

Horse sense

by
Pretty Fair



HOWDY FOLKS!!! I'M SORRY THAT I HAVE TO SHOUT AT YOU BUT - Oh, it's okay now. Cheese, yew should just hear some o' the critters in this hyar barn—they're weezin' an' mornin' all over the place. Doug's two kids was playin' tag in here last week n' they run outa here without closin' the door an' some o' the other horses got reel choked up an' there noses is blowin' too hard for a gyeil t'ewo tri t' think let alone carry on a'ntellegint conversation.

Wal, guess who did a repeat performance last Saturday nite at Hasow? Yers trooly sez I an' I'm not mekin' no nevermind about that one. Do yew realize that, for 12 times runnin' I've been stuck in the seventh hole twelve times? Now that s'nt hay,

brother, an' I'm gettin' dawgonned sick o' dirty deals in this racin' racket. Wouldn't mind nose if I wuz a ugly lookin' filly 'cause then maybe I'd figger it wuz my poor legs wat wuz to blame, but jidas preest, even Maverick down at the Rocklea Ranch in Rockwood, keeps tellin' me what gowd lookin' gams I po-ness.

Now, I'm not one t' listen to a lot o' palaverin horses tellin' me I'm beautiful but t'be stuck in seventh position for six times wal' stumpin' has to go an' I shet hope it s'nt gonna be my ego. There I was comin' in behind ole number one again an', by th'time I broke throo I only had time t'make it t' third position.

None of the guys was here, yew know who I'm referin' to

but I shet s'nt gonna give them no publicity by menshunin' names, besides I never did believe in name droppin'—anyways they wuz too busy to gif t' the race so I didn't let on I cared anyway.

I shet have got it in fer those guys though an' I'm kinda 'contemplatin' a little ser-pize deependin' on wat I decide t' do. 'T' best Duke Ellis, he's a really cranium brane; yew know, always thinkin' always thinkin', an' he wuz tawkin' t' some o' the other horses here at the barn an' they' tryin' t'tawk me into runnin' fer mayer against ole Cam Luth.

Wal, I'm not sure yit wot t' do, Cam's kinda a nice guy but I figger that I have more experience at bein' a mare than he does and, from my way o' thinkin' maybe us horses'd git more privileges that way but I shet don't wanna make a sis of M'self just t' git elected so I'll sit on it fer a while but there as heck I'll be down at th' pollin' booths just t' see whoo th' guys are wot put th' ole "X" on th' candidate variants.

How about that. Jack Hamilton's greasin' up t' Doug down here at th' barn tellin' him about the good lookin' horses he's got fer sale at his farm. Wal, it s'nt nun o' my business but that guy shet has got some nerve—I think Doug's got 'nuff t' do without takin' on more horses. Course, I hear tell that they's got some good lookin' trotters, all standard bred, in that lot and all in good condishun.

Ole Black Beads Hamilton, he used t' be my room mate at the Hamilton's barn when I lived there, and he kinda cozied up t' me last week tho and said t' how that there wasn't one dame there as good lookin' as me. I gave him the ole horse nuzzle but he had squashed apple all over his face and it didn't go so gowd.

Shore like that guy tho an' him an' me's both tryin' out fer Mohawk this week so keep yer fingers crossed.

I was just goin' past MacKenzie St. yesterday an' I got up reel close to Harvey Pettitt's place an' was lookin' in th' window somewhat. Wal, yew cudda taken me fer a two-toed warthog—there they wuz hangin' over the front door, the brightest lookin' ribbons yew ever did see. Ole Harv, he had a lamp fo-cussed jest right an' shinin' on the dad-blamed things, lettin' all his friends know that his horse Tony had won a first, second, third and fourth place ribbon down at th' Shady Brook Ranch near Guelph last weekend. That Tony, wot a show-off guy he is, but I must admit tho that he's a good lookin' horse wot's reelly great at winnin' games, so, jest cause ole Harv's gonna get a worn mark on his hall rug from walkin' back an' forth and lookin' at them ribbons s'nt gonna worry me none.

An' o'course iff'n he could sell the dern things an' get money for them instead o' a su-periority complex, he'd be able t' buy a new one.

Wal, folks, Doug'll have me down to Mohawk this week, so, I'm askin' yew nice n' gentle like t' keep yer fingers crossed again fer me.

Yours trooly,
Pretty Fair.



