

Wants civic centre used more by group

It could have been classified a tempest in a tea-pot that brewed hot and heavy during a regular meeting of Midland council, Monday night.

Robert Jeffery, representing a group of concerned citizens and youth for the alleviation of vandalism and drug abuse, accused council of non-support.

Jeffery's group wants to use the Yonge Street Civic Centre more than one-half day (Saturdays) each week.

He faulted both council and the civic centre board for not caring about the youth of Midland.

That's when Alderman Bev Day accused Jeffery, who is running for council of being "political."

Once the accusations stopped, councillors agreed to give Jeffery's group its continued moral support while Deputy-reeve Catherine Dion suggested to group seek a recreational grant from the town once its programs at the civic centre proves out.

Council agreed the best way for the concerned parents and youth group to succeed was to continue meeting with the civic centre board.

Met once

It turns out the group had only met once with the board and only once with council which Mayor Moreland Lynn said was unfair since "we thought all you wanted back in July when you met with us was our moral support and now you accuse us of inaction."

Jeffery stated he has always felt that he has had to "defend the teens in our town. I went to the board and had hoped for

a good reception..but I didn't get one and that's why I'm here tonight

asking you to put some pressure on the board." At the conclusion of a

prepared text he read to council, Jeffery observed, "Your action

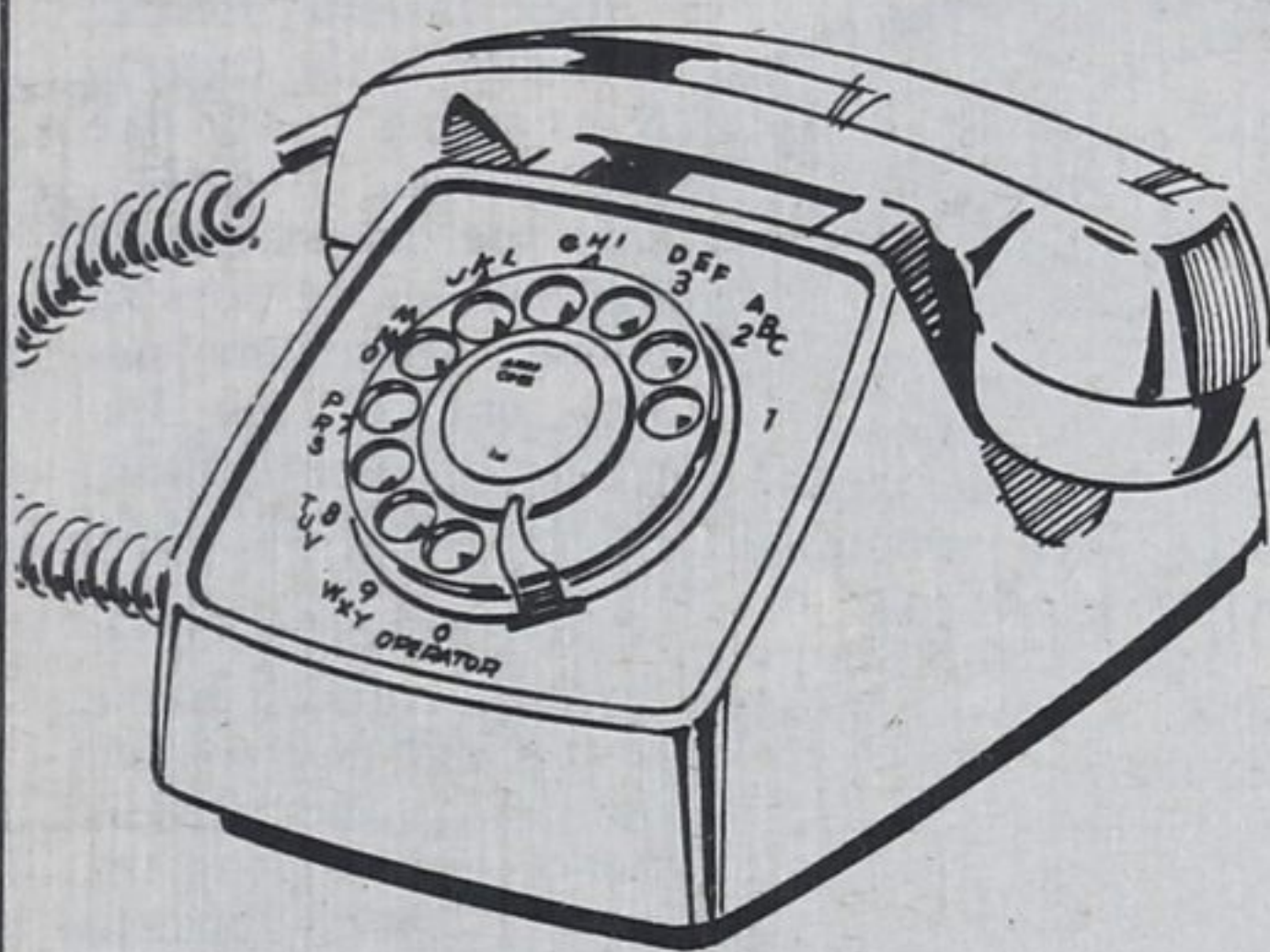
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As for the man being "political" Mrs. Dion stated she didn't think

