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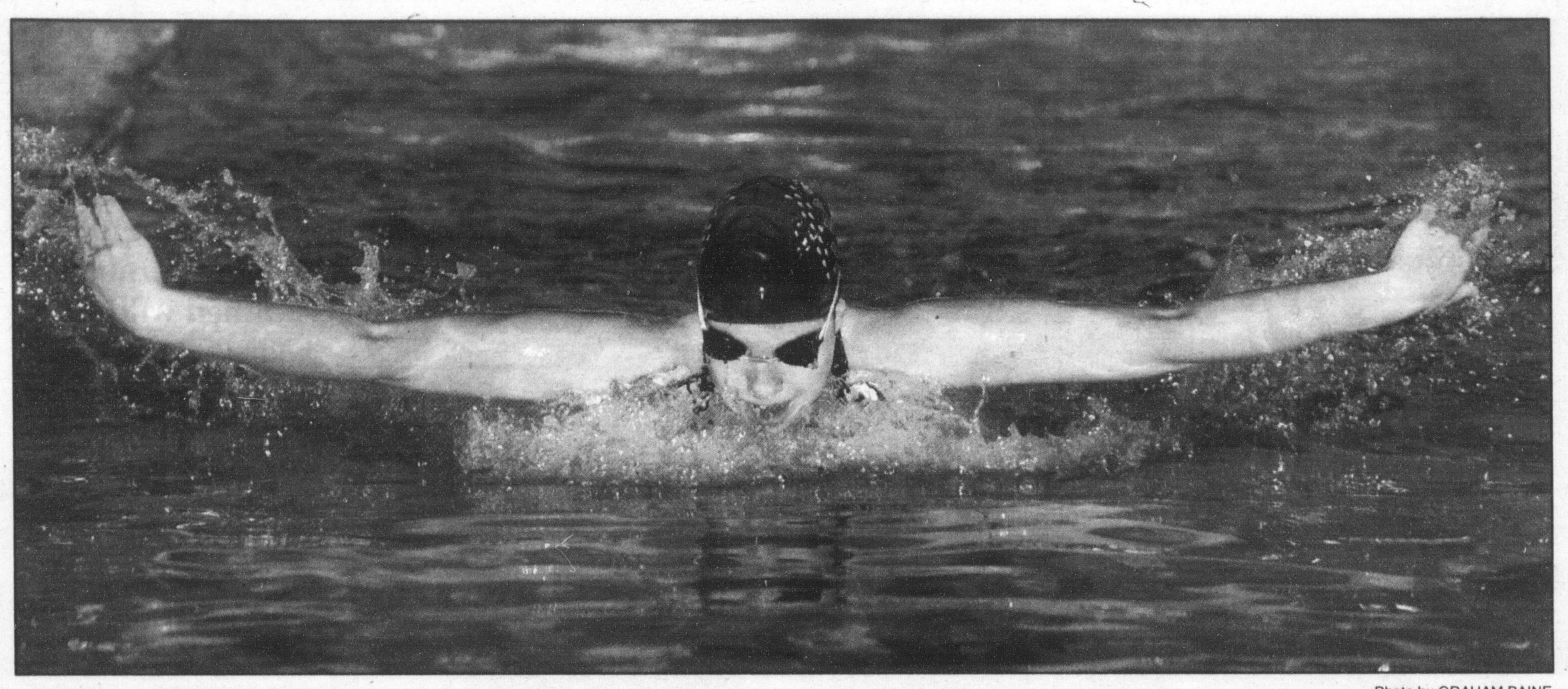


Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Real pool shark

Milton Marlin Swim Club's Jennifer Porenta comes up for air while practicing the during recent swim competition. For full results on the star competitor's recent butterfly stroke of the individual medley, one of several events she struck gold in efforts, see page 22 in Sports.

Some Allendale residents may be residents forced to move to Oakville facility

By IRENE GENTLE

The Champion

Residents at Martin House, the Halton Region-run, 100-bed long-term-care (LTC) facility located in Milton at the Allendale campus, are being warned they may be shifted to Oakville in early 2003.

That's when a 228-bed Regionally-run LTC facility is slated to open in that town.

When it does, it'll house 128 new beds awarded by the Province as well as 100 beds from Martin House.

The remaining 200 beds in Allendale will remain here.

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MARGARET STRECKER

Currently, about 100 residents in the Milton facility hail from Oakville. And everyone will be asked to state a preference on staying put or transferring south.

But if enough residents opt to stay, some may be forced to pack up and head to Oakville anyway, said Halton's Director of Services for Seniors Margaret Strecker.

"They'll be asked what their preference is and they'll be alerted that if we don't get enough people volunteering to go, they have to be transferred," she said.

To prepare for the move, letters have been sent out to families of current residents, offering them the choice of staying or going.

All new residents will be given the same choice, and warned that a transfer may be inevitable.

If the worst comes to the worst, the newest resi-

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