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The Editor's Column

HORSES ARE HIS HOBBY

A hobby which has paid dividends in interest and enjoyment to his family, as well as advertising Georgetown throughout the Ontario countryside, has taken Ken McMillan to 27 Horse Shows and Fall Fairs during 1945, and already, he is planning for next season and another tour of the show rings.

Ken is a relative newcomer at the game, as it was only in 1942 that he acquired "Dolly," a Shetland pony as the first of his stable of six. Ken, who in addition to his International Harvester agency also had a coal business at that time, traded two tons of coal for "Dolly" as a present for daughter Joyce. Another Shetland "Queenie" was purchased soon after and that winter, "Heromine Chief," a hackney horse boosted the McMillan stable to three.

The next year, the McMillans got the urge to exhibit at some of the neighbouring fall fairs, and with Warwick Princess added as a mate for the Chief and another pair of hackney ponies, Manor Barbara's Joy and Manor Lady Davijoy, valuable experience was gained and the elements of show decorum acquired.

In 1944, the McMillan's stable really went to town with a tour of 23 fall fairs. 13-year old Joyce rapidly developed into a first-rate tandem driver and Mrs. McMillan has beaten some of the best lady drivers in the province.

Last season saw an even heavier schedule as Ken, Glad and Joyce travelled to 27 shows and garnered 55 red ribbons, 64 blues, and 43 third prizes, 35 fourths, 6 fifths, 1 seventh and a special.

Fall Fairs visited included Brampton, Mount Forest, Orangeville, Lindsay, Belleville, Gait, Milton, Owen Sound, Teeswater, Meaford, Chasworth, Markham, Erin, Markdale, Wingham, Kincardine and Walkerton, not to mention our own 99th annual fair in Georgetown. Horse shows were at Hamilton, Stratford, Hillsburgh, St. Catharines, Brampton Lions Club Show, Brampton Horsemen's Association, Brampton Horse Club Fall Show, Listowel and Oakville Lions Club.

As the best fall fair, Ken nominates Lindsay with St. Catharines drawing top spot as the best horse show. Teeswater and Erin also get the nod as first-year fall fairs, and it is his unbiased view that Georgetown is the most improved of the fall shows. A bus man's holiday took him on a-looking trip only to Hamilton Wentworth Show in August and to Chicago in November. His proudest moment was at the Gait Show when Joyce headed the Junior Equation class.

To give credit where it is due, trainer Jack McKay plays a big share in the success of the stable, and another important feature is the excellent accommodation provided in the air-conditioned stable at Glendronoch Farm, rural home of Toronto mining man, Douglas G. H. Wright. The horses are now enjoying their winter's rest at the farm, in preparation for another series of shows this year.

As we have said, Georgetown receives a large measure of publicity as the smart McMillan trailer truck rolls along Ontario's highways. This has helped Georgetown Fair by encouraging horsemen from farther regions to exhibit here, and ties in with Ken's job as fall fair director and agricultural chairman of the local Board of Trade.

THE SOCIAL CREDIT PHILOSOPHY

We are somewhat alarmed with the social credit idea of "let the government provide" which seems more and more to prevail in the public mind these days. No matter what project is discussed—new high school, sewerage, recreation program, et al — invariably someone thinks the government is going to magically provide the major backing and that it is going to cost the municipality little or nothing. It doesn't take a student of economics or a college professor to realize that the more the government spends on such projects, the more tax money must be raised to pay for them, and the taxes can come from no one but ourselves.

Directly or indirectly, we must pay for what we get, and in any contemplated public work, it is wiser to figure if the municipality can pay for the project and not look to big hand-outs from outside sources. The foolishness of this is shown on a smaller scale at a recent Bruce County Council meeting when every municipality in Bruce requested a grant of at least \$10,000 for some public work. Boiled down, it meant that each municipality would itself have to provide the ten thousand, for a County Council is not a business firm and merely acts as custodian of funds received from county taxpayers.

In the same way, a provincial or a federal treasury is just that, and we must realize the truism that every government grant means a further drain on the public pocket-book. It is a fact that poorer municipalities stand to benefit at the expense of those in better circumstances by an increase in federal spending. From a selfish standpoint, Halton which is one of the more fortunate, stands to lose more than it gains by jumping on the social credit bandwagon, and we might better spend our time campaigning for less government support of public works.

A GOVERNMENT PAINT JOB

Liberal decorated with red tape, the new car models are beginning to appear on the market, but for Mr. and Mrs. John Doe the sign says "please do not touch." Priority certificates are required before a prospective purchaser can do more than look at the new cars and he must satisfy the Rationing Officer of his need for a car, that 75 per cent of the mileage consumed will be in connection with his business, and must show that he has not disposed of a serviceable passenger car in order to qualify for a new one.

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(Intended for Last Week) The W.M.S. auxiliary held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. Nurse with the president, Mrs. Thos. Giffen in charge. After the usual opening exercises, Roll Call was answered with some very interesting Bible verses beginning with the letter "A." Mrs. Vernon Pickett conducted a helpful Worship Service, after which Mrs. Frank Wilson so capably gave the study Chapter on Education in the African Schools, telling how our women

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Missionaries are training the girls to be Home-makers and have sewing classes and gardening and also along Religious lines. One great missionary has said the New Child will have for a diploma when his school day is done, a position of responsibility in a Christian neighborhood. A hymn and Prayer by Rev. Fred Ainsworth closed this meeting.

We are glad to be able to report that Miss Elsie Bird who was operated on at the Toronto General Hospital last Friday is coming along nicely. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.