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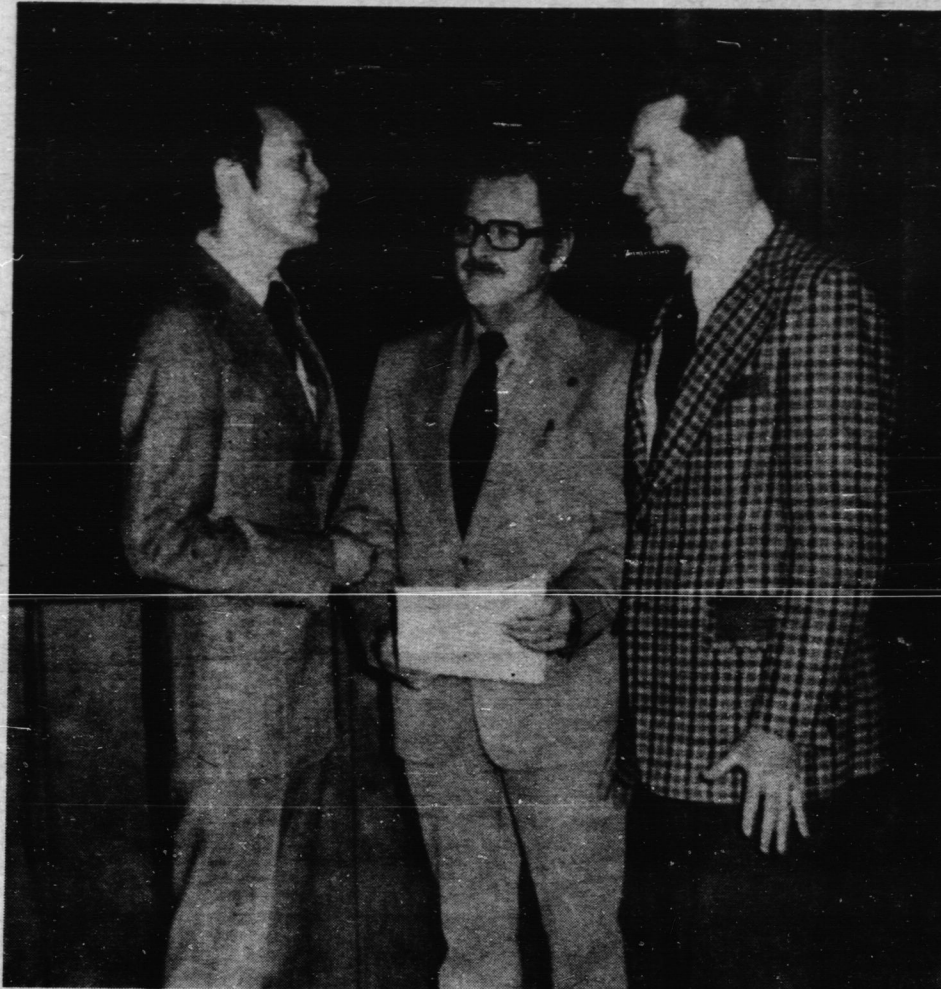
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Robert Wong, left, and Earl McConachie, middle, discuss the liberal constitution. (Photo by Trisha Banks)

Liberal association founded

By Trisha Banks

Go and run like mad, was the message Robert Wong, president of the Toronto and district liberal association, brought to the inaugural meeting for the new Haldimand-Norfolk liberal riding.

Mr. Wong told about 17 liberals who attended the meeting at Jarvis community centre. "If we wait until the distribution act is passed, we could be caught with our pants down. Let's get our ridings founded, our nominations done, our candidates elected, and let's get going."

Commenting on the smallness of the audience, Mr. Wong told the members, "You must build up your membership and become an active fighting force. You should be thinking of a campaign manager who can start things rolling, and a communications manager to keep your local press informed."

Mr. Wong outlined the reasons why there could possibly be an October election. "Take a long look at the last set of polls. The Tories are way down at the bottom, and they won't call an early election unless these polls should change. Davis has told his people in 32 areas to hold off and wait for a while."

On the other hand, Mr.

