



Johnson's colouring contest winners

Finn Poulstrup, president of Johnson Associates Halton Ltd., Realtor (left) and Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette presented prizes to the winning drawings in Johnson's annual Halloween Colouring Contest. All entrants received a free pumpkin, and nine-year-old Olivia Viehweber of Georgetown and eight-year-old Jordan Kuenzig of Norval were the top prize winners in their categories, 9-10 and 6-8 respectively. Two-year-old Alexander Allan of Acton won the up-to-five category. The three winners each won \$25 in loonies plus a savings bank.

Photo by Yves Desjardins

Home maintenance tips to get ready for the winter

If you're like most Canadians, your home is probably your most important investment. It's also the place where your family spends a great deal of time. A regular schedule of seasonal maintenance can help you protect that investment for years to come, and keep your home and family healthy, safe and sound all year round.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) has a short checklist of simple inspection and repairs you can carry out to help put a stop to the most common—and costly—problems before they can occur.

- Check and clean or replace your furnace filters on a monthly basis.
- Have your furnace or heating system serviced by a qualified service company (every two years for a gas furnace and every year for an oil furnace).
- Bleed air from the hot water radiators, and turn the gas furnace pilot light ON.
- Vacuum electric baseboard heaters to remove dust, remove the grilles on forced air systems and vacuum inside the ducts.
- If the heat recovery ventilator has been shut off for the summer, clean the filters and the core and pour water down the condensate drain to test it.
- Have well water tested for quality.
- Check the sump pump and line to

ensure proper operation and that there are no line obstructions or visible leaks.

- If you have a septic tank, measure the sludge and scum to determine if it needs to be emptied before spring. Tanks should be pumped out at least every three years.
 - Replace window screens with storm windows and ensure all windows, doors and skylights shut tightly, including the door between your house and garage.
 - Ensure the ground around your home slopes away from the foundation wall to prevent water from draining into the basement.
 - Clean leaves from eavestroughs and downspouts to ensure proper drainage from the roof, and check chimneys for nests or other obstructions.
 - Cover the outside of air conditioners, and drain and store outdoor hoses. Close the valve to the outdoor hose connection and drain the spigot, unless it is frost proof.
 - Winterize your landscaping by storing outdoor furniture, preparing gardens, and if necessary, protecting young trees or bushes for winter.
- For more information or a free copy of the About Your House fact sheet Home Maintenance Schedule or other fact sheets about owning, maintaining or renovating your home, ask CMHC 1-800-668-2642 or visit www.cmhc.ca. CMHC is Canada's national housing



