

What better spot for Hallowe'en ghosts and spirits to drop into for a chat with their ghoulish friends than in this concrete vault-type telephone booth in Mississauga? The booth is probably the oddest yet dreamed up by imaginative Bell Canada repairman, Rod Jensen (left), who in photo chats with Bud Palanica of Mississauga.

## The strangest yet... and right in season!

Since the evolution of the first telephone booth in the late 1880's, many variations of the original wooden structure have been devised... but none more unusual than that improvised by Rod Jensen, a Bell Canada repairman for a local manufacturer of concrete products.

Rod created a telephone booth for this client by using a concrete burial vault.

While repairing a business line at Toronto Vault Concrete Products Ltd., of Burnhamthorpe Rd., E., Mississauga, Rod used an imaginative sales pitch to sell an extension phone to plant owner Bud Palanica, who has been in the concrete burial business for 20 years.

One of the finished concrete vaults was tipped on end, lined with acoustic tiles, and a wall telephone was added inside the vault to make an unconventional telephone booth.

### DELIGHTED

Mr. Palanica, who had considered it impossible to have an extension in his work plant because of the noise caused by equipment there, is apparently delighted with the success of the venture.

Concrete burial vaults,

which retail at \$125 and weigh 2,400 lbs., are used by cemetery authorities throughout Metro to save time and expense in the maintenance of burial plots.

In his work at the Burnhamthorpe Rd. PLANT, Mr. Palanica manufactures six sizes of burial vaults. The finished products are sprayed in gold, silver or copper according to taste.

### PROGRESS

Mr. Palanica says that fibreglass vaults, which weigh 84 lbs. and cost only \$50 more than the concrete models, will eventually take over from the concrete ones.

It would, he reckons, cost him \$75,000 to convert his plant to that process.

"If I convert, I will be the only company in Canada in this line of business making fibreglass vaults," he said.

"At present, any such models used in Canada have to be imported from the States — a costly process."

He is already planning to have his extension telephone re-installed in a fibreglass vault if he does carry out the conversion of the plant.

The fibreglass, he feels, will create an even more ornate "resting place" for

his telephone than his soon-to-be obsolete concrete booth.

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## Open house at bank

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Scotiabank manager David Carr issued the invitation last week, saying it will be open house there from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday.

"We're looking forward to seeing our friends and neighbors," Mr. Carr said. "My staff and I want to show them our new office."

"We have a useful gift for our visitors — the Scotiabank Budget Book, containing monthly worksheets for

spending and saving, plus a section on how to get more for your shopping dollar."

Situated at the main entrance of the mall, the new branch has a high-key color scheme with L-shaped counters.

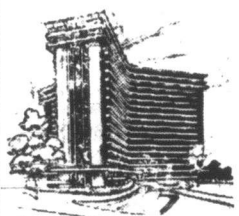
Among its modern banking facilities is a coupon-clipping booth for the privacy of customers with safety deposit boxes.

Mr. Carr comes to his new post from Brampton where he was a credit officer.

## New units popular

An "unprecedented" response is being noted to the advent of the new Rooftop Air Conditioners introduced by Climatrol Air Coils, Ltd., a company spokesman said last week.

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