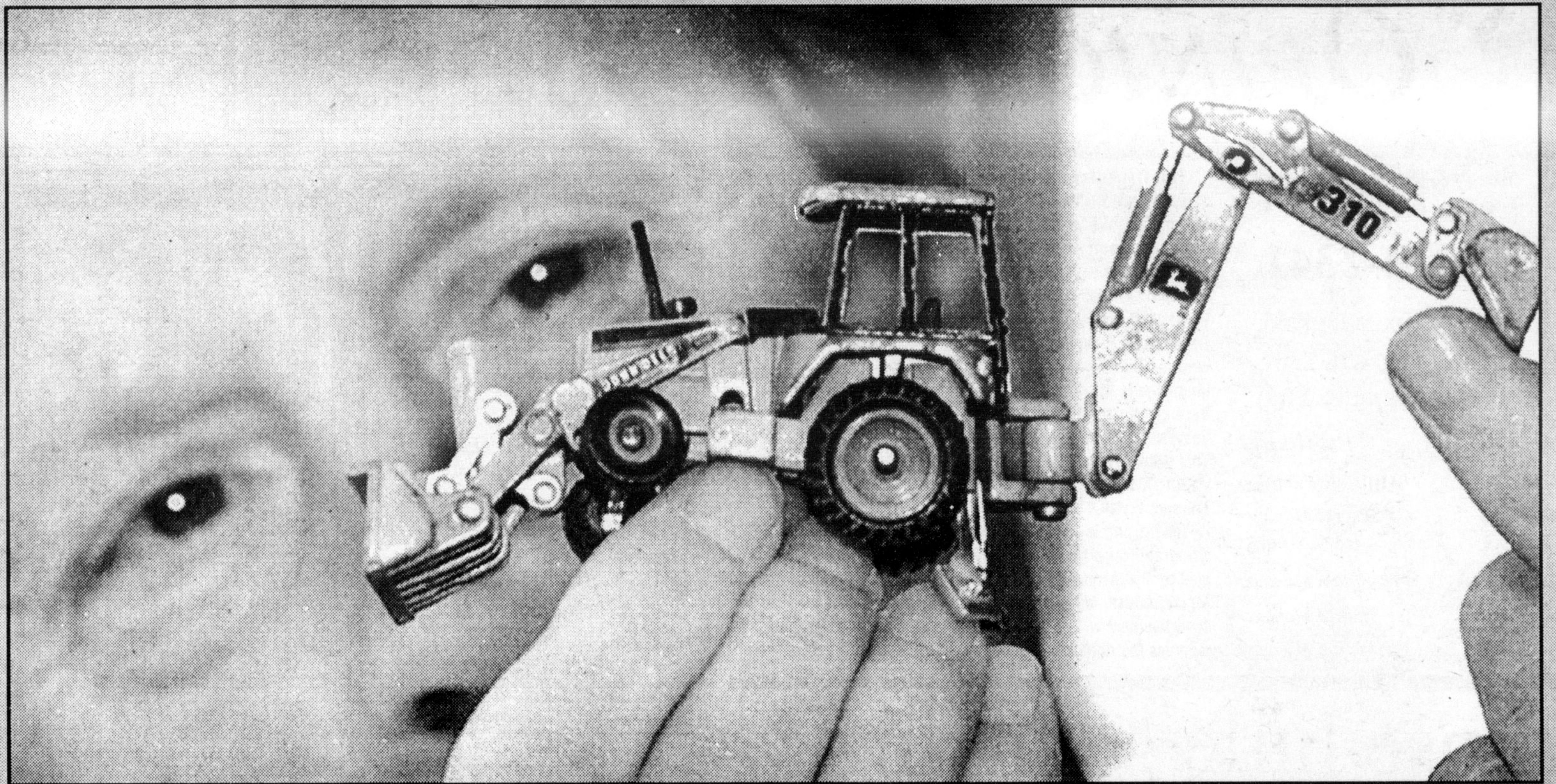


Attention to detail

Robert Taylor takes a close-up look at the 1/64th scale John Deere backhoe toy from the mid '80s during the Farm Toy Show and Auction Sunday at Halton Grounds Care in Milton. Proceeds from the event went to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

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Pat Murphy is taking over planning reins

By IRENE GENTLE
The Champion

A two-month head hunt ended after seasoned planner Pat Murphy outgunned 50 top contenders to take over the helm of Halton Region's planning department, council heard recently.

As the new planning and public works commissioner, Mr. Murphy will oversee 287 people and a departmental budget of \$73 million.

He'll take home a salary of between \$85,000 and \$107,000.

The appointment of a planning chief means that after months of vacancies, all Halton's top spots are now filled.

People in place

"My senior management team is now in place," grinned chief administrative officer Brent Marshall. "I'm feeling very good about this."

With the last top spot filled, the Region is ready to meet the millennium, he said.

"There's a certain difficulty in moving a department forward

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