Real Estate Board offers more to

sellers and buyers

Milton and District Real Estate Board has taken the unprecedented step of distributing all (Multiple Listing Service) system to all Realtors in Ontario through the internet.

The MLS system is a computerized database of all properties currently for sale and sold in the Oakville-Milton area, including colour exterior and interior pictures. It is widely used by Realtors for the distribution of property information and matching that information with buyers. Most of the Province's 48 Real Estate Boards each run their own MLS system and, until now, that information has been available to only that Board's Members. The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate they will distribute the inforsharing agreements in place worldwide. There is absolutely Brampton, Hamilton, Guelph, London-St. have access to the Internet. Thomas, Kitchener-Waterloo, give all of our 'property for whom are also members of real estate salesperson Associations. It was one of the Provincially will have access to first Boards in Ontario to have service to the public."

Some information on proper-

Oakville, Ontario, November ties is already available to the 30, 1998 - The Oakville, public and Realtors through the Internet at mls.ca and realtor.com, but this information is not complete enough to properties and business for sale be used by salespeople when which are listed on the Board's they have buyers relocating to the area. With this new venture, any salesperson that has clients moving to the district will be able to give them comprehensive information prior to their arriving. Tulloch went on to say, "Gone are the days that we had to call long-distance, locate a salesperson and have information faxed or sent by courier to us. The information is complete and immediate".

The Oakville, Milton and District Real Estate Board is the only Board in Canada, and perhaps internationally, that is offering this service. The Board also has indicated that if the program proves successful, Board already has information- mation first nationally and then with Toronto, Mississauga, no cost to any Realtor to access Burlington, this information provided they

The Oakville, Milton and Barrie, Cambridge and District Real Estate Board rep-Sudbury. Board President Peter resents about 530 real estate Tulloch remarked, "This will salespeople and Brokers, all of sale' information to a targeted OREA and CREA, the group in the Province. Every Provincial and National those properties through the a computerized MLS system Internet. We believe this to be and is seen as a leader in inforan unprecedented and valuable mation sharing. You may visit their website at omdreb.on.ca.

Home for the Holidays

It's that time of year when families come together to share the holidays. What better time to get the house looking and feeling warm and festive? Here are just a few suggestions to give your home a cozy, romantic glow.

A good place to start is the entrance since this is where first impressions are made. Dress up the front door with a dried floral wreath. Is your front hall welcoming with good lighting and a convenient place to hand coats? Mirrors and candlelight brighten a foyer nicely, and a rice oriental or braided rug adds a warm touch.

Moving on from the foyer, family and friends usually settle into the living or family room. If you have a fireplace, consider a damask mantle scarf to add rich texture, accessorized with lighted candles and family photos. A big, brass container is wonderful for holding extra firewood. Look at the furniture arrangement. Are pieces arranged

in comfortable conversational groupings?

In the dining room, your goal should be a delicious atmosphere for home-cooked meals. Drape the table with holiday linen. You can easily create a table cloth out of any fabric that suites your fancy. For an enchanting combination, drape the table with two coordinating table cloths - a rich solid as a base topped with a shorter coordinating pattern. The centerpiece should be lively but not overbearing, as you don't want it to act as a barrier between guests.

Among these, there are dozen more ways to make your guests and family feel at home for the holidays. Put your own family's personality into everything you do. Preparing to welcome family and guests to your house is a lot of fun, if not a great excuse to complete that long overdue decorating project!