he was "since he has expressed these concerns before."

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Midland council this week cleared the way for the town's fire department to buy a new scanner (for \$2,000) so as to monitor calls on both the county frequency and local frequencies used by other departments in the area.

It was also agreed to pay \$1,600 to have an operator's step installed by King-Seagrave on the department's aerial ladder truck for safety purposes.

Money for projects is to come out of the department's equipment reserve account.

In other public safety committee business, Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge has advised the committee that he was of the opinion that some form of additional remuneration for officers being called-back to fire-calls should be instituted, due to the fact that the captain's salary is \$21,445 per annum, plus overtime at the rate of time-and-one-half (to date, this year being an additional \$1,033.82).



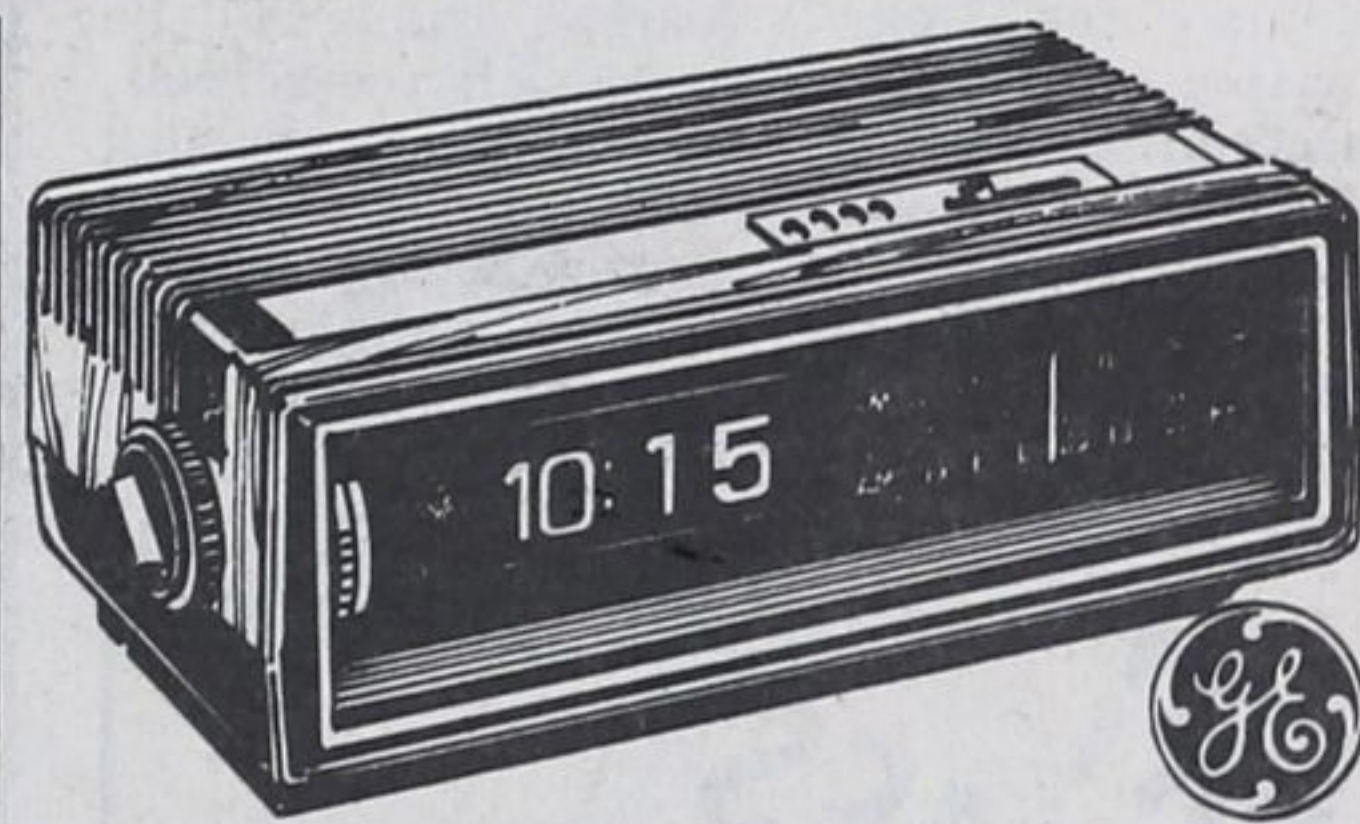
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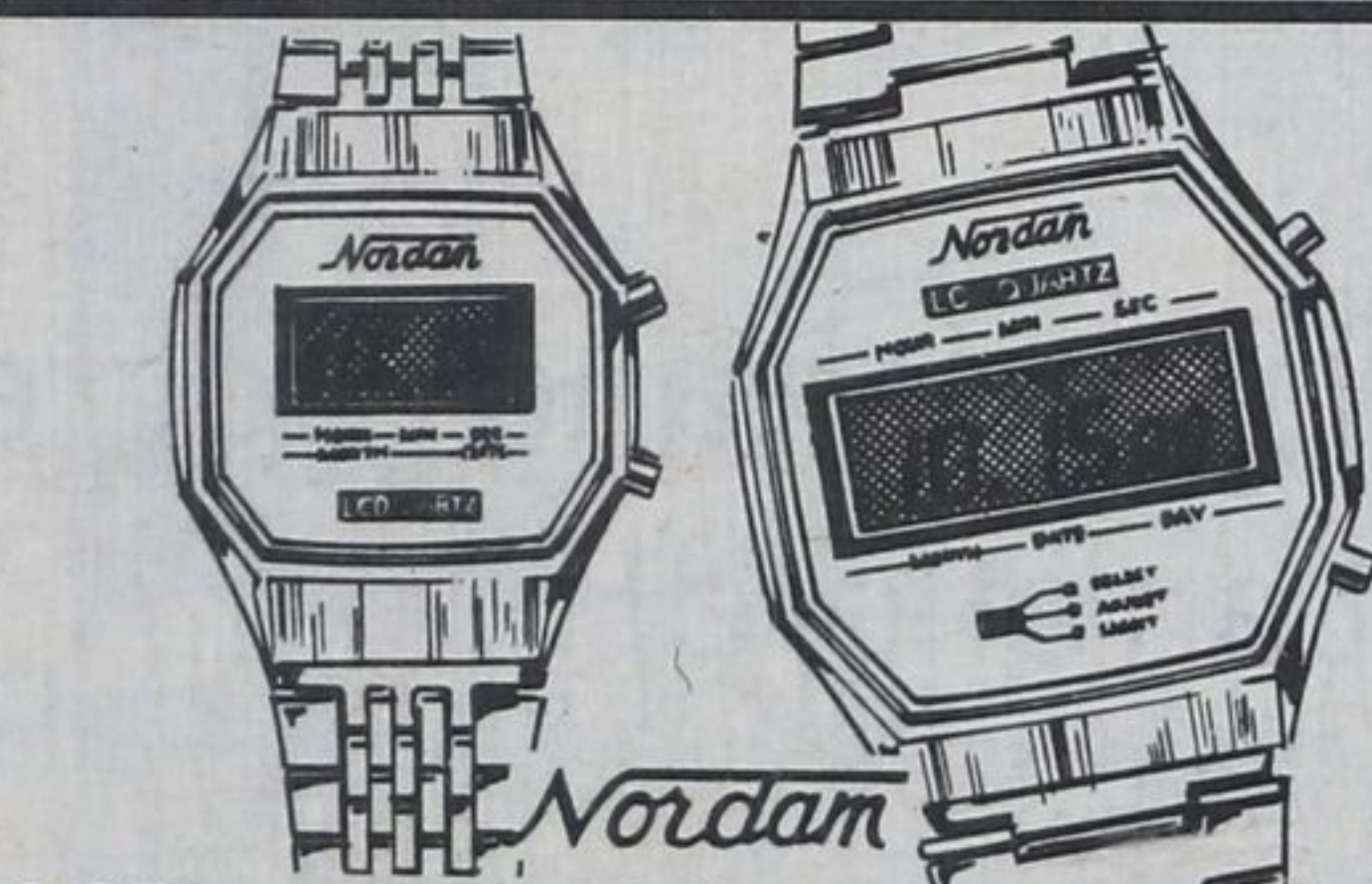
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