



**THIS LITTLE COLT** was a first class games horse before he was born. His mother, Naughty King, was Hi-point Games Horse at Acton Fair last year when she was carrying him. The Quarter horse colt, only a week old, is owned by Ben and Gerry Miller of Whispering Pines Stable, situated on Highway 25 north. He is sired by Dialer McCue and is tentatively called Dial-a-King. Although this is the season's first colt for the Millers, many more are popping up all over the country as spring makes it presence felt.

## Twinned school operation require vice-principals

All twinned school operations need both a principal and vice-principal, Halton Board of Education was told Thursday.

Trustees reviewed a report on twinning from the Halton Public School Principal's Association. Next month the board will be asked by the administration to consider twinning Limehouse and Joseph Gibbons schools.

The principal's report said "generally" twinning of schools is a short term measure prior to the actual closing of a small school. Spokesman for the headmasters, Mac Jackson urged sufficient clerical time be added to a twinned school operation so receptionist-clerical functions will adequately meet both school and community functions.

He said this would reduce community dissatisfaction with twinning and also remedy staff workload problems. He also thought it would be beneficial in the event of emergencies. Jackson urged all twinned

operations have a vice-principal in the school which doesn't have the principal.

He said this would solve staff workload problems and help with discipline in the twinned school. A vice-principal would also be useful in the implementation of core-curriculum and staff professional development.

Contact with the community would be better with a vice-principal than with a principal's assistant or head teacher in a twinned operation. Handling of emergencies and administration in the school would both be facilitated by a vice-principal.

Jackson said because of more "rigorous" training and selection a vice-principal is superior to a head teacher or principal's assistant. He can also devote more time to school administration as opposed to teaching.

There was no question a vice-principal would cost more and teach less he admitted.

Trustee Bert Hinton said he

was concerned with quality of education in twinned schools. He said vice-principals would still be devoting some time to teaching and there would be no principal running the school during the vice-principal's teaching time.

Jackson said it wasn't the size of the staff but the quality of staff which makes a twinned operation successful.

Hinton said there was no way a vice-principal teaching half time could handle community relations, administration and maintain quality education as well as a principal with no teaching duties could.

Jackson agreed but added there was no way a principal could be justified for a school with less than 100 pupils.

## Smoke detector saves lives

A smoke detector is credited with helping a Campbellville family escape death in a fiery blaze that destroyed almost half of the seven-year-old country home on Second Line, Campbellville, Wednesday, Mar. 8.

Designed by its owner, Gerald O'Connor, the home included four fire extinguishers, two smoke detectors and exits from both the upstairs bedrooms and downstairs family room.

No estimate has been placed on the damage to the house.

## Named to board

Barry Shepherd is Georgetown's new public school trustee.

Thursday Halton Board of Education selected the 33-year-old Kodak packaging specialist over nine other people, replacing Don Long who resigned his seat last month.

Behind closed doors, trustees reviewed 11 letters of application and then heard

## Correction

In last week's paper a girl was incorrectly identified as Karen Glenn in a photo taken at The Mug. The name should have been Karen van der Eyken.

short presentations from Mary Lou Brock, Margaret Gage, John Harrington, Monte Hyde, Jim Kingdon, Yvonne Mileham, Gwyn Ramsay, Douglas Thom, Hank Van Goch and Shepherd. An eleventh candidate, Dr. Stan Ward, withdrew his application on Thursday after hearing he had just been appointed to a special provincial committee looking at community colleges. Mrs. Brock was the last entry, applying for the job on Wednesday.

The board then voted by secret ballot in camera and Shepherd who ran in the last election and lost to Long was chosen for the seat.

## Tractor — van

An estimated \$30 in damages was sustained to a van belonging to Peplow Transport of Guelph after it was in collision with a tractor driven by Gerhard Bezner of Guelph. The tractor was not damaged. Police say the van was parked at the time of the collision.

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## Turns down review

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their analysis and conclusions of the systems planning data submitted to Dr. Solandt in 1973.

"I have now had an opportunity to discuss the matter in detail with cabinet colleagues.

"I must advise you Cabinet has reaffirmed its previous decision that the 500 kV transmission line from Bruce should cross the Niagara Escarpment at Limehouse and connect with the Nanticoke to Pickering line at Milton.

"I know this information will be a source of deep disappointment and frustration for you because I am at least partially aware of how long and hard the ICG has worked. Nevertheless as I have indicated in our meetings it is impossible to turn back the clock and in this case to turn it back far enough for this line to be basically rerouted.

"Moreover any alternate proposed routes would go through areas which would undoubtedly result in opposition by equally concerned citizens for many of the reasons cited by your group. "Obviously there is no perfect route, especially in southern Ontario."

"Finally, the additional cost in replanning and rebuilding the line on a different route would be so large that I simply could not in good conscience recommend a basic change much as I appreciate your group's feelings and points of view.

"It is for these reasons that I find little or any merit in now undertaking the four month study suggested.

"For whatever consolation it might be I do believe as one who has been active in citizen organizations for many years that your citizens' groups should sustain as articulate efforts have made a permanent impact on the planning and routing of future transmission lines. Therefore, while in your view you may have lost the battle, you have contributed enormously to winning the war of increased citizen participation in public decision making.

"It has been my pleasure to know you and renew old acquaintances with John Schneider. I do hope your communication will not be terminated even though I cannot be the bearer of more favorable news.

The Hon. Reuben Baetz, Minister of Energy

## Damage

Animal pens and light fixtures were damaged inside the poultry building behind the arena at Prospect Park sometime last week, according to Halton Regional Police.

Police say the report was turned in by a member of the Acton Fall Fair committee. The building and contents belong to this organization.

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