A conservation award has been established in the name of Ralph Sherwood, one of the original members who founded the 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authority, now known as the Halton Region Conservation Authority.

Councillor Russ Miller, a member of the Authority, is seeking nomination for the award. He told Halton Hills council the

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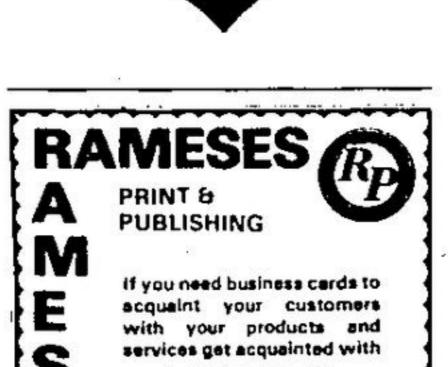
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Authority wants names of people or groups in the watershed who have shown interest in conservation over the years. The nominations will be submitted to the HRCA who will choose the award winner.

Ralph Sherwood, who retired last year from the Authority served voluntarily for many years. He was also reeve of Puslinch for several years.



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**Board considers 1987** computer literacy plan

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month. At a special meeting of the board in Burlington last Wednesday evening, trustees learned that a proposed plan from the Computer Advisory Committee calls for each elementary school to have three to six microcomputers by 1987, for a total of 498 computers. This would bring the number of students who will have access to the machines up to 25,500 from the present 8,700. Harold Brathwaite, chairman of the committee, told the trustees.

At the secondary school level, Brathwaite said, each school would have one lab, with 26 microcomputers and two printers, for a total of 617 computers. This would bring student access to 18,000 from 4,420 in 1983.

The goal of the plan is for all Halton students to have computer literacy within five years, so that they are familiar with the machines, and have the confidence to use them. Staff will also be expected to acquire computer abilities.

Board employee Bob Williams pointed out under the plan-all students will have computer literacy by the time they reach grade 8 which will help them to be more may have to pick and choose." efficient in their other subjects.

He noted it is hoped to start grades 4, 5, and 6 on computers as soon as possible, so that within five years, every student will have up to an hour of time on the computers.

In 1984, Williams said, the staff will take a hard look at having computers available for those in kindergarten to grade 3 also.

Esquesing trustee Dick Howitt wondered if the schools which have purchased computers from fund raising activities would be penalized and not receive any more computers from board funds. He was told by a committee member the present computers would be ignored when the time comes to allocate the machines.

Acton trustee Arlene Bruce questioned how computers could be used at the elementary level. As an example, Williams noted the child with a poor memory could receive immediate feedback from the computer when tested. It can also be used for speed

Every student in Halton will have access reading. Former Robert Little vice principal Larry Ciglen told Bruce that each and not just the ones who are the most

comfortable with the computers. Bruce asked how the teachers would be able to keep track of the students' progress. Brathwaite stressed that at the elementary level, computers are not going to be taught as a program. He did however note that there are incidents where the computer stores the students' progress, and tells the

Trustee Elaine Riehm wanted to know what would happen if the board only approved part of the five year plan and not everything. She said that the school board might not be able to afford computer literacy by the end of grade 8, but by grade

Garry Crossman, administrative liaison of the computer advisory committee said that much to the chagrin of the elementary level staff it would have to be accepted. But, he said, studies have indicated that the best use of the computers is at the elementary level rather than secondary.

Richm hinted the board may not be able to "deal with it (the five year proposal) all, we

Milton trustee Iva Armstrong wondered how elementary students would be able to use the keyboard properly when they didn't learn it until secondary school.

Braithwaite pointed out the students can learn the keyboard themselves from the computers.

Armstrong also pointed out in the past the school board has purchased three computers that "we thought would be the answer until the end of time" and then later found them to be outdated before they were used. He was assured by a member of the advisory committee that the proper computers have been selected this time, and that they expand for future application.

Armstrong wondered if the office staff could use the computers while they sat idle. He was told the office staff would need a more advanced computer.

The average life expectancy of a computer is 10 years, according to Brathwaite.

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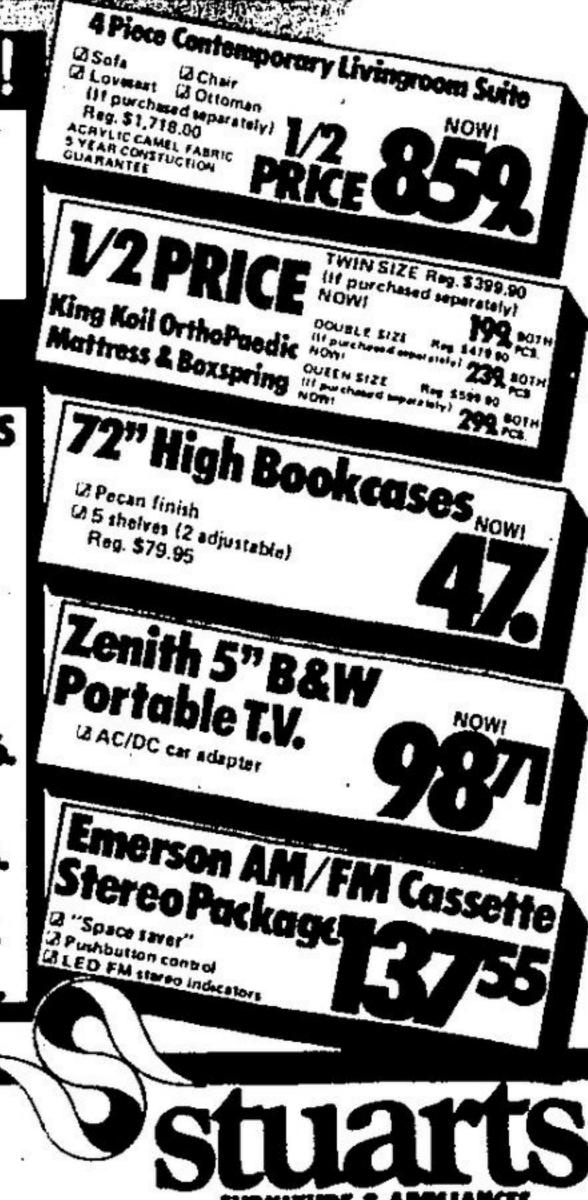
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