HOUSING ACTION co-ordinator Bob Holmes chats with councillor Les Duby, Halton Hills planner Mario Venditti and Chamber of Commerce president Mike Worthington at Acton Meadows Friday. He spoke to a group of 50 explaining the new government program, aimed at providing low cost housing.



OVER 200 people attended EBHO's seventh annual banquet where this brother and sister received four trophies between them. David Faulkner won his for Intermediate Games, barrel race, and pole bending while Ellen's was presented to her for being tops in the Senior Pole Bending division.

EBHO Riding Club winds up season

EBHO Riding Club held its. and John Carter. seventh annual banquet and awards night November 30. completing one of their most

successful years. Trophies were presented to first place winners with rib-

bons for reserve champions in each of the 35 categories. In the junior divisions, awards went to Judi Veldman for first place in Showmanship with Lori Clements and Dennis Sherratt reserve Champions.

Other awards were: Walk and Trot: David Adchison, reserve, Joan Barbour, Equitation: Angela Spence, reserve, Lori Clements, Hunter Hack, Lori Clements; re-serve, Susan Markham, Game: Jodi Veldman; reserve Dennis Sherratt, Western Pleasure; Jodi Veldman; re ceve Lexlie Sherratt. Trail. Leslie Sherratt; reserves Leanne Laylor and Jodi Veldman, Novelty, Lort Clements; reserve, Kimberley Intermediates

In the Intermediate division, first place in Show manship was awarded to Tammy standen with Sieve Taylor, reserve. Serve, Edith Kley Souter Hack Edith Klee, testices, Sarah Abell and Gail Harbour. Equitation over Fences: Carol Barbour; reserve, Edith Klee, Working Hunter: Car-ul Barbour; reserve, Edith Klee, Game: David Faulkner, reserves, Wanda Jones, Ann Martin, Steve Taylor, and Karen Van Duin, Barrell Itace. David Faulkner; reserve, Wanda Jones. Western

Pleasure. Tammy Braden; reser-

ve, Laurie Fitchett. Trail: Tammy Braiden; reserve, Wanda

Jones Pole Bending: David

Senior Division

Braiden was presented with first place trophy for Showmanship, with Cindy Buckland receiving the Heserve Champion ribbon. Other awards were Equalitation: Ruth Barbour; reserves, Megan Barris and Mary Horley, Equita-tion over Fences: Megan Barris; reserve Ruth Barbour, Green Working Hunter: Ruth Barbour; reserve Mary Hurley, Open Work-ing Bunter: Ruth Barbour; reserve Sharon Wallace, Hunter Hack: Sharon Wallace; reserve, Megan Harris, Handy Working Hunter: Ruth Barbour and Nancy Waterhouse both champions; reserve Megan Harris. Open Western Pleasure: Carol Robertson;

in the Senior Division, Lloyd

reserves, Cindy Buckland and Nelson Cole, Western Riding; Nelson Cole; reserve Gary Poot. Trail: Nelson Cole: reserve Vikki Ham. Novice Western Pleasure: Cindy Buckland; reserve Linda Fitchett. Flag Race: Linda Fit-chett; reserve, Ken Carter, Bar-rel Race: Ken Carter; reserve. Gary Poot. Novelty Game: Jim Van Koughnet; reserve, Gary Poot. Pole Bending: Ellen Faulk-ner, reserve, Ken Carter, Pick-up Hace: Ken Carter; reserves, Lana Van Koughnet, Ken Carter, Gary Poot, Pick-up Man: Gary Poot; reserve, Jim Van Koughnet. In addition, presentations were also made to Lynda Pitchett for Horsemanship, to Ken Carter for Sportsmanship, and to Neltle Carnelos for Fellowship.

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Problems faced by Housing Action plans

The province's new Hous-ing Action Program was out-Hills has got a bucket of bolts minister left in Acton. lined last Wednesday by Bob Holmes, the Halton co-ordinator. The Chamber of dinner meeting at Acton Mendows and about 50 at- by development.

After describing the program, Mr. Holmes answered questions from the audience. The Housing Action program is a two to three year program covering eight Ontarlo regions, with a staff of 23. Objectives are to encourage and assist the private sector to speed up production of housing, respond to needs of low and moderate income purchasers by changing the mix of housing.

Program The program offers accelerated provincial funding for servicing costs, such as increasing budgets of Ministries of Education, Natural Resources, and Environ-

Interest free loans will be available to regional governments for the share of costs incurred in the development of housing in the Housing Action areas.

