

Rare grey horse surprised owners at Rockwood stables



Jennie Barr and her prize "Grulla"

By Wendy Thomson
When visitors arrive at Yinkersdale Stables, Rockwood, and are asked if they'd like to see "The Grulla", they often look askance at their hosts, not sure if they're going to be introduced to a person, a dog, a porridge, or what!

Actually, this grulla is a horse of a fairly rare grey color peculiar to the dun bloodline. According to the American Buckskin Registry Association, a true grulla has "a body coat of smokey grey, often the exact shade of a mouse... dorsal stripe (dark stripe down the spine) must be present. May have zebra stripes on the legs. Black points, white socks permissible" — and Mack and Jennie Barr have the first (and only, as of last spring) grulla in Canada to be registered with the A.B.R.A.

Geamina came into being quite by accident eight years ago. Her mother, Gypsy Rose, was stabled next to a young Norwegian Dun colt, Silver Buckle. One morning revealed a loose colt, broken partitions and, as Jennie Barr put it, "a small bay mare with a grin as wide as the moon."

According to the history of the horse species, the Norwegian Dun is one of the oldest breeds, founder of the buckskin, the grulla, and the various dun lines. As the dun factor is dominant, its blood keeps coming to the fore.

It follows that, next spring Gypsy produced Nina, a lovely creamy buckskin filly, who flabbergasted her owners six months later, by changing to grey and has since been praised as being the classic example of a grulla.

When the Barrs found that another mare also visited by the Dun that night had also borne a grulla, they immediately tried to find Silver Buckle, as a stallion producing grullas, so readily might be worth a small fortune, but his owner, Pat Patstone had sold him and himself moved out

west. Five years of inquiry have turned up neither.

Last spring, the Barrs' joy knew no bounds as Nina gave birth to a little grulla colt, and great plans were made for him. (There are only three grulla stallions registered on the North American continent). Unfortunately, he decided to live up to his name; Kaleidoscope, and is now a red dun.

The next step was to breed Nina (who produces 100% dun) to a grey Arab (who produces 100% grey) and hope that that produces 100% grey dun a grulla.

\$100,000 plan for teachers

An educational development and leave plan fund, limited to \$100,000 was approved for the 1970-71 school year by members of the Halton County Board of Education.

The plan provides teachers, under certain terms, with up to one year education leave for study, research or up-grading. It also provides for research or study on special projects in the interest of education.

"The fund shall be available for purposes of research, study or projects which, in the opinion of the Selection Committee and the Board of Education, will benefit the educational system of Halton County," the policy states.

The fund will be divided with one third available for long term leave, one third for short term leave and one third for program council operation.

A lengthy list of terms for the plan includes a requirement that teachers taking leave must return to the County Board staff for terms at least twice as long as the leave. Formal approval by the board is required for each project and the fund is not cumulative.



PROVINCIAL HONORS certificates, signifying completion of 12 or more projects in 4-H homemaking club work, were presented Saturday to four girls at the Halton 4-H achievement day program. From left are Nancy Mahon of Campbellville club, Doreen Harrop of Norval,

Home Economist Mrs. Doreen Bannister, Anne Ruhl and Linda Kuenzig of the Hornby South club. The girls also received a pin. Eleven other girls who completed six projects were awarded county honors certificates the same day. —(Staff Photo)

Exhibits, skits

4-H clubs complete meat project

"Meat in the Menu" was the fall course for Halton's 4-H homemaking club girls, and the project wound up with an achievement day and presentations at St. Paul's United Church in Milton Saturday.

Four exhibits, two skits and two demonstrations were given by the eight clubs participating Saturday, with former Halton Home Economist Mrs. Patricia Squire of Brampton as adjudicator.

Palemo South Meat Maids had an exhibit on selecting meat, with Antoinette Westelaken as commentator. Different ways with one cut of beef were demonstrated by Nassagaweya Nymphs with Susan Kidd commentator. An exhibit by Hornby North Meat Balls

showed several ways to use liver and Cindy Cordingley was commentator. Hornby South Deb-U-Teens member Linda Kuenzig commented on her club exhibit, savory dishes from leftover meat.

Demonstrations included one by Campbellville Colleens on varying the meat in the menu, and one by Acton Meat-Ins on hamburger uses. Norma Bownhower, Pat Van Sickle, Janice Inglis and Anne Mahon participated in the Campbellville demonstration, Shirley Jaque, Lynda Sayers and Dorothy Newton for Acton club.

All members of Norval Meat Queens took part in a skit on tender meat. Palemo North Steakettes did a skit on buying meat.

Home Economist Mrs. D.

Bannister presented provincial honors certificates and pins to Nancy Mahon, Campbellville; Linda Kuenzig, Hornby South; Anne Ruhl, Hornby South; and Doreen Harrop, Norval.

County honors certificates and pins were presented by Mrs. Mancel Nellis, vice-president of Halton District Women's Institutes, to Cindy Cordingley, Barbara Le Riche, and Mary Jean Maxwell, Hornby North; Kathie Coorse, Valerie Green, Gwen Jessemann, Marilyn Saliba and Gladys Smith, Hornby South; Susan Kidd, Nassagaweya; Kathy Hyatt, Norval; and Susan May, Norval. Silver 4-H spoons and certificates of achievement were presented to members who had completed the meat project.

MASSAGAWEYA Township Council

At a regular meeting of Nassagaweya Township council Monday night, council:

- Advised Councillor Art Gibson to check legislation governing the covering of trucks hauling loads in other places so they might strengthen local legislation.

- Were advised the stop sign at Twiss Road and Upper Base Line Road had been replaced for the third time by Burlington.

- Learned County Council rejected a proposal to reduce the speed to 40 miles per hour through Haltonville and Brookville and suggested sending a delegation to appeal the decision.

- Learned Stoney Creek had passed a resolution asking for stricter laws governing illegal gatherings and civil disobedience and sent their resolution throughout the province. Council filed the letter without endorsing it.

- Heard reports from a C.O.R.D.C. meeting suggesting most rural municipalities remained against regional government and most urban groups favored the move.

- Learned the road superintendent has equipment ready for winter snow removal and maintenance.

- Learned building has exceeded \$1,028,000 for the year and noted this exceeded last year's mark by seven per cent.

- Refused to grant a 1969 licence for quarrying to William Mahon as he is in violation with by-laws restricting road setbacks and threatened legal action if he continues to contravene the by-law.



SCOTSDALE CODY, junior and reserve grand champion Shorthorn bull at the Royal Winter Fair for S. G. Bennett, of Ballinacred. Cody is a son of the internationally known Scotsdale Tehran, senior stock bull in the Bennett herd. —(Photo by Jim Rose)

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