



PHOTOGRAPHS from the first round of the Acton Tennis Club tournament played Saturday afternoon at the courts behind the community centre. Jim Lindsay, Joanne Marks, Eldon Comfort and Bob Bruce display their proficiency at the game. Story on sports pages.

Town has new deputy engineer

The town has a new deputy engineer and the man chosen to fill the role will be arriving in Halton Hills on October 20.

Ted Ballinger, who was officially offered the job in mid-September, informed the town by letter this week that he will accept the position.

Ballinger, who graduated in engineering from the University of Waterloo in 1972, will fill a vacancy which has existed since last July when former deputy engineer Robert Austin was promoted to engineer to replace Peter

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Halton Hills hires third treasurer in 22 months

Halton Hills council is replacing treasurer Harry Henderson, who is leaving this week to work for Oakville, with Henderson's former Chinguacousy township boss, Raymond King.

At a special meeting Monday night council decided to hire King, who is currently working for the Region of Peel.

Councillor Ric Morrow opposed the hiring of King because he said there were many other people who applied for the treasurer's job who had better educational backgrounds.

Morrow noted the last year of the Certified General Accountant program is the most difficult. He said King was going to be taking his last four courses in the program this year.

Councillor Harry Levy said that each of the 21 applicants for the treasurer's job had been carefully screened. Most of the candidates for the job were already making much more than the town could afford to pay, and wouldn't have left their present positions to come to Halton Hills for a pay decrease.

He said the personnel committee interviewed four applicants and that each interview lasted an hour. Levy added the four applicants were each required to answer 45 questions "which gave us a good idea of their background, abilities and municipal experience."

Levy pointed out King is taking a drop in pay to come to Halton Hills and that he has vast experience in municipal

work. "He was treasurer at Chinguacousy when our present treasurer was there and Harry worked for him," Levy stated.

He reminded councillors that on the surface other applicants might appear to be more qualified from an educational standpoint but that the town either couldn't afford the others or else they didn't have any municipal experience.

Councillor Pat McKenzie said that King was the treasurer in Chinguacousy when the township was going through a difficult period just prior to regional government in Peel and that he had proved he has ability.

"We did consider another man for a time but we all agreed King can carry on the things Harry has started here in the last nine months. They know each other, have worked together, and Harry and Raymond will compliment each other," he explained.

Councillor Ern Hyde said he didn't really care about a person's long list of degrees and noted most people realize that practical experience and proven ability are more valuable.

He said it would be hard for anyone to fill Henderson's shoes but that King appeared to be the man who could best fill the bill.

King, 33, a resident of Caledon East, joined the staff of Chinguacousy Township in 1964 and became treasurer two years later. Before becoming deputy treasurer for Chinguacousy in 1965 he spent

a year performing various accounting duties for the township. He was treasurer in Chinguacousy for eight years.

When Chinguacousy disappeared in 1974 because of regional government King moved over to the region and became its chief accountant.

From 1958 until 1963 Halton Hills' new treasurer was first the clerk for board administration and later board accountant for the Central Peel District High School Board.

His educational background includes completion of the three year International Accountants Society program which delved into ac-

counting, economics and office management.

In addition he successfully completed a three year Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Training Course at Queen's University and has completed 10 of 14 credits in the Certified General Account program.

King becomes Halton Hills third treasurer in the 22 month history of the town.

Halton Hills' first treasurer Lloyd Peterson resigned in June of 1974 to return to his native New Brunswick. He served as the town's treasurer for only six months and before that had been the trea-

surer for Georgetown for four years.

Harry Henderson became the town's second treasurer in August 1974. He resigned

the position last month and it is effective this Saturday. He previously worked for Peel Region, the City of Brampton and Chinguacousy Township.

Who is leaving town?

Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill told council Monday he has received another resignation from a town employee and that councillors will find out who is leaving next this weekend.

Mayor Hill made the announcement after council had decided to hire Raymond King to replace Treasurer Harry Henderson who has resigned.

Open house at fire hall

Fire Prevention week is next week, from October 5 to 11. Acton Fire Chief Mick Holmes says school children and adults alike are welcome to visit the firehall and inspect the trucks and other equipment during this time.

Someone will be there to answer any questions. Films will not be shown in the firehall this year.

The Fire Chief also says that he will inspect any home for fire hazards upon request. This service is open all year round, but a special week for fire prevention might spark more interest in the community.

