

Out Of Fuel, Plane Crash Lands On Hochreiter Gardens

A North York family of five escaped with minor injuries Sunday evening when their small amphibious plane ran out of fuel while returning from a flight to Muskoka and crash landed a few yards from the edge of the Holland river on Hochreiter's new garden development.

The pilot, Clifford T. Bolton, 36, attempted to land the disabled aircraft, borrowed from a friend, on the river but misjudged the height of a dike and crashed into it. The plane flopped over on its top. His wife, Millicent, 35, and youngest daughter, Patricia, five, were thrown from the wreckage. The other two daughters, Lee, 10, and Dianne, eight, were suspended by their safety belts.

Mrs. Bolton suffered fractures to two ribs and minor cuts. The father and the two older girls received cuts and bruises and suffered from shock. They were taken to York County hospital at Newmarket and released after treatment. It was Bolton's first mishap in 17 years of flying.

The family escaped possible death by drowning when the aircraft, skidding along the mud upside down, came to rest dangerously close to the river's edge. Those still inside the plane managed to crawl from the wreckage. Only the softness of the marsh spared the mother and the youngest child from more serious hurt.