



BEARING THE Red Ensign is Adam Leigh, an Erin District high school student, who participated overseas in the Prince Philip Games, as a member of the Canadian Pony Club team. Adam is a member of the Credit Valley Pony Club team and was one of 10 Canadians selected from all across Canada. The Canadian Maple Leaf is carried by Adam's companion.

## Erin township rider in Prince Philip Games

Sixteen-year old Adam Leigh of Erin Twp. has had the distinction of being a member of the Canadian pony team participating in the Prince Philip Games in Britain. The Canadians trailed the British, but edged out the Americans.

Adam, who arrived home a week ago after his three week tour of the U.K. said he thoroughly enjoyed the events in which his team participated. The finals took place Aug. 21-22 at Smith's Lawn, Great Windsor Park, Windsor Castle.

During the preceding weeks, the 10-member team from all over Canada toured and competed in various parts of England. They used borrowed mounts and were furnished with ponies for the finals. They were billeted at various houses, including a Tudor home in Warwick, built in 1635. The 500-year-record heat wave is grim, but Adam said the British were accepting it with good morale. Participation in the Prince Philip games brings honor

not only to this Erin district high school student, who enters Grade 11 this term, but to the Credit Valley Pony Club with which he has been associated since he was nine years of age. The club is affiliated with the Caledon Riding and Hunt Club to which Adam's parents, Clayton and Jane Leigh belong. His sister Rebecca, 14, is an active pony club participant.

The only other district resident on the Canadian team visiting Britain was Carole Olesen of Meadowvale. This is Adam's last year for competition in the international mounted games for ponies. The age limit for riders is 16. (For the benefit of the layman reader, a pony is a horse under 14 hands, five inches.) Adam is currently working with a handsome Anglo-Arab, Nimbus. He is concentrating on dressage, stadium and cross-country jumping and other fine points of horsemanship. He would like his future career to embrace his recreational

interests, doctor of veterinary, medicine, or whatever.

The British events featured gymnastics, barrel racing and all the usual pony show highlights. Prince Philip sent the team his regrets at being unable to attend. "It so happens," he wrote, "that I will be engaged in another form of equestrian competition—four-in-hand carriage driving in the north of England."

The Leighs live on 144 acres at the 4th Line and 17 Sideroad at the old Burrows place which Clayton is busy restoring. They previously lived at Boston Mills near Cheltenham.

From the Erin Advocate



FINALS TOOK place in view of Windsor Castle on Smith's Lawn, Great Windsor Park.

## Special monthly luncheons

Hilton Regional Council will hold a special luncheon meeting once a month with the department heads taking turns as guest speakers.

The idea was advanced last

week at the regional council meeting by Oakville Councillor Bill Mason.

He said he saw two purposes in the gatherings. Not only would it allow members access to more information,

but it would give the department heads an opportunity to work at a different level. He noted most of the contact employees had with councillors was when questions were being asked.

## HRCA should pay full tax

A proposal that could see conservation authorities pay a much higher rate of taxation for parks and facilities has met with a mixed reaction.

Burlington Councillor Vern Connell told Regional Council Wednesday that Halton Region Conservation Authority could possibly end up paying up to \$250,000 in taxes

instead of \$30,000 or \$40,000 that the authority now pays. Milton Councillor Jim Watson told the council that full and fair taxes should be paid on conservation lands

and facilities. Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur suggested "we should sit down and decide on a policy that is fair to Milton and to Halton."

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