



RESIDENTS OF EDENS MILLS and area are warned not to feel too smug at the prospect of Spring in the air. This picture was taken of the Town Line, looking toward Edens Mills, April 2, 1928, and experts of that time said that, in those days snow continued on for sometime after that date.

Let's talk about
HORSES
with Jennifer Barr



Question: Why are hackamores not allowed in Western classes? I use a hackamore with a leather noseband and sheepskin underneath for my two year old colt. Is this cruel to him?

Answer: There are two types of hackamore — a bosal, or firm rawhide noseband, and a mechanical hackamore, consisting of firm noseband, long metal checks, and a curbchain. The bosal is good for training young horses, if used properly, but a mechanical hackamore is quite vicious and rarely necessary except for an older horse with an impossibly hard mouth.

The kind you describe is a mechanical hackamore and is probably much too severe for your colt. You can break his jaw with it. Try him in a bosal and he will be much more comfortable. W.H.A. rules allow the use of a bosal on a horse up to five years of age in registered classes, and up to any age in open classes. Mechanical hackamores are banned because of their severity. Any horse requiring such control is no pleasure horse. Western games are the exception.

Bosal or bit — both are good in the right hands.

Question: What is the correct dress for western shows and what should I wear if I ever show English?

Answer: Correct western dress consists of proper western riding pants; quiet shirt with long sleeves; jacket or vest is optional; western-type tie; belt; western boots inside pants; and western hat. Jeans are allowed only if covered by chaps.

In bigger shows, western suits are usually seen, and neatly gloved hands. English classes require a hard jockey or bowler hat; dark

melton or hacking jacket; white shirt with stock or tie; jodhpurs with short jodhpur boots, or breeches and long boots. In smaller shows, a turtleneck sweater with hacking outfit is acceptable. Gloves are optional but should be worn in large shows.

Above all, dress quietly, neatly, and in good taste. You are there to enhance your horse, not to overshadow him. Make sure your number is straight, too.

I once knew a chap in Quebec who fancied himself quite a cowboy. He was in his forties, weighed nearly 300 lbs., and dressed to kill for even a ride around the block.

First came a tasseled, embroidered, purple satin shirt topped by a fringed vest and whopping "Boss Cartwright" hat. Jeans and sheepskin gaucho chaps were followed by silver-toed boots and huge jingly spurs. The outfit was completed by a silver-tooled belt with empty gun holster.

He would leap gaily from his mounting block onto a dispirited, 14 h.h. cow pony with bony back and split hooves. However, only the legs of the pony could be seen under the silver spangled bridle, jewelled Spanish bit (to control the savage beast), parade saddle and breastplate, purple tasseled blanket, canteen, rifle scabbard, lariat, and saddle bags.

My own personal opinion is that he was overdoing it a bit.

We plan to attend Milo Heatherington's second demonstration of horse training on April 16 at Style Acres, corner Fourth Line and Fifth Sideroad of Erlin. You'll never forgive yourself if you miss it.

Comin's and Goin's

Friends, mothers, fathers, and children, are all invited to attend the mammoth Rummage and Bake sale to be held at the Rockwood Centennial School on Saturday, April 22, beginning at 1 p.m. until 5. White elephant sales, books, toys, and clothing will be part of the feature sponsored by the Brownies, Scout, Guides, and Cub, parent committee who ask that all donations could be sent by their participating children or for donors, numbers to call would be Leslie Ferguson at 4807 or Nancy Carter at 4892. Homemade cookies anyone?

Hey! It's fashion news these days and you'll see them all at the Home and School Association's annual fashion show next April 28 at the School. Get behind your Association and see that the graduating grade 8 class gets a real send-off. That's what the funds will be used for and the organizers hope to see a bang-up turnout for the local event.

Ladies' nite at the Town Hall was a terrific success last Saturday when the Rockwood-Eramosa fire brigade members feted their wives to a special banquet dinner and dance. Pretty corsages decorated the shoulders of the celebrated ladies and, after the dinner, extra friends arrived at the hall to enjoy the music of John Singular and his orchestra with the friendly brigade members.

A meeting of all interested parents will be held at the home of Audrey Bilton on Weatheraid Street next Monday night when the committee of parents for the cubs, scouts, brownie and guides will meet to prepare their springtime and summer program. 8 p.m. is the planned time and all adults interested are invited.

Well, look who else has wended their way to the southern climates. Norm and Nancy Beattie left last Friday for Fort Lauderdale, where, in the atmosphere of the Lamplighter Motel they will enjoy two weeks of sunshine and warmth. Larry and Sandra Adamczyk also toured down with the happy couple and it'll be Florida tan man for another foursome.

Come on now. Drop a card to Stewart Royce at the St. Joseph's Intensive Care wing. In room 264 he'd just love a written visit from his Rockwood friends.

Family visiting recently included Mr. Kenneth Guild of Mahone Bay, N.S., and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Guild and family from London, Ontario, when they spent time with their mother, Mrs. W. Guild of Guelph Street.

