

Three people were taken to hospital following this two car collision at Guelph St. and Alcott St. in Georgetown. An eastbound 1990 Chevrolet was making a left turn into the arena parking lot when it was struck almost head-on by a westbound 1985 Chevrolet. The accident occurred about 8 p.m. Friday.

Man upset with backyard drainage ditch

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which is a big concern, the first one being our children's safety, and the second, being damage to our property."

Dalli said he was never told that the ditch would be put on his property. It has a steep incline and he's concerned that someone might fall into the ditch and be seriously injured, either from the fall or by hitting the grate at the base of the incline.

"When you pay \$300,000 for your home, you don't expect to have ditches occur overnight," Dalli remarked. "I would like an answer (about my concerns) from somebody."

In a telephone interview Thursday, Morris said he informed Dalli more than a week ago that a consulting engineer with Halton Hills Village Homes (HHVH) would be contacted to do elevation tests on the ditch. The engineer was expected to conduct the tests late last week and report his findings to Morris.

The town official also said that grading of the land behind the Craig Crescent homes remains subject to testing by the Town and the developer's engineer. If the work does not meet the requirements of the site plan, it will be re-done, Morris said.

While he didn't deny his failure to return telephone calls made to him by Dalli last week, Morris insisted that the homeowner was told that elevations tests were in the offing. As for returning calls to Ricardi, he said that he had discussed Dalli's concerns with the Fernbrook Homes' representative during earlier calls about other mat-

ters concerning the HHVH development in Georgetown South.

Because of the problem, play-ground equipment for the Dalli children sits out on the front yard, rather than behind the house as Dalli would prefer. The homeowner has also cancelled plans to install a pool and spa behind his home.

In his letter to Morris, he wrote: "We purchased this piece of property because of the depth of our backyard and we had hoped to put in an inground pool and spa, but this hill, that is getting bigger by the day, takes a good five feet off the depth of our lot."

Dalli's neighbor, Mona May Hohendorf, is also upset about the ditch.

"Some might call it a berm and swale, but I call it a ditch and hill," she said while looking out over her backyard. She also referred to the grassed-over ditch as "the moat" behind her home.

Hohendorf suggested that the drainage could be done differently by putting gravel at the base of the incline and adding topsoil to level off the area. A "natural drainage system" would be preferred over what exists there now, she said.

Dalli said Morris told him that his concerns about the ditch will have to be worked out with the developer of Fernbrook Homes. However, Dalli insists, "The town has the power to do something."

When Morris failed to return Dalli's phone calls earlier this week, Dalli tried to reach Mayor Russ Miller. The mayor's office returned his call Thursday morning and was informed that Dalli is putting together a petition, which he will ask neighbors to sign. The

petition will state residents' concerns about the ditch and ask that something be done to rectify the problem. The mayor's office has offered to turn the petition over to Fernbrook Homes, Dalli said.

The Georgetown homeowner has voiced his concerns to a Fernbrook Homes' employee and has also written a letter to Mike Ricardi, a representative of the developer.