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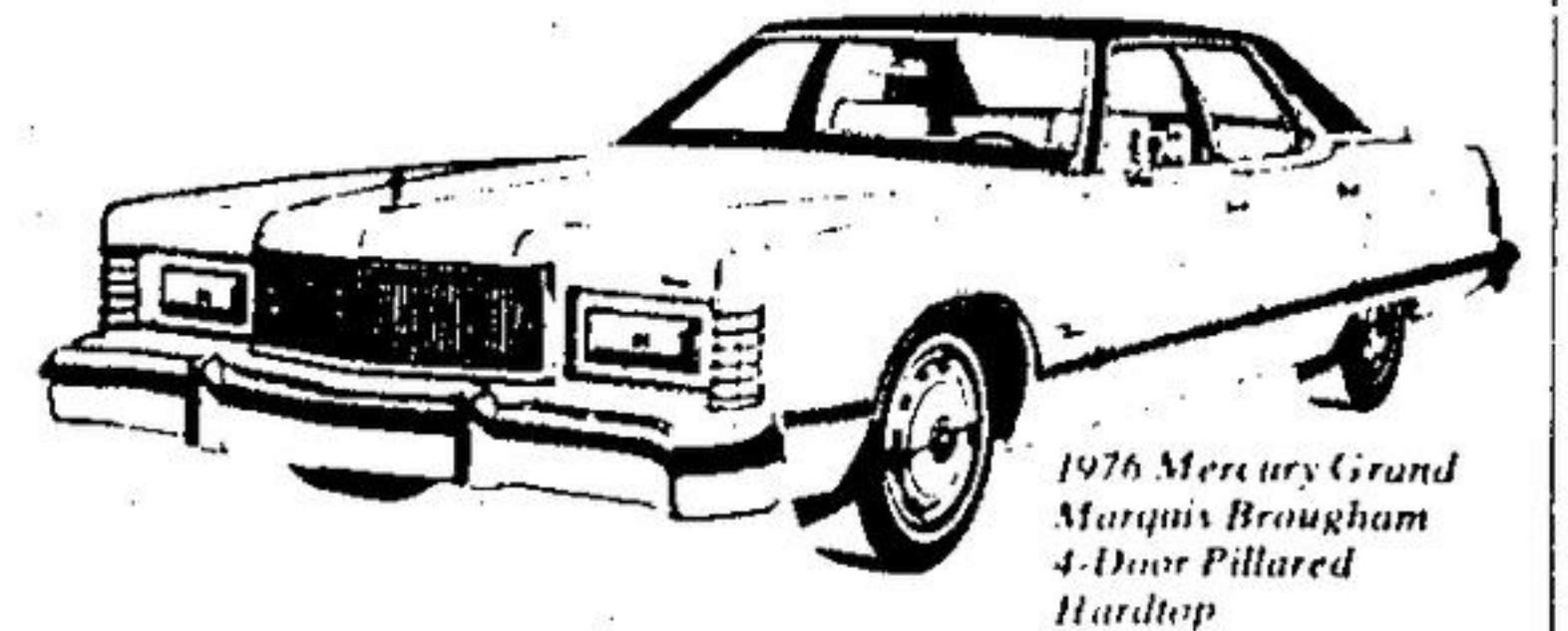
