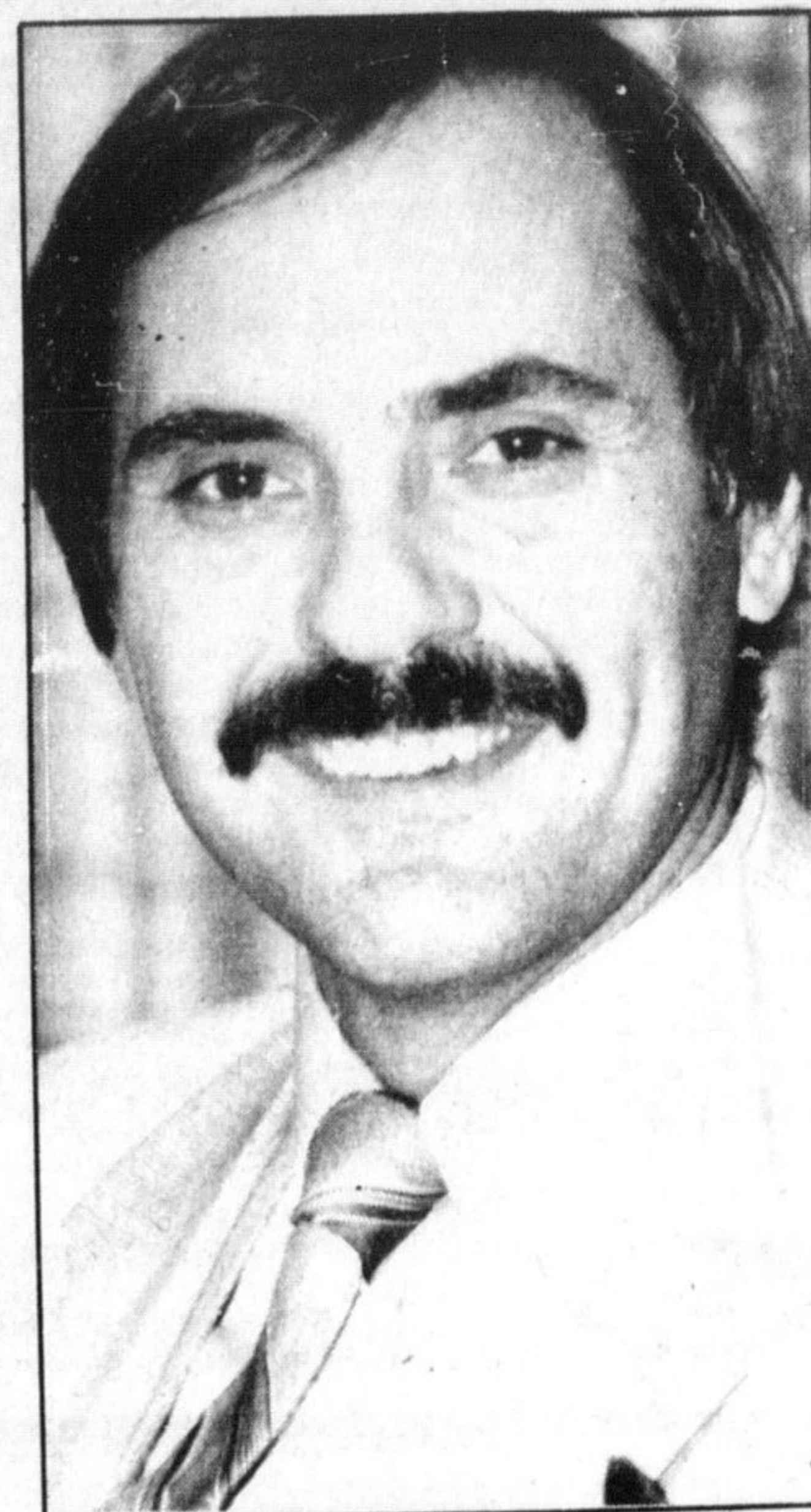
Milton presently enjoys a good nucleus that has carried the town through its high growth period," he said.

Local government, he feels, should be designed to meet the changing needs of the community.

He is concerned that the town provides its people with the right lifestyle, proper facilities and the "most suitable character."

With the population edging over 30,000 Milton can no longer be conceived as a small town, according to Mr. Main.

"Personally I have difficulty keeping it a small town... I would sooner have it



Roy Main

medium sized with big town ambitions, but it is an error to characterize it as a small town."

He does not envision the community going through another tremendous growth spurt as it experienced in the past few years.

He is confident the town will retain a very special flavor all of its own.

"Milton will have a character that is both desirable and unique," he said.

For flying victim

Funeral is today

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Most of the time Mr. Rankin flew from bluffs in the vicinity, and had taken off from his home on only a few occasions.

Sunday was one such day when he decided to fly near his home.

