

Royal Winter Fair Gets Underway Next Week

A brand new and exciting precision ride by members of the famed Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be one of many highlights of the 1959 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, which will be held in the Coliseum, Toronto, from November 13 to 21.

This year's display by the "Mounties" provides considerable versatility and demands even greater ability on the part of the participants than the Musical Ride of past years.

The new routine, spoken for by the scarlet-coated force point out, has not been developed as a substitute for the musical ride, but instead, for the purpose of injecting variety and freshness into the Police's equestrian displays and to provide the public an insight into other aspects of horsemanship in the RCMP.

The troupe comprising the new Exhibition Ride which will be seen at the Royal consists of 24 men and horses, under the supervision of Inspector N. D. Jones, the officer-in-charge, and staff sergeant R. R. Van Patten, the riding master.

Each performance will include three and, possibly, four different aspects of equitation such as Roman riding, tandem riding and driving, pattern jumping and, if space and other conditions permit, tent-pegging.

Roman riding, as the term implies is a very old form of

equestrian sports but the modern version bears little resemblance to its riotous predecessor which, with similarly robust attractions was presented for the pleasure of the emperors.

Today, as of old, the rider stands astride the horse but instead of engaging in a race he guides them at a trot and canter through a variety of riding school figures requiring the tightest control, coordination and obedience.

Tandem riding and driving is performed by two teams of two men and four horses. Each rider must control his own mount and a horse directly in front by the use of two reins, only and in this display the two teams perform such riding school figures as turns, inclines circles and figure 8s at the walk, trot and canter.

Tent pegging, long a favorite sport of cavalrymen, is believed to have originated many years ago among the tribesmen of the East, but at that time it bore no resemblance to sport, and was usually the prelude to a camp of unsuspecting enemies, the horsemen raced among the tents drawing the supporting pegs with their spear points as they passed, then, wheeling about as the tents collapsed, they returned to butcher the floundering occupants.

