



Arrow points to the last half acre of sludge, which will be filled in within a few weeks.

## Region staff investigates all headquarters proposals

Developers in Halton Region will have an opportunity to explain proposals for headquarters to Halton Region staffers. The search for a new permanent home came to a standstill a few weeks ago when council rejected both sites that had been considered by the site and building committee.

The committee chose a site in Milton as its favorite and a site at Bronte Creek Provincial Park as an alternate. Heavy opposition from Burlington and the split between Milton and Oakville left both sites without enough support to carry.

At that time some Burlington Councillors demanded that developer proposals be heard. A number of developers are said to be interested in providing a home for the region, in Burlington.

Chief Administrative Officer Ernie Reid said that staff is hearing proposals and will prepare a comprehensive report to council on the subject.

Mr. Reid explained that the chairman (Allan Masson) didn't want the matter to rest. Mr. Reid said there had been some criticism of the committee for not considering the

developer proposals in the first instance.

After the two sites were rejected committee chairman Tom Hill resigned from the committee and the matter was left in limbo.



"Glad you could make the scene."

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and they enjoyed free-time till the afternoon when they dressed for publicity photographs. Later that afternoon the girls were interviewed by six sets of judges and rehearsed walking the platform they were to walk in competition at the handsell the following morning. They were invited to dinner at the High Noon, again compliments of the C.N.E. and the girls had the evenings free.

The opening day of the exhibition and scheduled morning of the contest rain drenched the set and the girls were ushered into the back room with their master of ceremonies, Bobby Gimby. He broke out his trumpet and the girls joined him singing and playing.

A luncheon at the Queen Elizabeth building held up the final contest which was moved to the Coliseum at the eastern end of the fairgrounds. Following the final com-

petition Karen went to dinner with her parents to do something relaxing, as she explained that there was a lot of tension over the days' events.

Her next official function as Acton Fair Queen is the Hillsburgh potato festival on September 5, 6, and 7.



"We've had considerable resentment against the computer."

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# Riding now sport for all

By Jennifer Barr

The horse has never had it so good. Esquestrian sports are steadily on the increase. More horses are being kept for pleasure today than for work when real horse power was in flower.

For thousands of years, horses have afforded recreation for many civilizations. From horse racing and chariot racing in the days of ancient Rome, to hunting in the English middle ages, to pleasure riding in the 1970's.

Horses are now the pampered darlings of the rich and the not so rich. In Southern Ontario alone there are more horses now than there ever were in days when horses were the sole means of transport (Canadian National Livestock records).

A drive through the small towns and rural areas reveal two or three horses grazing in the backyard of every second or third house along many a road.

What do people do with these horses? What kind of sports do they indulge in?

There are many equestrian sports, including pleasure riding, both English and Western, show riding, jumping, western games, trail riding, harness racing, driving, thoroughbred racing, dressage, western reining and formal equitation.

Riding schools are springing up all over the countryside. An example? Mountainview Farms on the Fourth Line of Esquestring, west of Limehouse, handles some 500 students a year, training them in the art of English riding with a view to competing in the show ring.

The school is run by Ron and Joan Lister, their son, Steve, and his wife, Margaret. Other members of the family, Rob and Jennifer, are deeply involved with the horses and the school.

Classes are held most of the year with the exception of the deep winter months. An indoor arena is planned for the future to add year round riding pleasure.

Weekly courses are offered during summer vacations involving a five day riding and horsemanship program. Students are currently registered from all over Southern Ontario. Some bring their own horses for combined training of horse and rider.

The cost of \$40 a week includes instruction in grooming, tack, basic riding, lectures, an afternoon swim and a Friday barbecue. Many students stay for several weeks advancing into a higher group with each week.

The huge farm house is equipped to handle three or four long distance students as boarders if necessary. Joan Lister is used to producing large amounts of food, dusting grimy faces, and bandaging minor wounds. She also does most of the vast paper work involved.



STEVE LISTER adjusts the stirrup for Roland Szameit of Glen Williams. Roland is taking the weekly summer course at Lister's riding school.

Ron sees the stables are running well, tends the farm and feed situation and generally keeps things moving. Steve and Marg have had advanced equestrian training and are well-qualified teachers and trainers turning out riders in a minimal time.

In addition to the 15 weekly summer school students, evening classes proceed under the direction of Marie Cocklin of Ballinacree and Donna Ledger of Acton. Students of all ages from seven to 70 gather in the many paddocks for instruction on the Listers' string of quiet well schooled horses.

Horses are also boarded for other owners, some of which are in training or used in the school.

Judging by the amount of enthusiasts at Mountainview Farm on a Saturday, riding is a multi-million dollar business in Canada and a sport likely to stay around for quite a while.

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