



Miss McEachren, winner of the Seagram trophy at the Renfrew Fair Saturday. Harvey McMillan (left) helped his son, Graham, train the horse. Mrs. McMillan (centre), the driver's mother, is holding the trophy and Graham, the 18-year-old driver, is on the right. *Sept 1959* Advance Photo

## Beginners in harness racing winners of Seagram trophy

A horse and driver, both amateurs, won the Joseph E Seagram stake race at the Renfrew Fair Saturday afternoon.

It was the fifth start for both the horse and the driver. They both made their debut in the racing game August 14 at the Arnprior Fair and they won there. Then they went to Connaught Park and won again. At Connaught the mare paced the mile in 2:15:2 and set a new track record in the class.

Their entry in the stake race here Saturday was their fifth bid for honors in harness racing and they won again. They didn't do so well in the first heat. They were in third place. The heat was won by Tony Axworthy, owned by Dr R Armatage of Shawville and driven by Tommy Farr—time 2:16:2.

Miss McEachren paced the sec-

ond mile in 2:16:1 and the Shawville horse was third.

Miss McEachren was given credit for the win because her time was only one fifth of a second faster than Tony Axworthy made in the first heat.

No person suspected Miss McEachren, now five years old, was a race horse until last year. She is owned by George Johnston of Castleford and was being trained as a saddle horse by Graham McMillan and his father, Harvey. Graham and another lad were rac-

ing in a sandy field last year when Miss McEachren started to pace and passed the other horse. The elder McMillan was watching. "We've got a race horse here", he said. Then training started. Training continued through the winter, spring and summer until fair time arrived. Then it was decided the mare was ready to go.

Miss McEachren was in the 2.28 class Thursday and was in the money in both heats. She was third in the first heat and second in the second heat.