



BUMP was built across Mill St. W. Thursday in an attempt to prevent water from running down Cameron Ave. Flooding has been a problem there since the road was paved. Second coat of paving is planned for Mill and that should solve the problem, says the works department. Here, a truck bangs over the bump.

Phone rings for police but clerk, sergeant are away

Two banks had no luck in getting any response from the Acton police station to at least eight phone calls made during office hours on Monday and Tuesday.

A survey of all four banks in Acton, carried out on Tuesday, found that the Bank of Nova Scotia and another bank, called the 878-5511 number, asked for extension 294 (Acton) and got no answer from that office.

Halt Regional Police Sgt. Richard Hilton took Monday and Tuesday as his days off, and clerk Doris Townsley is on vacation this week. They normally staff the Acton office during the day.

None of the calls were of an emergency nature.

"The phone would ring seven or eight times and a girl would cut in and say there was no reply", Bank of Nova Scotia accountant Bob Morin said. Mr. Morin is replacing the vacationing manager R. R. Devlin.

Mr. Morin said that he started phoning Monday at about 9 a.m. and added that he tried five or six times in 90 minutes.

Mr. Morin, who usually

does not make the calls, eventually left a message with a girl who cut in on the line. A bank clerk said that service in the last two weeks has been good.

A spokesman for a second bank, which does not wish to be identified, said: "A couple of calls were made yesterday (Monday) and one made today (Tuesday) and there was no response."

A spokesman for the Bank of Commerce would make no comment when asked, as all banks were, if he had any reason to call the Halt Regional Police in the last two weeks and what kind of response he had. He is replacing the vacationing manager C. Hartwig and has been in town since last Thursday.

Toronto-Dominion Bank manager J. P. Bumstead said that he had no reason to phone the police in the last two weeks.

Alarm sounded

A police officer arrived at the Toronto-Dominion Bank after its alarm sounded Tuesday morning. The alarm may have been triggered by a short.

The Halt officer and Staff

Sgt. Roy Wilkinson arrived at the Acton precinct at 10 a.m., and the staff sergeant. He also said, at nearly 11 a.m., that they would be leaving shortly. The bank alarm went off while they were in the office.

Staff Sgt. Wilkinson also said that one citizen called to Georgetown from Acton Monday at about 11 a.m.

Halt constable Garry George, newly attached to Acton, and a Milton based officer Cons Smith worked the day shift here Monday and Tuesday.

Halt Regional Police Superintendent Floyd Schwartz said Tuesday afternoon, in a phone interview, that it is usual for someone to be in the Acton police station during the day.

Superintendent Schwartz said that Sgt. Hilton had taken Monday and Tuesday as his days off and that the sergeant would be on duty today (Wednesday).

On vacation

The police station's office clerk, Mrs. Townsley, is on vacation this week, said the superintendent.

"The only difference is that there is no one sitting in the office today", superintendent Schwartz said.

The superintendent stressed that an emergency call on the first half of this week would get just as fast a response as at any other time.

The superintendent emphasized that there were no cruisers on patrol in the area. "There is not a chance at all, that there would be no officer in town", superintendent Schwartz said.

"The situation is normal. The level of service has remained constant", he said.

Free phone
In the hallway of the Acton office there is a free telephone with a direct line to this area's headquarters at Georgetown.

In the phone directory the "Police Emergency Calls" is

set in heavy type followed by the 853-1250 number. A line underneath states "If No Answer in An Emergency Call Long Distance and Ask For Zenith 50000" there is no charge. Beneath that number is the number called by the banks.

A check of the 853-1250 number Tuesday night found that the number has been disconnected, according to the operator, and that calls are handled through 416-878-5511, she said.

Announcement



JEFF COOPER
Lavish McTavish and the Golden Bear at Georgetown Chrysler Ltd. are pleased to announce the appointment of Jeff Cooper of Acton to their sales staff. Mr. Cooper has resided in Acton for the past 12 years where he attended both public and high school. Until his appointment at Geo. Chrysler, Jeff worked in Acton and is well-known throughout the district. He welcomes his friends and acquaintances to drop in and say hello and look over their next new or used vehicle.

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Samples of chain shown to committee

The finance committee of Halt Hills looked over several samples of chains of office for the mayor, Monday night, from both commercial and local artisans, before deciding to show them to a full council with the committee's choice marked. Then a selection could be made.

Prices for the chain of office ranged all the way from a low of \$250 to over \$500 depending on the metal and material used. Purchasing agent Hugh Patterson informed both commercial firms and members of the Arts and Crafts groups from Halt Hills, of the committee's ideas for the chain, incorporating the town badge.

Committee member Russell Miller, in charge of the project, showed members different samples received. He told the committee he felt they should deal only with local crafts people because

their designs and submissions appealed strongly to him more than the one commercial firm which submitted an entry. Councillors agreed.

When would the mayor wear the chain of office? committee members asked.

It would be worn at all council meetings and official functions, was the reply from

regional councillors chairman Ernie Sykes and Pat McKenzie but further protocol could be decided by council.

The committee also authorized the purchasing agent to procure samples and prices of municipal badges, tie bars, brooches, cuff links, pen and pencil sets which would make appropriate presentation to people.

Acton officer promoted

Acton police officer Constable Barry Holland was promoted this week by Halt Police Commission.

His promotion from fourth class constable to third class constable takes effect July 28 and brings with it a \$3,452.62 a year pay hike.

Constable Burrell Gailing, who was transferred last week from Acton to Burlington, was promoted to second class constable by the Police Commission.

Town equipment costs \$80,836

Halt Hills council bought trucks and equipment costing a total of \$80,836, Tuesday night, when they accepted tenders recommended by the town engineer. All items were included in the budget.

