

Office opened for data service

An emergency medical identification system known as Medical Data Bureau has established an office in Halton. The system puts a person's entire medical history on a microfilm chip embedded in a plastic, wallet-sized card. The information includes the cardholder's blood type, allergies and even whether or not he wears contact lenses. A checklist of illness is also included, ranging from heart trouble and high blood pressure to hemophilia, with details of current medication and drugs being taken. The bureau is also useful for healthy people because if a person is unconscious, the doctor needs to know his medical history before he can begin treatment. He needs to know the patient has no allergies to drugs before he can begin prescribing anything. Bob Hatcher, president of the Burlington-based office said about 95 per cent of the hospitals in Ontario have microfilm readers, but for those who don't there is a toll-free number in Kitchener which where the information can be obtained 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each cardbearer is identified by a code number to maintain confidentiality. Individual memberships in the bureau cost \$18 for three years, with updated cards available during that period for \$2.50. Family memberships are \$38. Senior citizens over 60 receive a lifetime membership after their initial payment.

Changes due for Hwy. 25

Halton regional council has approved of a number of proposed changes for Highway 25 between Acton and Highway 401. Road alterations along the route planned by the ministry of transportation and communications will include widening the road to 24 feet between Regional Road 9 and Acton. However, the region has requested that some additional changes be made to the ministry's construction plan which will be conducted in two phases over a five-year period. The ministry has said it will improve access for incoming and outgoing traffic from Speyside public school and the region has asked that additional illumination be placed at the Regional Roads 43 and 15 intersections to the highway.

More work set for Trafalgar

Representatives of Halton region's public works department, the ministry of transportation and communications and King Paving and Materials Ltd. will soon meet to plan repair work for Trafalgar Road between Maple Avenue in Georgetown and Upper Middle Road in Oakville. Work done on the stretch of road last year has been extensively damaged by gravel trucks travelling to and from construction sites in the area. Public works committee chairman Ron Planche said last week that truck weights had exceeded the expectations of the works department by almost 80 per cent, damaging a bottom coat of asphalt laid last fall. Because of the region's scramble to tighten belts and weather its \$600,000 deficit, Trafalgar will be finished this year, but strengthening work will have to wait for the 1981 budget.

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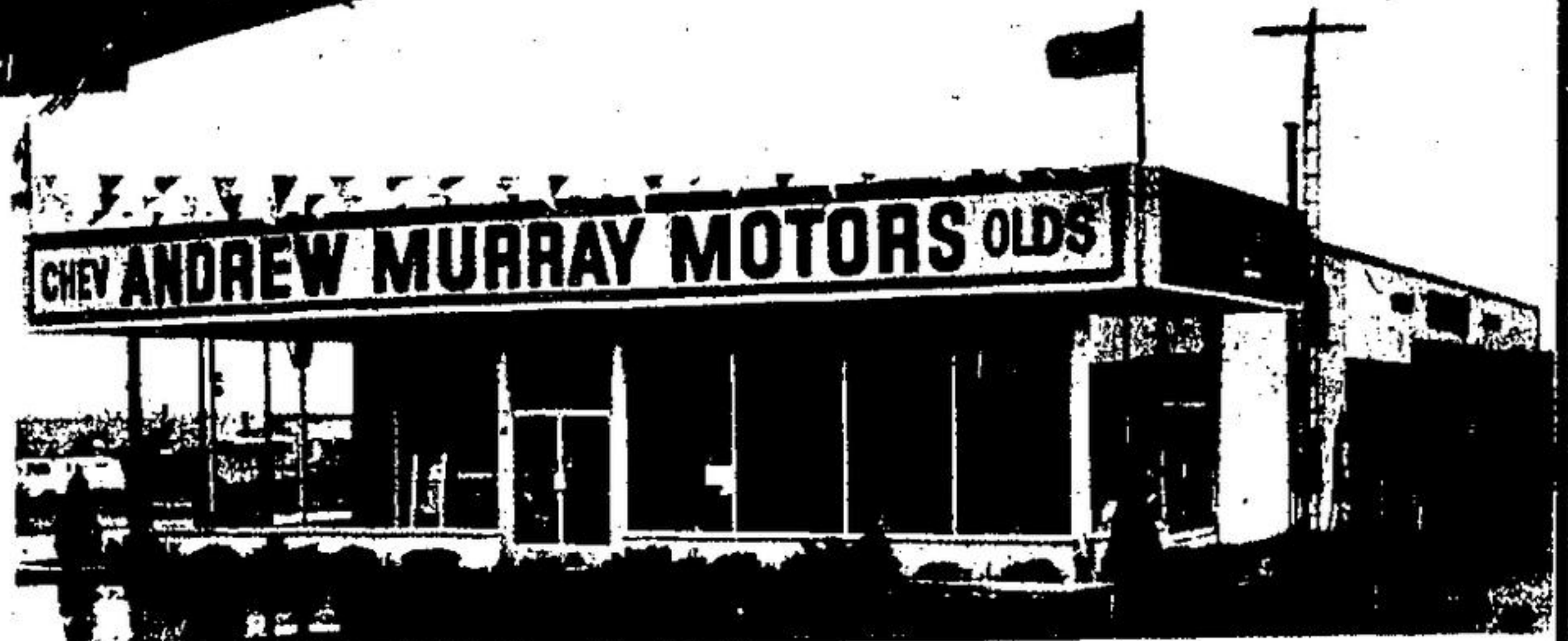
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