When the Historical Automobile Society of Canada set up their weekend bus trip to Boston recently two Rockwood enthusiasts, Ray and Betty Death were on hand to enjoy the touring and sites of the great city as well as the festivities. A marvellous time it was and the Deaths who had left the village last Friday night arrived home early Monday morning. Welcome home Mom and Dad, glad you had fun!

Let's put out the welcome and mat and meet up with new neighbours in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wills from Surrey, B.C. will soon be residing in the Lloyd Waddell house sandwiched by the Meeks and Roots on Guelph Street. A terrific family say the reports and Margie and Roy have three children, Pat 11, Lillian 10, and Margie 7. Great to have you in the community folks, and if people forget to say hello just say it at them anyway cause we're all glad you're here.

The die has been cast and it's a

fact now that Rockwood is going to lose one of its most delightful young families. The David Howes have sold their house and will move out on Friday, May 12, deadline date. A two week trip to see Western Canada pre-embarkation to jolly England is on the Rowe agenda but at the moment Jackie and David are not positive about plans. They are leaving however, and local villagers are truly sorry to lose a marvellous couple who have managed to spread enthusiasm and friendship throughout Rockwood during their short stay in the community. Lots of luck to a favourite family who hopefully will be around for at least another few weeks.

Okay guys! For the last time! If you want fun for next Friday night check in at the Rockwood Centennial School and enjoy local and international talent night when the Rockwood and area ratopayers' Association will present Spring Seeds at 8 p.m. No kidding, it's going to be a great show which will include such local stars as Burt Baum, T. D. McCutcheon and Mrs. Early. While the Philippine Island dancers and India students Association will provide the distant entertainment.

Some people don't mind the cold turkey when it's a draw and they win. Don Root of R.R. Rockwood was the lucky contestant who won the turkey draw for first place at last week's Shoppette Variety soiree's opening special. Len McDougall was the man in charge of the draw and Mrs. Don Mintz was the second place winner. Nice going, lucky folks!

Remember now, it'll be the Country Squires at the Eramosa Public School next Friday, April 21. The Eramosa Junior Farmers will be at the helm to present their annual Variety nite and dance starting at 8:15 p.m. The award winning play "Fools Paradise" will also be a speciality with fares set at a minimal \$1 for adults, 50c for students and absolutely free for kids under 12.

Murray Haigh is back to spend the summer at the old Rockwood Academy. A graduate in landscape architecture, he'll be reconstructing the old gardens.

Host feted at last session

A delightful wind-up feature of the Eramosa Creative Arts program was when the Upholstery class members feted Yosef Drenters with a special "thank you" cake and a hamper of special dinner wines at their last three-hour working session last Tuesday evening.

The classes, held regularly for the past ten weeks at the Rockwood Academy, were the first instructional ones held in the famous building since the year 1882 and those attending, felt that taking upholstery training in the worthy establishment was a special experience.

To the melodious and ecclesiastical strains of Bach many tacking nails ensured future furniture style in local homes as students hammered enthusiastically in the cozy atmosphere of the large downstairs study hall where Yosef had diligently set up work

benches and arranged extra lighting and constantly filled the iron stove with firewood to ensure comfort and warmth for avid apprentices.

Token of appreciation it had been a fun time and, to show their regards the students had planned the small token of their appreciation for Yosef's constant consideration. Delicious tarlets, butterscotch squares, and a large homemade cake and coffee were all part of the scene presented along with the hamper of wines. Yosef responded to the spontaneity and good humour of the occasion with a charming reply correlating working together at the academy with fellowship and good will.

At the conclusion of the finalizing work session students were then invited to visit with Yosef on a tour through the building with the added pleasure of also viewing the second floor of the Academy which is presently being restored. As usual those attending who had not before toured the building were impressed at the historical data which Yosef had accrued in the ten short years in which he had made the building his home and were amazed at the amount of work and time he had spent in restoring the second floor living quarters.



THERE WILL BE feelings of nostalgia and relief this Springtime as Rockwood Main Street residents note dead elms and other vegetable tree corpses have been delimbed and cut down. A group of surgeons from Galt are the specialized handmen employed by the Village to complete the job, requiring know-how to avoid hydro and telephone wires. Judged at 80 percent full fuel capacity, residents with chopped trees have complete rights to the fireplace fuel but will also be responsible for its removal if not required. —(Photo by Lorraine.)

Institute plans euchre

The April meeting of the Rockalong Institute was held at the No. 8 school house and, in the absence of president, Miss Helen Bayne, Mrs. Edna Guild presided.

It was a worktime meeting and the roll call was answered by the paying of fees. Reports were read by the various conveners and accomplishments of the past year reviewed after which new business was discussed.

Important on the agenda was a discussion about the final euchre which will take place on date of Thursday, April 20, at the Community Centre where each member was asked to make a special effort and bring in objects, at least two but more if available, for the penny table. All community members are invited to attend the special event which will begin at 8:15 p.m. with prizes and all the trimmings plus lunch to be served.

The nomination committee leader, Mrs. Norman Harris then presented the new slate of officers for the Institute and members applauded their new president Mrs. Sheldon Trousdale of Harris Street.



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