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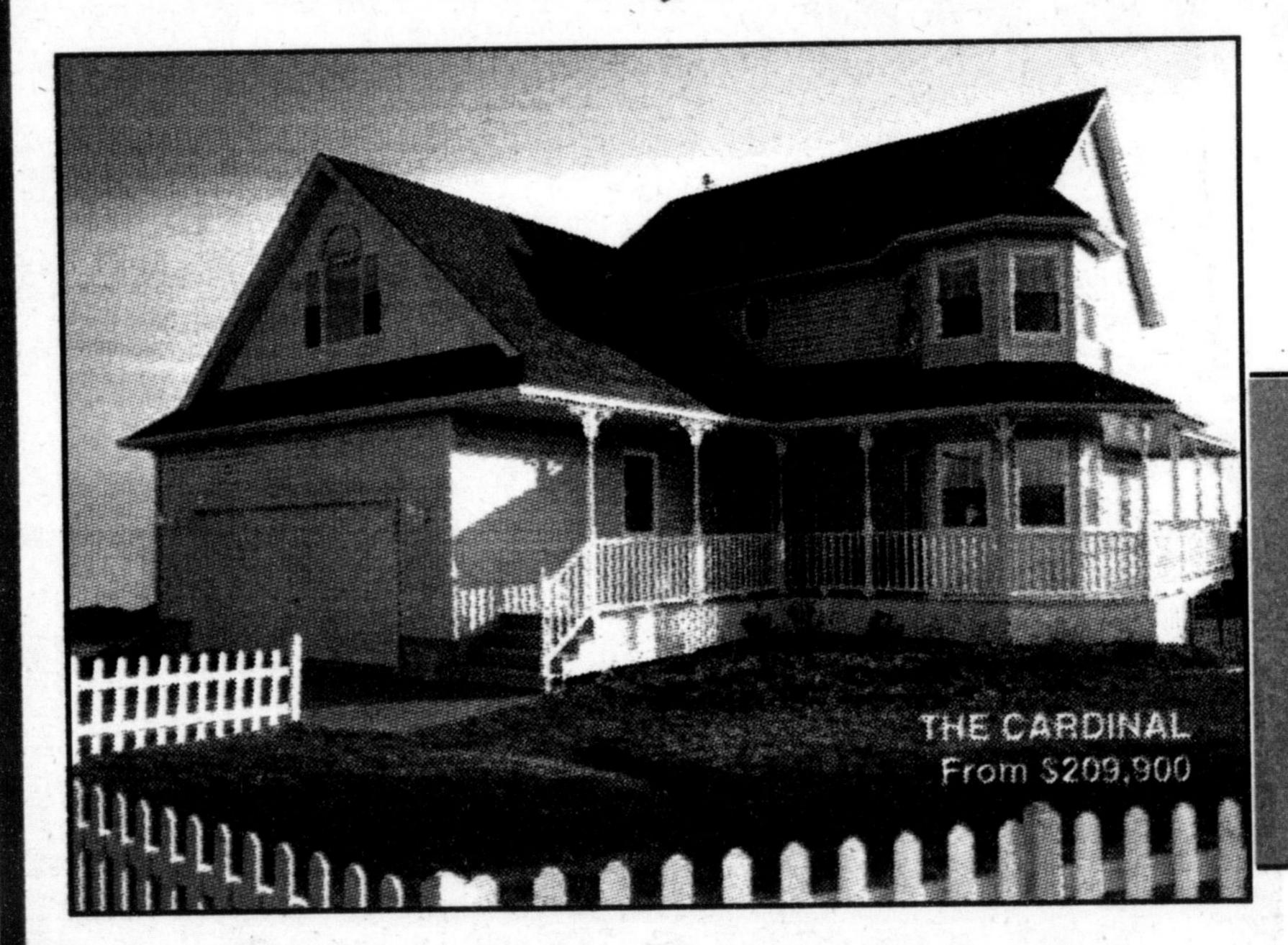
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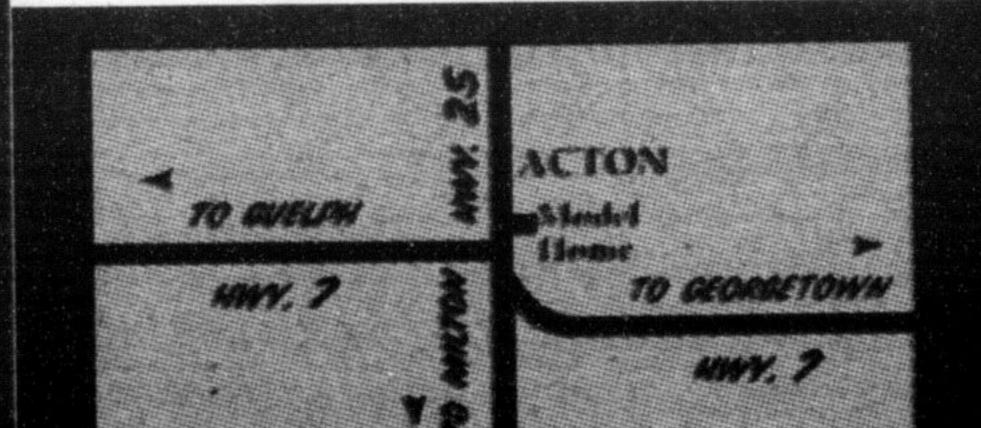
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