A program of tax incentives would guarantee to local government that municipal taxes will not be allowed to money to developers? increase due to the cost of the new housing.

Special grants would be available for the funding of local housing, planning and engineering studies.

Mayor opposed Mayor Tom Hill is frankly skeptical. "I haven't got much faith in the housing program," he told the group bluntly. He feels the municipality won't have control over the kind of housing that comes into it, if the plan is accepted locally. He also wondered about increased costs.

Chamber retail section chairman introduced Mr. Holmes and gave his background: Chinguacousy town manager, lecturer in Decision Making in Municipal Government and now with the Ministry of Housing. President Mike Wor-

thington welcomed the group. \$25,000 Study

Halton Hills has afready received a grant for a housing study of \$25,000, by M. M. Dillon Associates, Mr. Holmes said. The study will soon be done and presented to council. Other areas in Halton have already agreed to have the programs in their areas.

The study is almost completed and a report is being prepared. "I hope in the not too distant future action will be taken by council," Mr. Holmes said.

Bucket of bolts Councillor Duby, who is on the administration committee which deals with the program, said the study will

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nobody else gut," he insisted, referring to the problem of two urban communities and Commerce arranged the being classified as a slow growth area, yet pressured

He referred to the inadequacy of the sewage treatment plant. Many questions

the committee report to Acton had previously condoesn't carry itself, the cost is approved). so high." Roy Goodwin inquired

about low cost houses. Mr. Holmes explains the program uplion to buy.

per cent was enough, for large houses so there would Acton. Mr. Holmes agreed be large taxes, and the house some areas need negotiation. would carry itself,

have a captive market. Why jected by municipalities. not release land by enticing government to supply sewer Winner Mr. Holmes said the

government is giving interest-free loans to regions to increase sewage treatment capacity. Councillor Joe Hurst felt

Ministries are now working against each other, and Mr. Holmes recognized this. He

C"Ward 'I", the mayor corrected bim, to no avail,)

Potentia! Mr. Holmes said he and planner Mario Venditti feel there is "potential in Italian Illia." He will be making a study on the need for shelter at réasonable prices.

(Developers of a proposed Councillor McKenzle said large new aubdivision east of council left many questions tacted Housing Action. This unanswered. "You can't just development would double move into housing. Housing the population of Acton, if

Major problems Mr. Holmes explains his program is a new one and there are indeed very major regulres to per cent of lots be problems. Over the years available for incomes bet municipalities have had to be ween \$11,000 and \$14,000. It's careful of new bousing possible to rent land with an because of the impact on existing residents. Some Mr. Goodwin wondered if 10 - municipalities would demand

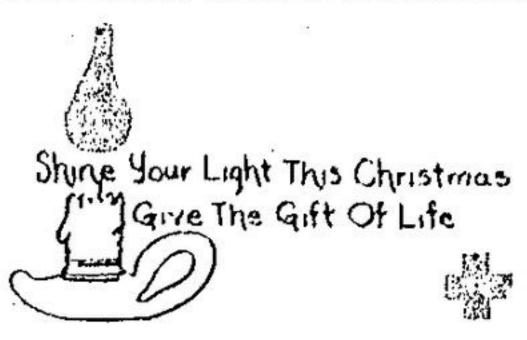
Now there are very few who "We're being ripped off," can afford these homes. The declared Ted Tyler Jr., when Housing Action program was 40 per cent of the cost of a developed having regard to house is for land. Developers the reasons housing was re-

Paul Vlochos of Fergus had eight Olympic lottery tickets, and won \$1,000 on one of them. He always buys draw tickets, and has been lucky several times.

He says he'd buy another half dozen tickets for the next lottery draw in February.

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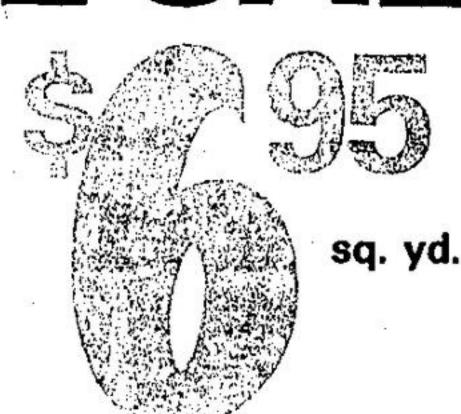
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