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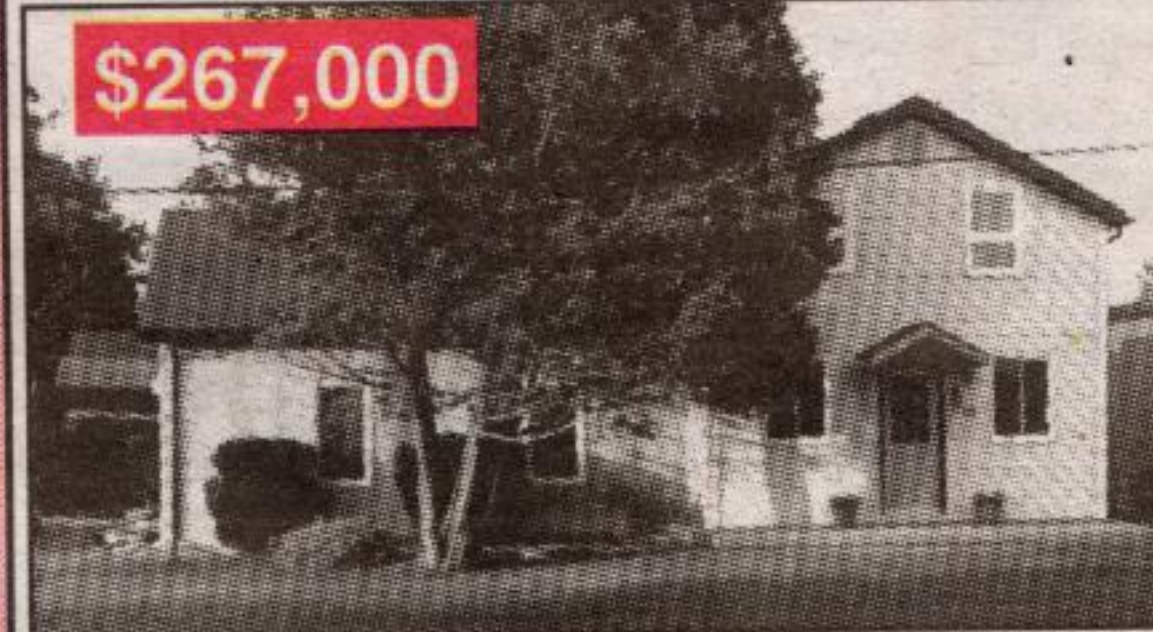
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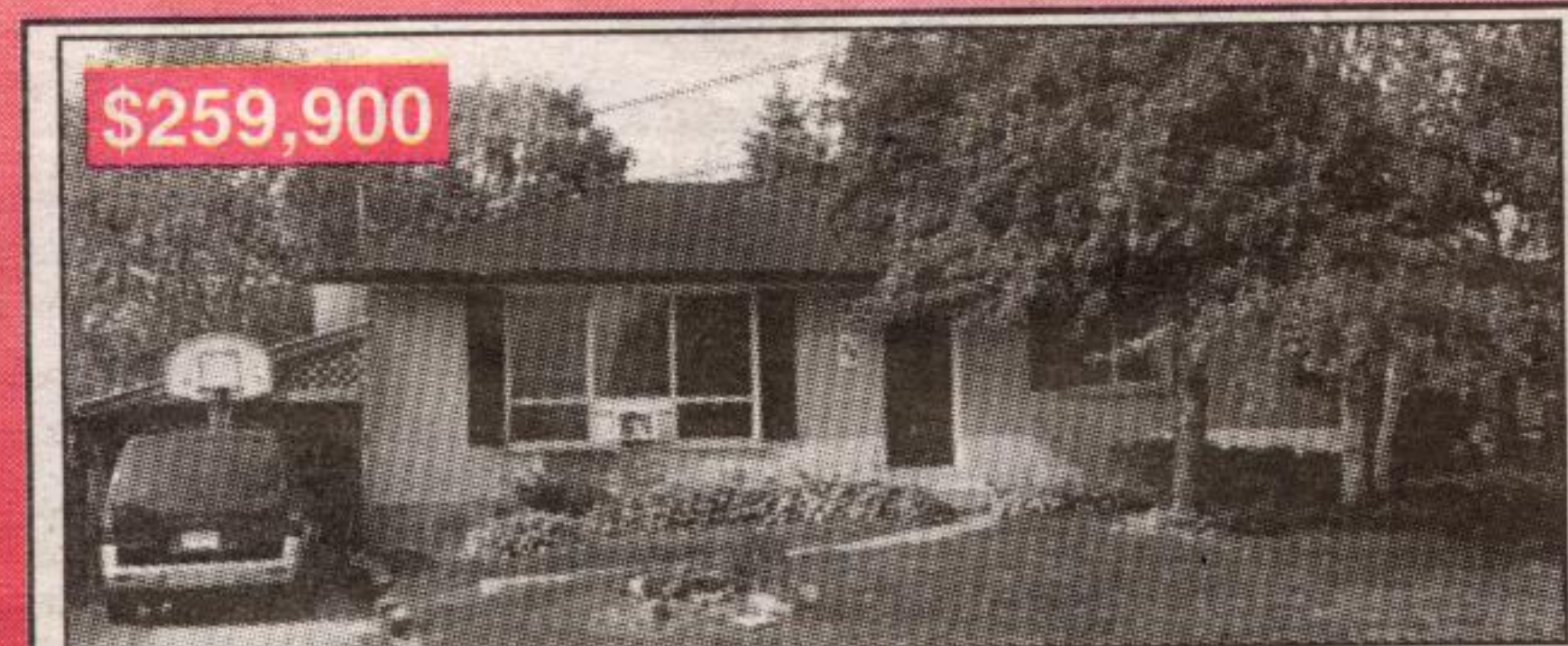
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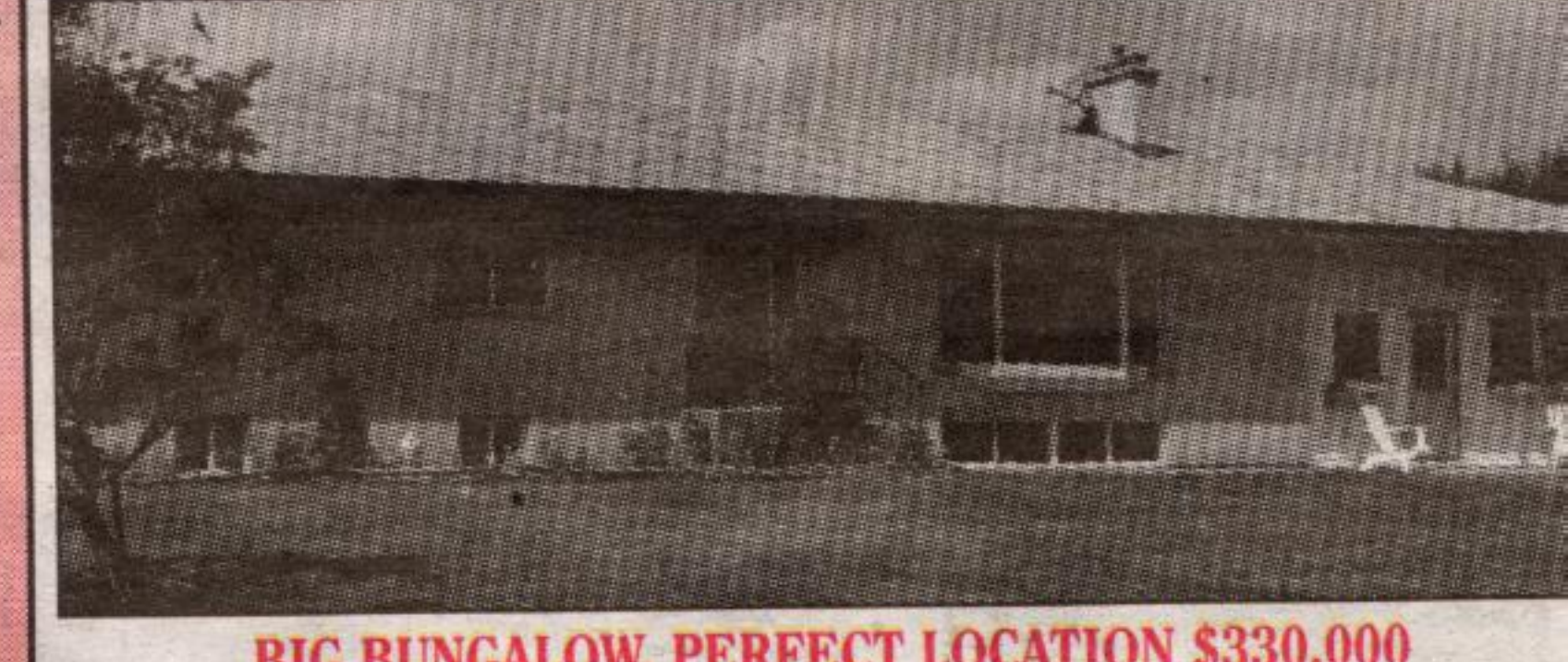
3 + 1 bedroom all brick bungalow, in great convenient location within walking distance to town. Open concept design with oversized windows in every room for a bright and sunny home. Hardwood floors on main level, gorgeous designer Kitchen with sit up breakfast bar, finished basement with second washroom, and newer gas furnace. Private fenced backyard. Great Value in the charming Village of Erin. MLS #X767850 399-05



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