Mr. Rankin, who was unemployed at the time of his accident, was a former employee of Rockwell International in Milton.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sisters Martha Hickey of Delta, Bonnie Laurienzo of Brampton, Sandra McMullan of Aberfoyle, Debra Dobbie of Milton, Janet Curtis of Athens, Stephanie Jenkinson of Prescott and a brother, Albert Burkholder of Binbrook.

A funeral service will be held today at 1 p.m.

Water bill hike is \$16

Using toilets and bathtubs in Milton is going to cost residents another \$16 a year in 1984 if preliminary utility budgets unveiled for a regional committee last week are approved.

Members of the planning and public works committee were given their first look at proposed budgets for the water, sewer, solid waste and industrial abatement system.

If the proposed budgets are approved by regional council, residents will see their annual bills for water and sewer services rise to an average \$220 a year. In Milton this will be an increase of approximately \$16.

Regional treasurer Joe Rinaldo told com-

mittee members in order to reduce the rate increase by \$2, they would have to cut \$212,000 from the proposed budgets of \$25.9 million.

Mr. Rinaldo said the average rate increase across the region will be 5.9 per cent, following budget guidelines laid down by council.

Public works director Bob Moore told members "I'm satisfied with the budget we've been given in terms of operating the system," but warned there is still a need to replace some older facilities which are costing more every year to maintain.

Corn prices pop but supplies drop

By JANE MULLER
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Local corn growers are making from \$50 to \$65 more per tonne for their crop this year than last despite late planting.

In 1982, a bumper crop in the United States held prices to as low as \$85 per tonne in Canada. In reaction to the glut, President Ronald Reagan instigated a Payment in Kind (PIK) program.

Crop farmers participating in the program allowed some of their fields to be idle in exchange for portions of the 1982 crop still in storage. What the president had not

counted on was a drought and low crop yield this year in the U.S.

The result has been good news for Canadian farmers. Locally, however, some farmers did not plant corn this season. An extremely wet spring kept machinery off the fields until the first and second week of June.

Those who did plant earlier, according to Halton Ag Rep. Henry Stanley.

The yield varied throughout Halton depending on when the crop was planted, he added.

