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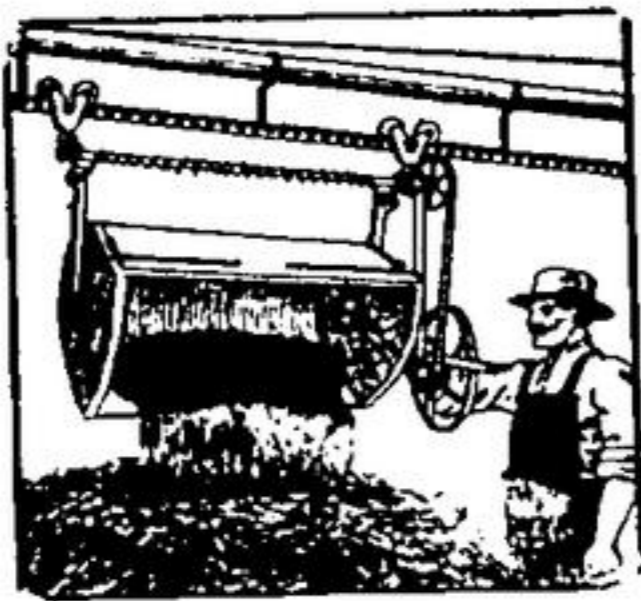
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GEORGETOWN

The McMillans Boost Georgetown At 23 Horse Shows This Year

Favourites with horse lovers at a couple of dozen fall fairs this year have been Georgetown's McMillans—Ken, Glad and Joyce. In their second season in the show ring, the family has travelled 20,000 miles, have competed against the best in the business, and have rung up an enviable record of 28 red ribbons, 40 blue, as well as 34 third prizes, 22 fourths, 6 fifths and 6 sixths.

Started With 2 Tons of Coal

It all began in 1942 when Ken, popular Georgetown International Harvester dealer, who was also in the coal business at that time, traded two tons of coal for a Shetland pony "Dolly" for their daughter Joyce. Later a corn binder changed hands for "Queenie" and it was soon a familiar sight to see a proud little girl riding around in a gig drawn by the two Shetland ponies, accompanied by her parents or perhaps by her grandmother McMillan, who incidentally shares the family love for horses.

That winter the McMillan stable was increased to three with the addition of Heromolne Chief, a hackney horse of good breeding whose sire had been imported from England. A cutter was also purchased and many a sleigh ride on frosty winter nights was enjoyed by the family.

First Year in Show Ring

In 1943, Ken got the bug to exhibit at some of the fall fairs and in his first season in the ring valuable experience was gained which led to the past season's victory record. At Thanksgiving Time, Warwick Princess was purchased as a mate for Heromolne Chief. Also added to the fast-growing McMillan stable were a pair of hackney ponies—Manor Barbara's Joy and Manor Lady Davjoy, offspring of an English show pony, Killissey Joy, and sired by Davburn-Bantam, now owned by Mrs. Lula-Loung Coombs, of Lees Summit, Missouri.

The ponies have been great favourites at the fairs and this year carried off third place in the open tandem in a field of eight at the Wingham Horse Show, winning over many of the popular horse tandems being shown today. At the same show they were fourth and fifth in a class of nine.

A 20,000 Mile Tour

Winding up their 20,000 mile tour at Walkerton recently, the McMillans have participated in no less than 23 fall fairs and horse shows in 1944. Their itinerary looks like a Cook's Tour of central and western Ontario, taking in such towns as Richmond Hill, Hillsburgh, Stratford (2), Guelph, St. Catharines, Brampton, Durham, Fergus, Hanover, Kincardine (2), Orangeville, Collingwood, Listowel, Milton, Caledonia, Erin, Streetsville, Wingham, Teeswater, Walkerton, not to mention Georgetown's own 98th annual Fall Fair.

