

HRCA's Dave Murray is moving to Ottawa

David J. Murray, resources manager of the Halton Region Conservation Authority since its inception, is leaving the staff at the end of July and will assume his new duties as resources manager of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority in the Ottawa area on August 4.

His transfer was confirmed at a closed meeting of the HRCA executive on Thursday evening, when members decided to advertise for a replacement.

Mr. Murray came to Halton in November of 1958 to act as field officer for the 12 and 16 Mile Creek Conservation Authorities which were formed in the mid-1950's. When they merged to become HRCA he remained as resources manager. He has also served the Spencer Creek and Credit Valley authorities on a part time basis in recent years.

He explained the provincial government has been urging

local conservation authorities to engage their own staff, rather than use the services of civil servants like Mr. Murray. When HRCA decided to act on this advice he was offered the position of manager but after weighing the advantages and disadvantages of leaving the government service to work as an employee of the authority, he decided to remain with the government. HRCA gave him "a very good offer," he said.

The Rideau Valley authority is based in Kemptville and covers a 1,500 square mile area including the Rideau Lakes and Rideau Canal plus the city of Ottawa. It is a fairly new authority, formed in 1966 and is just getting underway with a number of new projects.

"I have enjoyed my 11½ years in Halton and my main regret is that there are a number of projects here not yet completed, especially the Hilton Falls dam

and reservoir and the Burlington Flood Control project," Mr. Murray said. "I would have liked to stay and see them completed."

But the Rideau area offers several new challenges and he is looking forward to the work.

He and his wife and two children have been living at Lowville for several years. They plan to move to Kemptville area this summer. The man chosen to be his successor will be an authority employee, not a civil servant.

LAKE INVENTORY
An inventory of Ontario lakes is being made by the department of lands and forests to determine the present and potential capability of every lake as a fish producing unit.

Heavy demand

Enroll 275 for swim lessons

More than 275 youngsters are enrolled for swimming lessons at the Community Pool in Rotary Park, members of the Parks and Recreation Committee learned during their meeting last week.

Heavy registrations were reported in the pre-beginner and beginner classes with instruction being provided through the top groupings.

Plans for the annual fireworks display at dusk on July 1 were finalized and details for the participation of the Rovers in the event were being worked out, secretary Dave Smith reported.

The installation of \$2,000 worth of playground equipment in the town's neighborhood parks was nearing completion and board members Howell Hopkin and Dave Smith paid tribute to the work of the volunteers who assisted them at the various locations. The equipment includes slides, swings, teeter totters and climbing bars. Complaints on the location of the equipment were reported to the

board from two residents but the board took no action.

Information on the costs for heating the pool in Rotary Park had been forwarded into a service club that had requested details.

In reply to a request from Municipal Planning Consultants, members agreed the park land proposed in the south west neighborhood of the town would be adequate since it included a neighborhood park, the stream valley and part of a major community park where the land fill site is currently located.

It was reported stream and bank clean-up projects had been completed along the Rotary Park-Centennial Park boundaries.

Snow explains OHC

A member of the Ontario Housing Corporation's board of directors, Halton East MPP Jim Snow spoke to a recent Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce housing symposium and in his talk he outlined the aims and accomplishments of OHC.

The Corporation has 29,500 dwelling units under its administration, more than 3,700 of them senior citizen units, and another 22,000 dwellings are under development, he told the symposium. He reported a new

rental scale comes into effect on July 1 with a minimum rent of \$28 a month for a family with two children living in a low cost housing project. Present average rents in OHC housing is \$84 for families and \$41 for senior citizens.

He also spoke on the HOME—Home Ownership Made Easy—plan which was launched in 1967 and through which the Corporation has marketed more than 5,000 lots in 17 communities.

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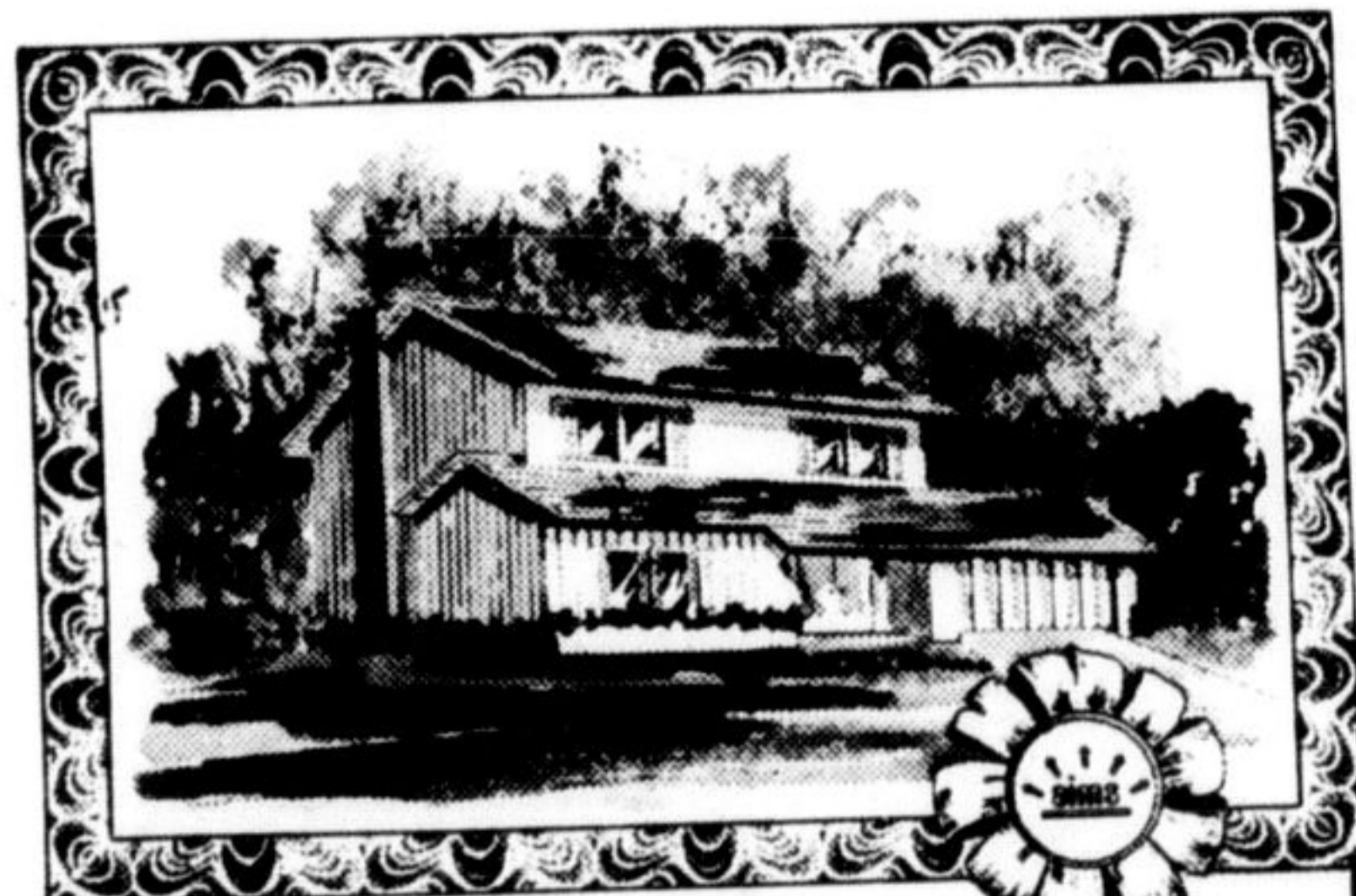
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