

Her winters were taken up with stage shows featuring her trained dog, fancy roping, balancing act and later her children.

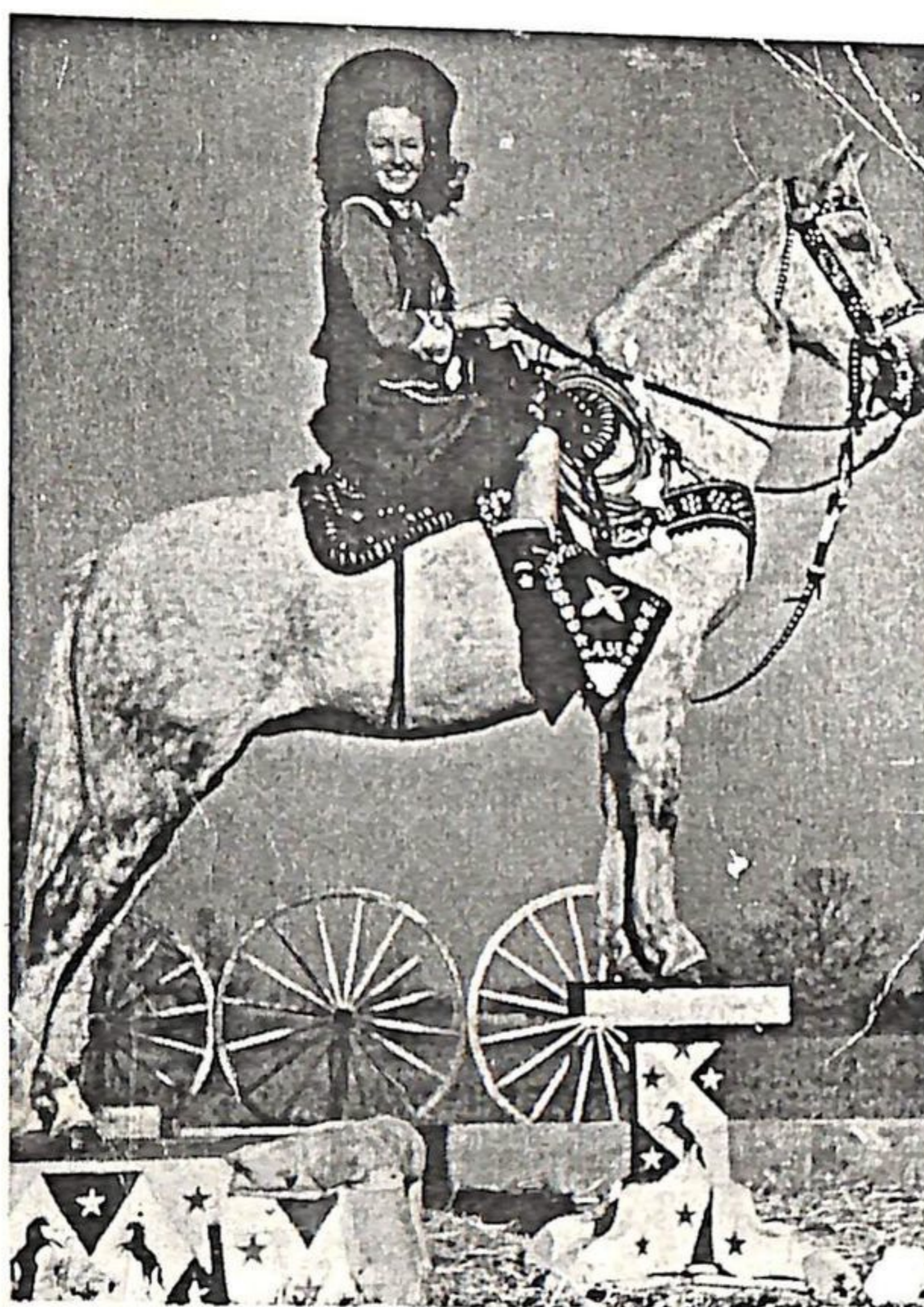
Ann rejected offers to join large circuses and an overseas tour with Odeon Theatres, to chose a new career as housewife and mother and now a devoted grandmother.

Ann has become an enthusiastic member of the Western Horse Clubs. She is a charter member of Thamesford Valley Riders and Midwestern Horseman's Association.

While Ann loves competition, her favourite activity is trail rides and singing around a campfire afterwards. She is also an accomplished guitar player. Ann likes to see the young riders joining the clubs because they are the 'oldtimers of tomorrow'. Ann also believes that each horse is an individual who has to be taught in its own way without Fear or Force.

Is Ann thinking of retiring? How can you retire from a way of life? I expect Ann will be competing for the first Senior Citizen's Trophy!

LONG MAY SHE REIGN!



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## Crisis facing area farmers discussed at Oxford meet <sup>1988</sup>

LAKESIDE (Staff) — About 60 rural and urban people gathered Sunday to discuss crises affecting some farmers in what organizers hope will be the first of several such meetings.

Much of the meeting, sponsored by Dundas Street United Church in Woodstock and the United Church here, centred on the activities of farm debt review boards, provincial bodies farmers facing liquidation can ask to suggest compromise agreements with banks.

Moderator John King said farmers aren't familiar with the debt review process and tend to feel their more experienced creditors have an advantage. He said they

need information about what they or their neighbors can face.

Gary Nelson of Wellington County, a member of the Ontario debt review board, said the board is not a way out of bankruptcy but is a process that tries to resolve the conflict between the creditor and farmer.

He outlined steps that can bring farmers to the board and ways they can help smooth negotiations. Topping the list was co-operation with the board, followed by time to sort out the problems, flexibility in negotiation, accuracy of information, maintaining a management record and the ability to recognize the end of negotiations.

Sister Barbara Vaughan, a former teacher in Woodstock and London and now pastoral assistant at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic church in Waterford, said "we have forgotten that farmers are people.

We refer to them as the farmer and that's how we deal with it."

She urged rural and urban people to support families involved in farm bankruptcy.

"Farmers are very private people and they don't easily acknowledge the hard times they may be having. Farmers' problems affect all society and it's up to us to help."

Henry Annen, student pastor at Lakeside United Church, was satisfied with the first of what he hopes will be several meetings to draw rural and urban people closer.

"It's a beginning. It doesn't really answer any questions but it gets people to start thinking."

He said the purpose of such gatherings is "to make people aware we're all living in the community and, whether it's rural or urban, it doesn't matter. We should get a bit closer and share and care."