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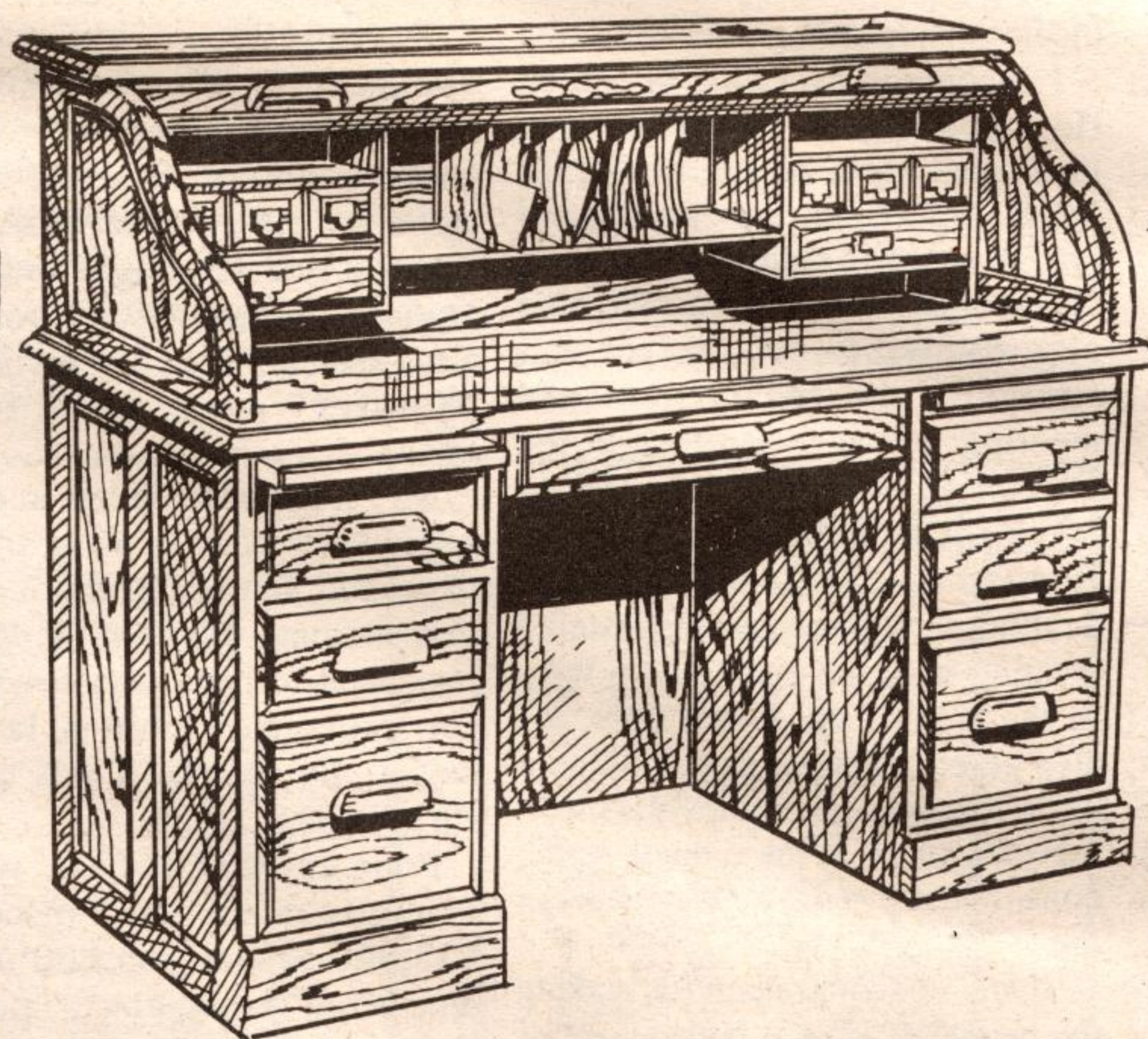
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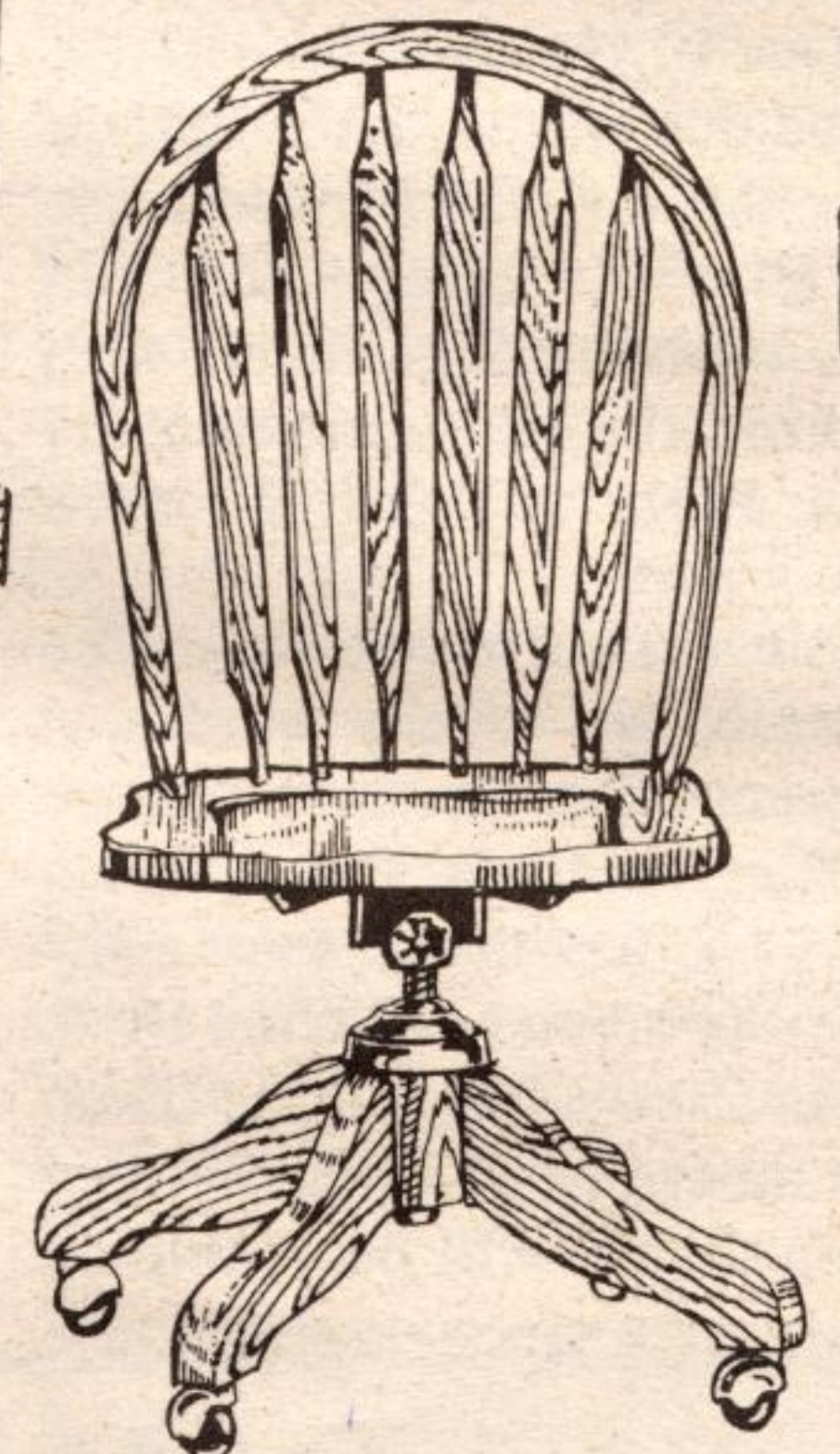
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