MAVERICK, an 8-year-old Palomino gelding, gets a word of praise from owner and rider Di Duncan following their win in the 50 mile endurance ride at Oak Ridges. Seven other Rockwood Trail Riders competed and won awards.—(Staff Photo)

Di Duncan, Maverick win 50 mile ride

Di Duncan of the Rockwood Trail Riders chalked up another award recently when, accompanied by seven other riders from this area, she participated in and successfully guided her horse Maverick to win the coveted 50 mile endurance ride award as "The Trail and Endurance Horse of the Year".

Rocklea Maverick, a palomino eight-year-old gelding owned and ridden by Di, won the high point award having finished all four rides and placed second in two of them, plus winning his own division and the Sweepstakes trophies at the Fleisherton Trail Ride which took place at the beautiful Beaver Valley.

Two weeks later Maverick competed in the 100 mile three-day Vermont Ride and won third place plus winning the Best Trail Horse award.

Four trail rides sponsored by the Ontario Competitive Trail Ride Association constituted the complete event and this last weekend's endurance ride which took place at the Briar Hill Stables at Oak Ridges, north of Toronto, began on Sunday, October 12, at 7:30 a.m. and was completed by 7:30 o'clock

in the afternoon. Forty entries participated in the event from Michigan, Quebec, and others from many parts of Ontario. The Rockwood Trail Riders entered eight riders for the weekend competitions and Morris (Moe) McGinnis won the coveted J. W. Barrington trophy when his horse Tawnya won a first in the heavyweight division; Di Duncan was second in middleweight class with her Rocklea Maverick; Agnes McGinnis on Arabian Sunset placed third in the middleweight class; and Mary Hatch, with Rockingchair Stoney, Ken Tuck on Snowflake, Stan Jacobson Cherokee, Dave Murray on Blackie and Dennis Lungal riding Hank completed the ride.

As the Rockwood Riders completed all four endurance rides they will receive merit awards and crests. Ken Tuck's Snowflake who won a first and second place in the competitions received the plaque for high points.



REG NORION and Sandy Brine of Guelph recently announced their engagement and they will be married next July in St. George's Anglican Church in Guelph. Miss Brine is the youngest daughter of Mrs. M. Brine, of Sunnyside Crescent, Guelph.

Comin's and Goin's

Rev. Ted Sewell and his wife were feted to an afternoon get-together on Sunday last at the St. John's Anglican parish hall on the occasion of his leaving his Erin and Rockwood parishes to take up his new ministry in Hamilton. Gifts of a purse of money and a china table centre were presented to the couple and refreshments were served by the A.C.W. to the members of the congregation who attended the affair.

going away party for Mr. and Mrs. G. Fosdick and their daughters, who have now left for their home in Middlesex, England. The weather was cold but a sing song and hot refreshments plus frequent "warm-up" trips into the house made it a happy occasion.

Despite rainy weather the Walkathon sponsored by Room 12 of the Rockwood Centennial School was held last week with approximately 25 children from the Village participating. A portion of the proceeds from this charitable endeavor will be given to the Canadian Red Cross Association.

Friends of Mrs. Margaret Nelson from R. R. 4, Rockwood, a sister of Mr. George Ingle of Harris Street, will be glad to know that she is recuperating from her recent leg operation at the Guelph General Hospital.

The sympathy of this Village is extended to the family of Bill Ward on the death of his young brother Eldon Ward, of Warkworth, Ontario 12 years of age, who was tragically killed last weekend.

Set meeting Home and School

Mrs. Dorothy Dean of Harris Street held a wianer roast on her home patio last Friday evening with friends and relatives, as a

The Rockwood Home and School Association will hold its first meeting at the Centennial Public School next Thursday evening, October 30 at 8.15 p.m.

With a program consisting of talks on "The Aims and Objectives of County School Boards" with guest speakers Mr. Cliff Whitfield, Superintendent of Schools, and School Board Trustee Dr. Bruce Truscott, it should prove to be an interesting evening and one in which parents and interested citizens would be wise to participate.

Car taken at Hiltz

An early morning break-in was discovered by Louis Hiltz when he arrived at his used car lot on Main Street on Thursday October 9, and several keys and a Volkswagen were missing.

The OPP were called in to investigate the incident and two local lads were later apprehended in Oakville with some of the keys still in their pockets. Others were found later on the car lot.

As the car motor is in a damaged condition charges are pending on the decision of the insurance Adjusters in compliance with the OPP.

Also, at the same meeting, awards will be presented to the children having shown the greatest academic achievement and progress for the past school term, the Don Hiltz Award for the Safety Patrol, and the Earl Osborne Award for Citizenship.

The last Thursday evenings in the month have only been considered as tentative nights, but the actual evenings to be set will be determined also on October 30, so it will be in everyone's interest to be on hand.

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