

Let's talk about horses

By Jennifer Barr



QUESTION: I would like to know if you think it's a good idea to take one - two weeks at a dude ranch or are most of these places a waste of money and time. Could you recommend one that is popular and well-run?

(This lady had previously expressed a desire to learn to ride and asked for names of riding schools.)

Answer: If you wish to have a holiday seeing the countryside from the back of a horse, a good dude ranch might be fun. If, however, you really want to learn to ride, save your money and take proper riding lessons.

At a dude ranch you will be taken for trail rides on a horse that will follow the string whether you ride well or are merely a passenger. There is danger of your developing hard-to-break habits by riding without supervision at first.

Once you have started to sit wrongly in the saddle, it is much harder to correct your seat, than if you had learned properly the first time you sat on a horse.

I would suggest taking lessons from a good riding school this summer and going to a dude ranch next summer — if you still want to.

QUESTION: I am a fifteen year old boy and have a bay mare and her two-year-old colt. We keep them on our farm and I plan to train the colt for trail riding.

The other day I went to the barn to put the two horses out for exercise. I was stunned to find the colt had his hind leg stretched out behind him and he couldn't walk. I thought his leg was broken. I put the mare out before I called the vet but the colt jumped around in his stall when he saw his mother going out. Suddenly his leg was all right and he went trotting out normally.

What could have caused this? Answer: This sounds like a dislocation of the patella which is more common in immature horses than older ones. The stifle joint, the point where the hind leg enters the abdomen, corresponds with our knee cap. This can shoot out of place, causing symptoms similar to those you describe.

We once had a young stallion who put his leg out three times. It scared the wits out of me the first time I saw it.

As you have discovered, the joint can be replaced by forcing the animal to move suddenly. It

can also be pushed back into place manually by raising the horse's hind leg to the front and manipulating the joint.

However if it happens again, you would be wise to call your vet. Amateurish handling of dislocations can result in torn ligaments.

There is an operation that can be done to shorten the ligaments of a really troublesome patella.

Don't forget the next R.T.R. horse show at Dales farm just north of Rockwood on June 11 at 12.30 p.m. Last month's turnout was very rewarding, it's good to see so many horsey people in the area. Western, English, and Juniors are featured

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Ballinafad

Cairn footings, party illness, cubs activities

Mrs. R. Shortill
The U.C.W. group catered to a banquet on Saturday evening. A couple's club from Toronto enjoyed a tasty dinner at the church. Later they had a party at the community centre. This is an annual outing for these people.

Mrs. Rick Sales is recovering from surgery in Georgetown Hospital. We hope she soon will be able to return home in good health.
Mr. Matt Shortill was rushed to Georgetown Hospital last week and is still quite ill.

Mr. F. W. Shortill is also in Georgetown Hospital. Church service was held at 9.45 on Sunday returning to the summer schedule.

Soap box derby
The Cubs with their leader entered the "soap box" derby in Georgetown on Saturday. They had built two of the vehicles. They won a consolation prize and enjoyed a lot of fun.
Our Ballinafad 4-H group attended the Achievement Day at Holy Cross church in Georgetown on Saturday last.

Cairn footings
The grass on the cemetery is all nicely mowed again and the footings for the cairn will be placed this week.

Mrs. Clifford Reid attended on Friday, the funeral of Mr. Walter Reid at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Mr. Reid was the brother of the late Dr. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg French and family spent the weekend in Parry Sound district.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gates and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Snow visited in Nottawa on Sunday.
It was decided to have the picnic at Terra Cotta on June 18. Mrs. Ella McEnery is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Norm Sinclair.

Leave garbage by gate

Esqueusing township's first attempt to close the township dump on Saturday afternoons met with unexpected results. The dump superintendent notified council six would-be dumpers, frustrated by the locked dump threw their garbage over the gate.

What ruffled councillors' feathers even more was the list of offenders. Two of the six people involved lived in Brampton.

Outside dumpers have always been a problem to the township, which latterly has been attempting to divert them elsewhere, without much success. The dump superintendent has been authorized by by-law to prohibit material from outside the township being dumped and has the authority to levy charges. Current offenders are to be notified they were identified.

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Churchill

Mark 134 years in same church

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur

Churchill Community Church will be celebrating their 134 years of services in the same building this coming Sunday, with services both morning at 11 a.m. and evening, 7.30 p.m.

We are pleased to have Rev. Robert Hyde, B.A., M.Div. who was ordained on Sunday, May 28. We hope many will come and hear our past minister's message prior to his and Mrs. Hyde's (Carol Swackhamer) leaving to make their home in Saskatchewan where his first charge is.