Wong said, Davis has made several policy announcements in the last few months.

"Darcy McKeough has just come out with a budget, and Davis has taken a stand on the energy question. Davis has also been on radio and in the media quite a bit lately. The Tories have booked television time for spring, and the chief electoral officer has stated that he won't be ready until June. Davis is doing everything possible to try and make it a June election, but he is waiting for the next set of polls. The Tories might take a gamble on a June election if the polls are good."

Haldimand-Norfolk Liberal Association president Earl McConachie, told the audience that there will be "a new era of liberalism in a new riding. We did not suffer as much as some other ridings in the redistribution act — we lost south and north Walsingham — but this gives us a much more compact riding."

Mr. McConachie said, "We must remind our friends of the lack of concern for the individual as evidenced by the Conservative administration. Mr. Nixon has repeatedly emphasized that responsibility must go back into the hands of local people. Bigness is certainly

not effective, certainly not efficient, and definitely not cheaper."

Mr. McConachie told the liberals, who met last Wednesday night, that "Polls clearly indicate that Bob Nixon is gaining ground in Ontario while the power of the Conservatives slowly slips away. We must resolve now that in the forthcoming election, things in this riding will be much different."

The Liberals also elected their new executive at that meeting. They are as follows: Past President, John Pow; President, Earl McConachie; first vice-president, Robert Bell; second vice-president, Gladys Pearson; third vice-president, Mrs. Helen Jackson; Secretary, Jim Gonder; Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Knechtel.

A candidate meeting will be held June 16.

Knowles visits Italy

The Member of Parliament for Norfolk-Haldimand, Bill Knowles, has been chosen by Parliament to be one of two M.P.s to accompany the Minister of Veterans' Affairs, the Hon. Daniel MacDonald, on a commemorative visit to the Canadian War Cemeteries in Italy. Dr. Vic. Ralston, M.P. for Welland, will be the other Member to complete the Official Party to lead a rather large group of veterans.

The entire party will number over 200 and will include representatives from every unit of the Canadian Forces which participated in the Italian Campaign. Miss Nancy Kennedy-Reid, former President of the Nursing Sisters Association of Canada and now living in Simcoe, will be with the group. Mr. Holbrook from Tillsonburg is another local person chosen for this trip, which will leave Canada April 20th and 21st and return May 3rd.

The Minister, a double amputee, is a veteran of the Italian Campaign where he lost an arm and a leg. He has long had an ambition to lead a pilgrimage to the cemeteries where many Canadians are buried. This will be the first time the Italian Government has welcomed such a commemorative tour.

Delhi man escapes death

By Richard Houghton

A Delhi man was severely burned, last Thursday when a crop dusting plane he was flying crashed in a field near Hagersville.

Philip Wyndels, 22, of Delhi was preparing to spray a field when the 1970 Piper, which he was flying for Norfolk Aerial Spraying Ltd., struck a tree, and exploded on the ground.

Mr. Wyndels is recovering in the Burn Unit of Hamilton General Hospital from second degree burns to his hands, arms and face.

Jackie Carl, 11, who lives on the farm closest to where the crash happened was just getting home from Walpole North Public School around 4 p.m. when she began watching two planes that were flying overhead.

"The two planes were flying around and one went further up the street," said

Jackie. "The other plane flew towards the bush really low, then it turned and came back towards the field. As it was coming down over the bush, it hit a tree, tumbled over, hit the ground and exploded."

At the time of the crash, Mr. Wyndels was carrying about 1000 pounds of nitrogen, fertilizer. The nitrogen acted like dynamite when the plane crashed.

Firemen and rescue workers arrived on the scene about 20 minutes after the crash happened. The plane crashed in a field owned by Otto Crone.

Mr. Wyndels pulled himself out of the burning wreckage just in time. Seconds later Jackie Carl saw a white helmet moving near the plane and then it burst into a big ball of flames.



This is the remains of an aeroplane that crashed in a field near Hagersville in which a Delhi man was severely burned last Thursday.

Easter seals

The Easter Seal committee of the Jarvis Lions Club is pleased to report that contributions amounted to \$1,659 which is \$33 over the quota set for this area.

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