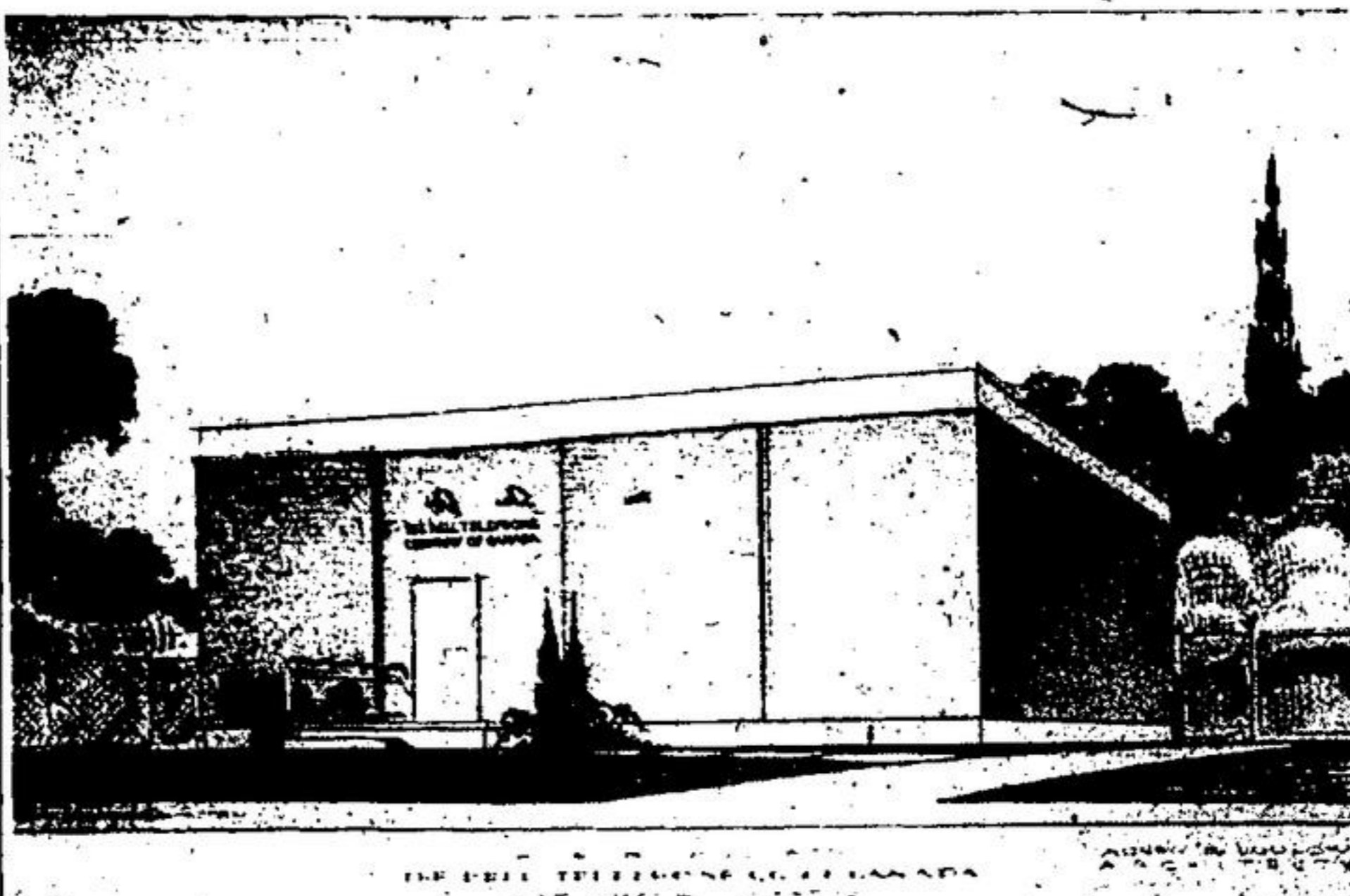
Today, the horseman, armed

with sword or lance, aligns his horse on a single peg downfield and urging his mount to utmost speed races toward it, weapon outstretched before him. The momentum of the charge drives the point home, there is a slight tug at the rider's arm, as the peg pulls free and swings up behind him transfixed on blade or lance point.

Highlight of the performance is a display of precision riding and jumping, or pattern jumping, by 16 men and horses.

In this event height is of no consequence and the 8 jumps measure 12 feet in length and 3 feet in height, with an added 6 inches of brush on top. This exhibition is performed entirely at the canter and follows a course of riding school figures similar to those of the Musical Ride. Extreme precision is required to negotiate the intricate pattern of jumps and at the finale the "Shanghai Cross", when all horses will be clear of the ground simultaneously in taking a barrier from four different directions, each horse will have completed some 68 jumps in the space of approximately 10 minutes.

The thrilling feature of the fair will be seen at the Royal Horse Show in the arena of the Coliseum each evening, during the eight days of the Royal, as well as at five matinee performances.



AN ARCHITECTURAL SKETCH of the Bell Telephone's new Dial Exchange in Snelgrove. The building will be completed in May, 1960, and Northern Electric crews will then install the intricate dial equipment. Snelgrove is scheduled to receive dial service in October.

Halton Stands Second Inter-County Plowing

Competition was held in connection with the International Plowing and Utility Land Match at Dundas on Thursday and Friday, October 15 and 16.

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Bandsman and Bride Are Piped From Church

Rev. John Rathbone officiated at the marriage of Audrey Eileen Cain, daughter of Mrs. Mabel Cain, and the later Robert Cain, Glen Williams, when she became the bride of Douglas Robert Weir, son of Mrs. Harvey Armstrong, Georgetown, in St. Alban's Church, Glen Williams on October 9th at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Church was decorated with white carnations on the altar and large baskets of white and pink gladioli. Mrs. R. Williams was the organist and Mrs. Don Hancock the soloist sang O Perfect Love during the signing of the register. It was a double ring ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, James Cain, wearing a floor length gown, there was an overskirt of white net over the taffeta underskirt. The bodice was of lace, fashioned with a high neckline and long pointed sleeves. A crown of white seed pearls and flowers held her fingertip lace trimmed veil. A two tone mauve orchid with stephanotis was her bouquet.

Mrs. George Burlington, the bride's sister, was matron of honour. Mrs. George Webster and Miss Lois Cain, also sisters of the bride and a cousin, Donna Bennett were the bridesmaids all gowned alike in powder blue embossed nylon with

cumberbunds and a bow. They wore picture hats and gloves to match with blue sashes. Their flowers were bouquets of gold cross, gifts of the bride.

Ivan Penfold was groomsmen, George Webster and George Burlington, brothers-in-law of the bride were ushers.

The bride and groom were piped out of the church by Pipe Major Joe Sellers of the Lorne Scots band of which the groom is a member.

Mrs. Cain received for her daughter at the reception held in the Odd Fellows Hall, following the ceremony. She wore a Royal blue sheath with blue hat and pink corsage, she was assisted by the groom's mother who wore a pale blue lace gown with blue hat and pink corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Weir spent their honeymoon in Toronto. She chose for travelling a tan suit with brown purse and shoes and an olive green hat and brown fur jacket, the gift of the groom and an orchid corsage. They are residing at 38 King St., Georgetown. Mrs. Weir is employed at Smith & Stone Limited and Mr. Weir at the Alliance Paper Mill.

Guests attended from Toronto, Pine Grove, Woodbridge, Erin, Limehouse, Glen Williams and Georgetown.

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