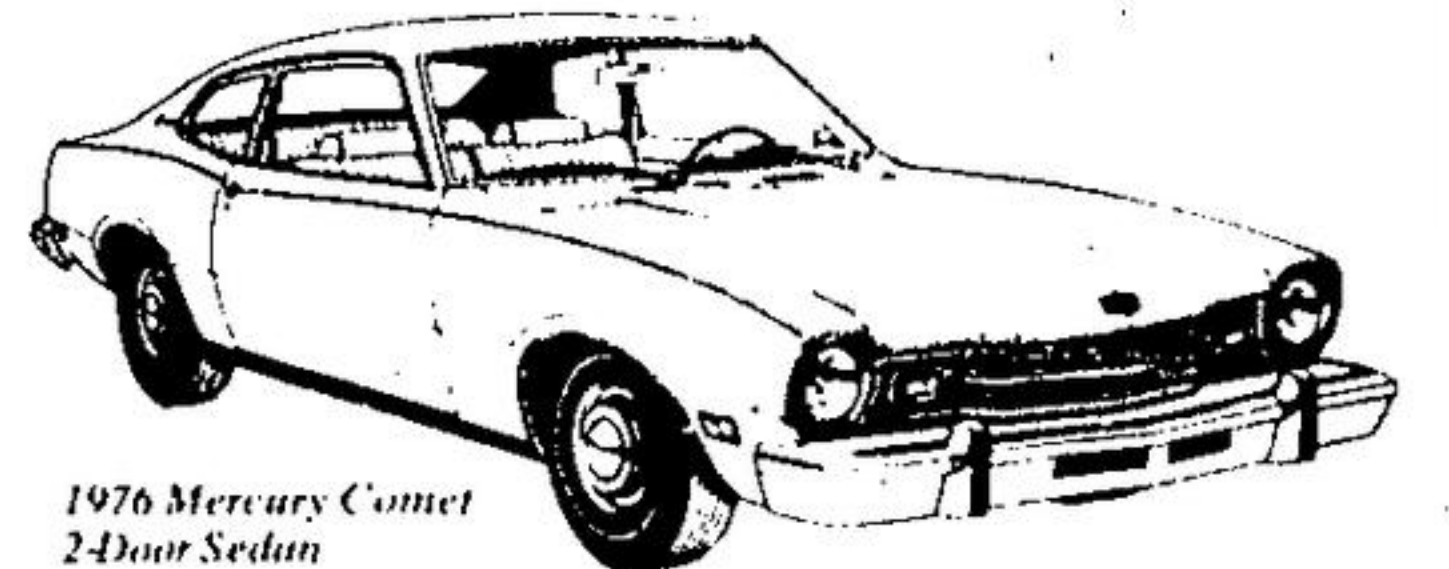
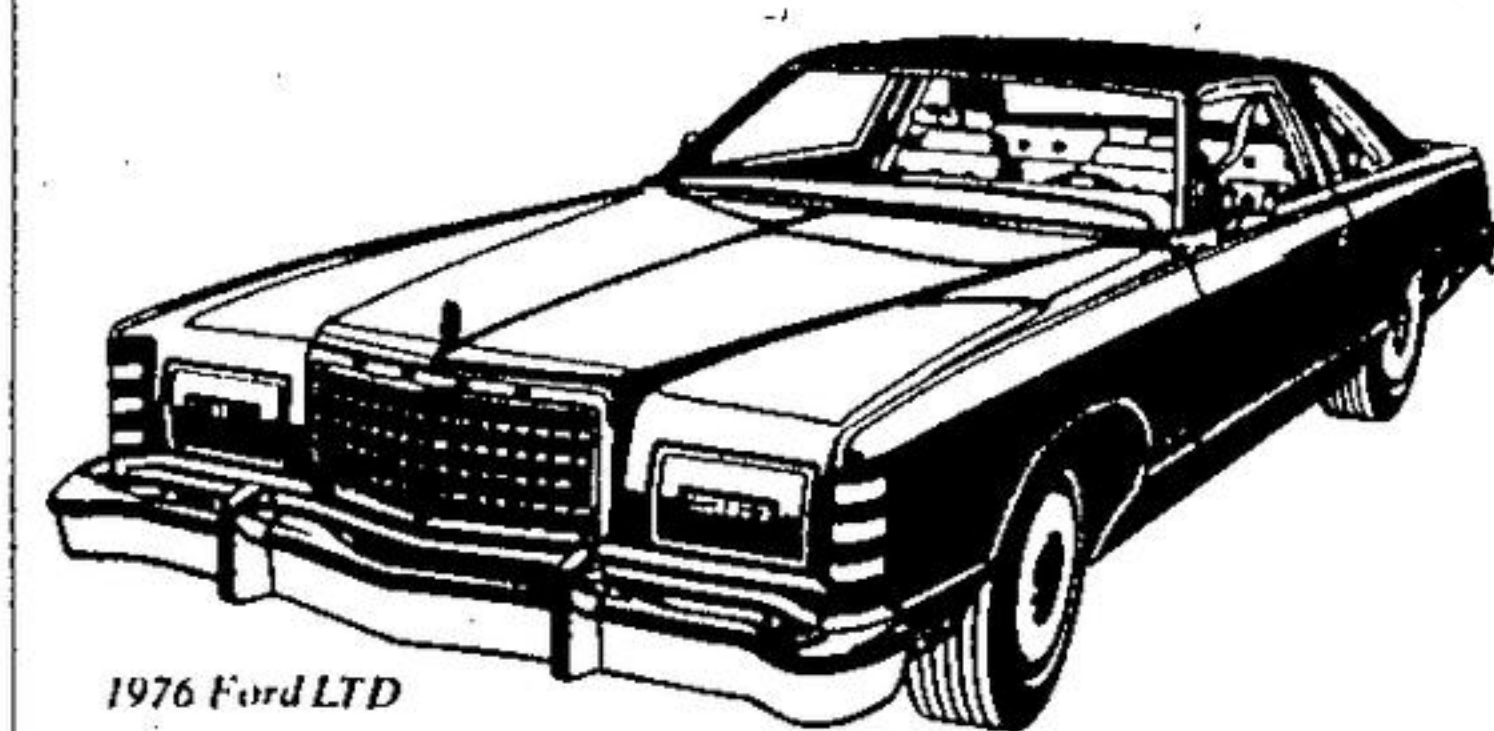
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