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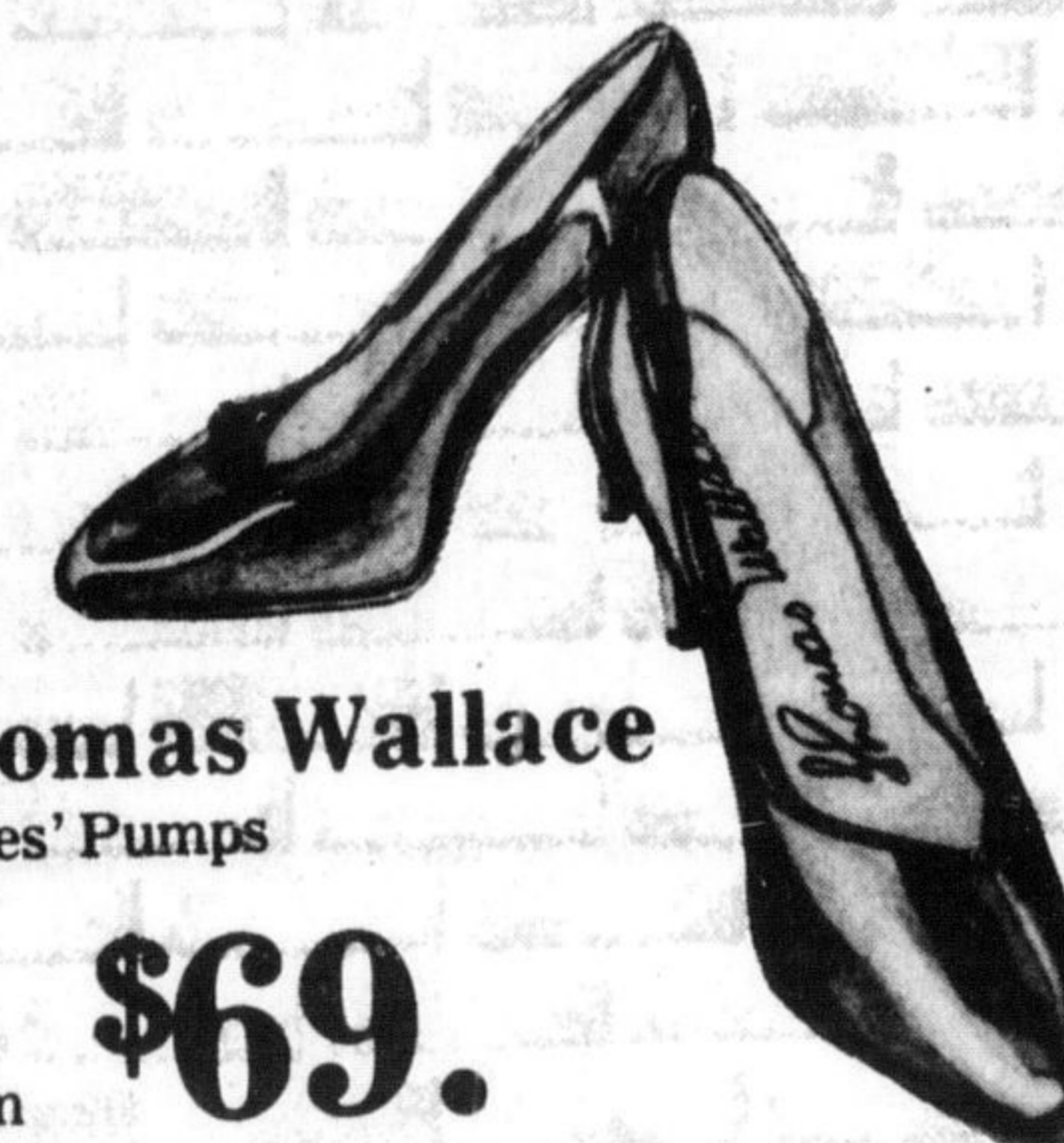
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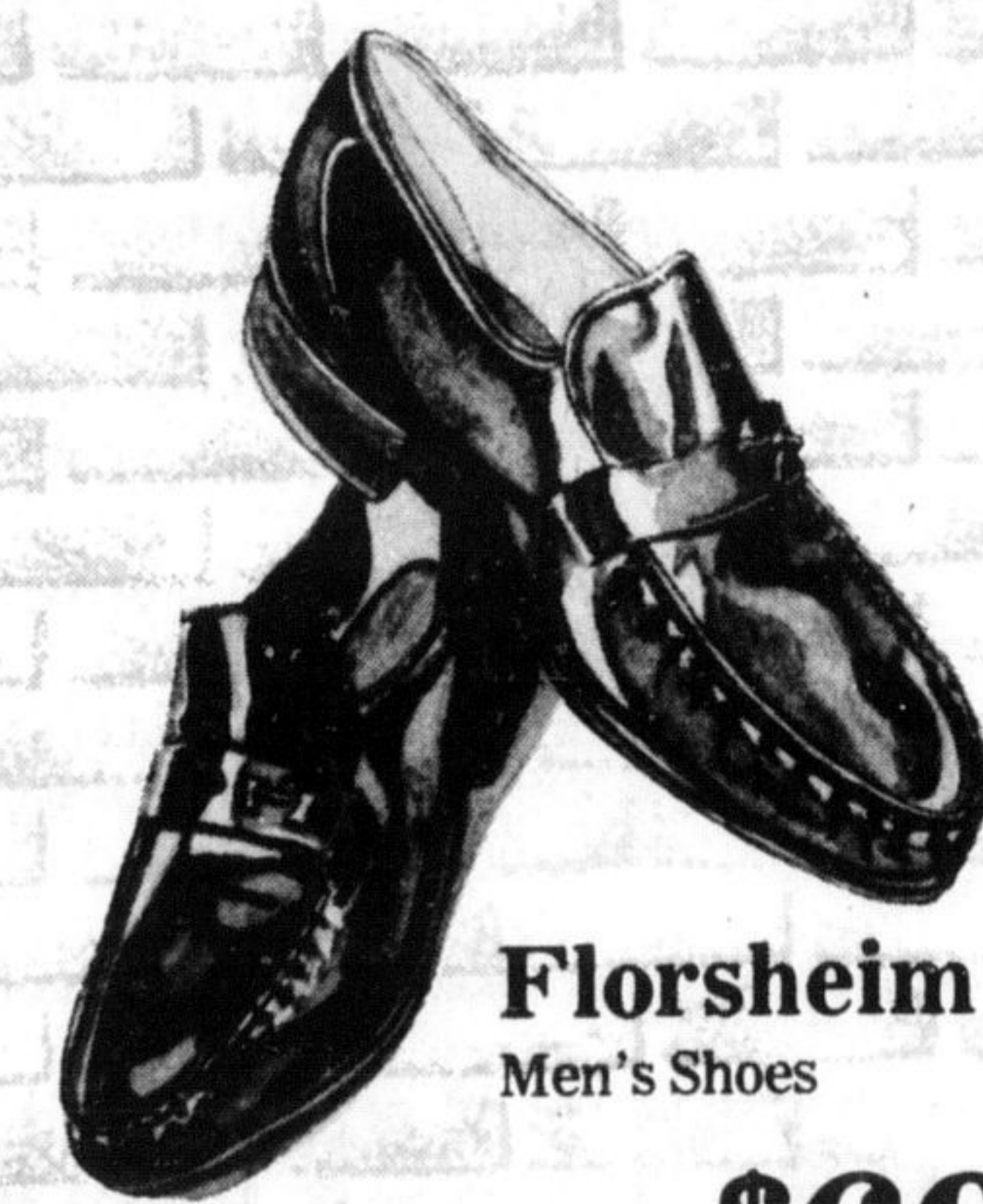
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