

Variety of services offered at Whispering Pines Stable

by Jennifer Barr
Whispering Pines Stables which advertises itself as "Acton's most modern horsemanship centre" is probably right.

It's been a while since Acton could boast a Western equestrian centre quite so complete as this stable situated on Highway 25, three miles north of Acton on the old Hurren farm.

Owners Ben and Gerry Miller have a wealth of experience in the art of western riding, over 1200 trophies to prove it, and a house full of assistants.

Having run stables in Mississauga, Inglewood and, more recently, Campbellville, and having shown all over the country, Ben and Gerry feel they can offer the equestrian a variety of services.

The newly-renovated stable houses 35 horses in brand new quality box stalls. Indoor and outdoor arenas and breaking corral provide lots of training

room. Professional trainer, Bob Kerr, who lives with the Millers, is on hand for all manner of western training.

Riding instruction is available in both group and individual.

Another horse, Ben cautions interested horsemen to watch, is Rey 5 recently sold to Bob Atchison of Milton. He's entered in ten classes at Quarterama and is, according to the Millers, "a super horse".

Bobby Kerr, trainer, won the reining maturity at Picov's in Whitby this year riding Eternal Taylor, owned by W.A. Smith of Campbellville.

Ben Miller is a director of the Burlington Horse Association and manages to combine his full equestrian life with a job driving for Ridley Transport. Kerr also combines a job with his full time training activities.

All's quiet on the western front at Whispering Pines until Quarterama when the

Millers plan to load up their nine horse goose-neck trailer and two horse trailer with contestants for the largest

Quarter horse show in Canada held in Toronto during March.

Christmas meeting of W.M.S., W.A. groups

by Mrs. Max Milne
Mrs. Margaret Swanston of 207 Edinborough Rd., Guelph, was hostess for the Christmas meeting of the WMS & WA

groups of the Rockwood Presbyterian Church. The president, Mrs. Max Milne, opened the meeting by reading a Christmas poem, followed by a Christmas hymn, "Hark the Herald Angles Sing". Mrs. Alice Doby took the scripture reading, followed by prayer.

The roll call was answered by each member reading a Christmas poem, and Miss Elva Pearen told the story of the first Christmas tree.

The officers for the year 1978 are: president, Mrs. Max Milne; first vice president, Mrs. Peter Sim; secretary, Miss Elva Pearen; treasurer,

Mrs. David Gray; card convener, Mrs. Alice Doby; glad tidings secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Johnston; pianist, Mrs. Margaret Swanston.

The meeting closed with a Christmas carol, "Little Town of Bethlehem" followed by a prayer by the president. Mrs. Swanston served a dainty lunch assisted by Mrs. Sim.

Hang on

Pictures taken at the United Church Sunday School pageant Sunday afternoon will appear later.



THE HORSE OF THE YEAR is quite a handful but Ben Miller subdues Leo Leta, his five year old Quarter Horse, winner of many awards. Ben and his wife Gerry are proprietors of Whispering Pines Stables, a new equestrian establishment north of Acton.



ALL GOOD HORSES wear a night cap and Leo Leta Van has a Christmassy red one. Gerry Miller, co-owner of Whispering Pines Stable, adjusts the clothing of the palomino Quarter Horse, who is being conditioned for Quarterama in March.



DEBBIE GEBERLEIN of Acton keeps her horse, Kara, at Whispering Pines Stables. She and her sister Wendy make full use of the stable's indoor arena during the bad winter weather. The new equestrian centre was opened last spring.

Want vehicle owner fined for passing bus

Milton Councillors agree with a Township of Sandwich West campaign to put the onus on the vehicle owner if a vehicle passes a stopped school bus with flashing lights, even if the driver cannot be identified.

Last Tuesday councillors endorsed the Sandwich resolution, which suggests the Highway Traffic Act be amended to allow the vehicle owner to be fined, where a bus driver can identify the vehicle but not necessarily the driver.

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