A Family Hobby

Horses have become a family hobby with the McMillans. Wallace Munro, one of the most prominent showmen to-day, has remarked that he has never seen anyone more at home in the show-ring than 12-year-old Joyce, who specialises in tandem driving. Mrs. McMillan, who never held a line in her hands before last June, has rapidly developed into a Grade A driver and has beaten some of the best lady drivers in the province. At the Kincardine Fall Fair, she came second in a class of six—a noteworthy achievement for a novice competing against the skill and experience of the

"old timers." In the majority of towns, a pleasant feature of the competition has been the entertainment offered by the local Society sponsoring the show. The exhibitors, through frequent meetings, have grown to know and like each other and there is a spirit of camaraderie—a spirit, however, which is suspended while the show is on, for then it is "every man for himself and may the best man win."

1944 Highlights

The biggest thrill this year was when the red ribbon was pinned on Heromolne Chief at Fergus and Orangeville, where the leading hackneys in Ontario were competing for the honour. As for the outstanding horse shows, Ken nominates Teeswater, Erin and St. Catharines as the best he attended.

Behind the Scenes

To give credit where it is due, we must look behind the scenes, for it is still true that a horse is only as good as his trainer. The right hand men in the McMillan stable are John Devereaux and Mark Given—two men who know and love horses. Ken is unflinching in his praise of these two, whose grooming and training has been of material help in winning prizes. Another important feature is the excellent accommodation the horses have in the large, air-conditioned stable at Glendronoch Farm, owned by a Toronto mining man, Douglas G. H. Wright and his wife. The horses are now enjoying a well-earned winter rest at the farm, in preparation for another big season of shows in 1945.

A Boost for Georgetown

Besides the pleasure which the McMillans have derived from their venture into show business, the town proper has received some excellent publicity. The smart trailer truck rolling along Ontario's highways, has advertised Georgetown far and wide. Over the microphone too, the voice of Tory Gregg, ace fall fair announcer and a personal friend of the family, has publicized Georgetown's Fall Fair in a dozen communities. This all ties in with Mr. McMillan's job as Agricultural Chairman of the Georgetown and District Board of Trade.

DISTRICT POULTRY BREEDERS TAKE MANY PRIZES AT SHOWS

Poultry breeders in this district have made an exceedingly good name for themselves in the various poultry shows throughout Ontario, and such results augur well for the future of the recently formed Georgetown and Halton County Poultry Association.

Mr. C. E. Herrington, president of the Association, displayed at Galt Winter Poultry Show and won eight champion collection specials as well as several single specials. W. J. Alexander also showed at Galt and won the champion collection in Minorca, New Hampshire and Sussex.

At Brampton the third week in November, Harvey Lusty had the best display of White Wyandottes and also copped top honours for best bird in the show. Bill Emmerson, Jr., showing this year for the first time, had the best collection of Australorps. At the Owen Sound show, held November 27th to 30th, A. E. Waldie, of Milton, recorded 100% with 12 firsts for 12 birds shown. Mr. Herrington was another outstanding entrant, having the champion 4 birds, the champion exhibit in English and Mediterranean classes.

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Passenger, daily 9.28 p.m.
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Passenger, Sat. only 2.23 p.m.
Passenger daily except
Saturday and Sunday 8.25 p.m.
Daily except Sunday 7.23 p.m.
Passenger, Sundays
only 11.53 p.m.
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GOING NORTH

Passenger and Mail 8.50 a.m.

GOING SOUTH

Passenger and Mail 7.58 p.m.

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Guelph brought district exhibitors out in full force. Clarence Spence had the best collection of Houdans, black Minorcas and silver Polish; W. J. Alexander, the best barred Rocks, buff and white Minorcas, New Hampshire; Bill Emmerson, Jr., best collection of Australorps; A. E. Waldie the best in 3 types of Poland and Spanish. C. E. Herrington had the champion bird in English and Mediterranean classes, the champion male and the champion bird in the show. Harvey Lusty had entries in Partridge, White Wyandottes and Hamburgs.

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