L. and L. Ford Sales Acton was awarded the bid for a passenger window van at \$5,386.80, two G.V.W. express trucks at \$9,832.70, and one G.V.W. cab and chassis at \$5,320.39. In each case only one tender was received.

G.M.C. Truck Centre, Toronto, won the bid for a G.V.W. cab, chassis and dump box at a price of \$7,778.90. Two tenders were received.

Halt Truck Sales 1967 Ltd. Milton, was awarded the tender for a 27,500 lb. G.V.W. cab chassis at a price of \$11,663. Three tenders were received.

Halt Truck Sales also won the bid on a 27,500 lb. G.V.W. cab, and chassis, complete with dump box and snow plow equipment. In this case

three tenders were received.

Duke Lawn Equipment Ltd., Burlington, will provide a tractor with hydraulic side mounted flail mower costing \$13,268. Nine tenders were submitted.

Hanover Truck Bodies Ltd., Hanover, Ont., will supply an eight cubic yard sand spreader at a cost of \$7,288.84. Four tenders were received on this one.

Most of the tenders are subject to 1977 price increases.

Legion homes

Foundations are going in this week for about a dozen more new homes in the Legion subdivision. Most of the completed homes are already sold, some of them to present Actonians.

Police pay association \$1,000 fee

Despite receiving a bill of \$1,000 for membership in the Association of Municipal Police Governing Authorities, the umbrella organization for police commissions, at least one member of Halt Police Commission thinks the regional force got a bargain this year.

Mayor Harry Barratt said Thursday's commission meeting that Halt's bill is down \$300 from last year. The commission decided to pay the bill and retain its membership in the association.

Barratt noted that while there is a maximum fee this year of \$1,000, in past years there has been a fee of \$5 for each member of the force. Both uniformed and civilian staff were levied causing large forces such as Halt's to feel the pinch.

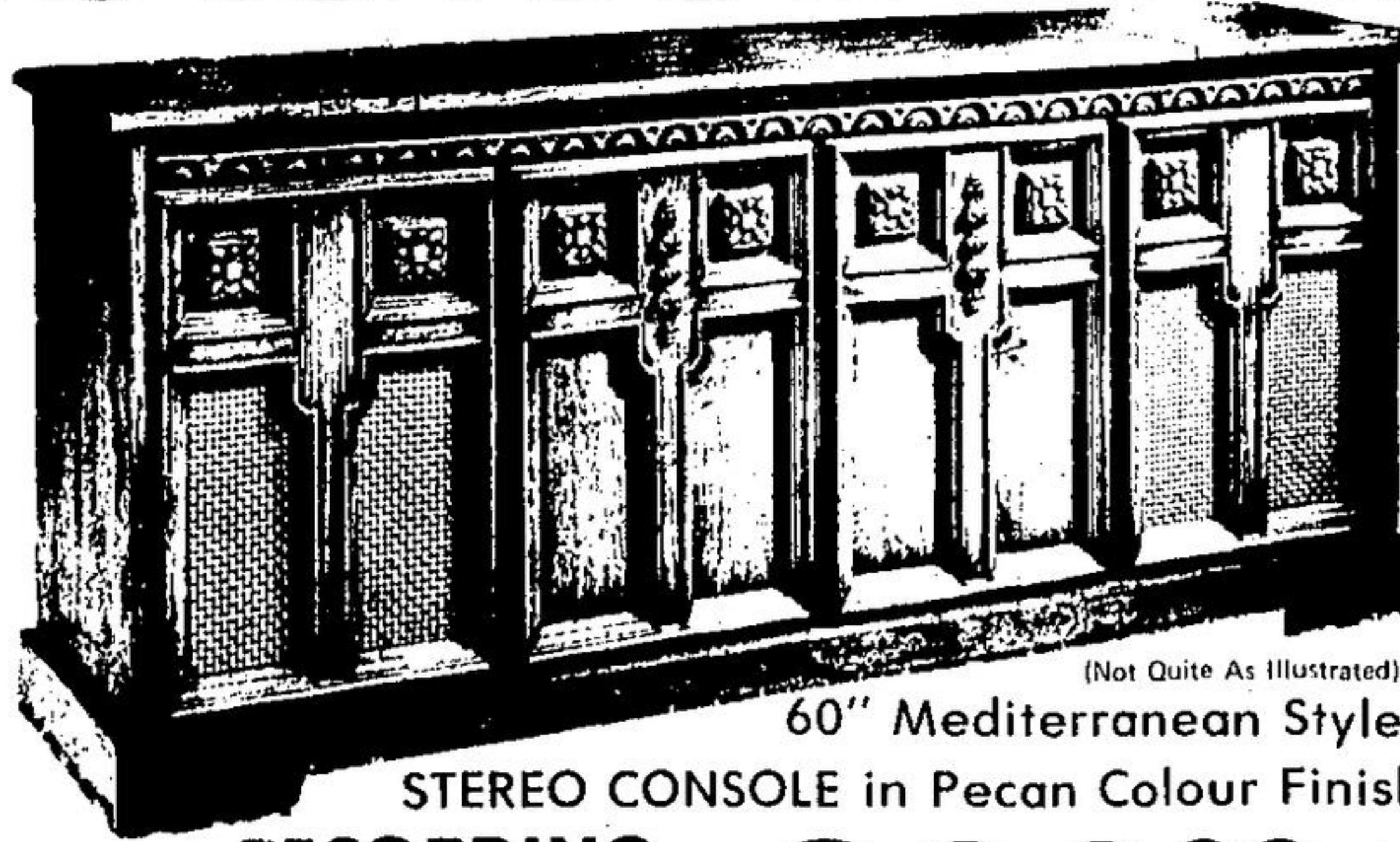


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