Recent visitors
Mrs. Frank Graff of Sturgeon Falls is visiting with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. William Dobbie and Garry, also with Gale (Mr. and Mrs. George Maltby and boys).

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Julian and daughters Karen and Pat of Woodstock visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, David and Julian.
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Knox of

Oshawa visited at his sister's home with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr, Jeffrey and Christine last Saturday.

On Sunday Dr. Lois Cameron was a guest at the Kerr home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer, Janice and Ray attended the Leslie-Costello wedding in St. Christopher's Church, Burlington, on Saturday, June 3, and the reception afterwards in the Stelco Veterans Hall, Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swackhamer were guests also at the Leslie-Costello wedding and reception.

From Finland
A sister Mrs. Karjalainen from Finland is visiting with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. William Kocks and daughter Helen, R.R. 2, Acton. She hopes to be with her until August.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Heimer of Virgil on Monday, and spent a lovely day.

Osprige

Delegates attend district annual

By Doris Fines

Mrs. Ed Archibald, Mrs. William Milton, Mrs. D. G. Robertson, Mrs. Elmer Fisher, and Miss Doris Fines, of the local Women's Institute, attended the District Annual meeting at the Stone Church, Ermosa, Greenock W.I. was hostess.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard last week were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Butkewitz, of Napierville, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, and Garnet Bruce, attended the graduation ceremonies of their son and daughter-in-law, Barrie

and Carol Bruce, at the University of Western Ontario, London.

Twins
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vanmanen who are the proud parents of twins — a son and a daughter, born on Friday, June 2.
Gordon Aitken and Clarence Denny enjoyed a couple of days fishing on the weekend, at Shoe Lake, near Dorset.
Cathy Ellis and Bradley Bruce joined the local Presbyterian Church, and took their first communion on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fines of Erin, visited with Mrs. Thomas Fines and Doris on Sunday.

Chicks delight playground tots

May 28, four-year-old Valerie Neave of Moffat was the wee hostess at a closing picnic for her fellow playground friends of St. George's Playgroup in Guelph. The day began with an exciting visit to Sandy and Pat Buchanan's farm where holding a baby chick seemed about the most important achievement; and getting the whole story on where milk originates somehow makes a glass of milk taste better.

They returned to the Neave homestead for rides on the tiny pony Bubbles, lots of goodies and a walk in one of the beautiful Halton County Forests.
Pat and Sandy Buchanan, Val's aunt Virginia Zuraw and Susan Jamieson helped make the day easier for the mothers.

SUNDAY is Shut Ins Day.

MORE field day reports next week.

Summertime Needs

House and Garden	RAID SPRAY 11.2 oz.	\$1.19
Off 12-oz. Tin	INSECT REPELLENT	\$1.69
Wizard 32 oz. Tin	CHARCOAL LIGHTER	29¢
Curad 200's	BAND AIDES	\$1.29
Coppertone 4-oz.	SUNTAN LOTION	\$1.39
Tropic Tan	SUNTAN LOTION	\$1.09
Dee Tee	SERVETTES 150's	49¢
	KAOPECTATE 8-oz.	99¢

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JANICE COXIE

Janice Coxie, Ashgrove, graduated from the two-year Practical Advertising program in the Communications division. Winner of the Advertising Advisory Committee award for highest marks in first year, she already has a job writing ad copy at CHIC radio station in Brampton. Her father Len Coxie is a township councillor for Esqueusing.

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SISTER, BROTHER GRADUATE... Ellen Pietrrella Maria Traas and John R. C. Traas, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Traas of Campbellville, graduated at commencements held this month. Ellen

graduated in nursing from the South Waterloo Memorial Hospital in Galt and John received a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in electrical engineering from University of Toronto.

Limehouse

New church members wedding, death in area

By Mrs. A. Benton
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Benton were guests at the wedding of her cousin, Mr. Thomas King to Miss Doreen Robertson in Udney United Church and the reception in the Community Centre on May 31. Rev. Walter King, father of the groom of Cape Croker performed the ceremony.

New members
Rev. Peter Barrow held preparatory service at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday when Ronald Appleyard joined by profession of faith, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Given by transfer of membership from other churches. Communion service will be held next Sunday, June 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Quinton of Meaford visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Benton and John during the weekend. All also visited the John Quintons in Georgetown where they celebrated little Tracey's fourth birthday.

Sheridan grads

Graduation was held at Sheridan College last Friday, when four Acton students completed their courses.
Margaret (Maggie) Given received High Honours in the Legal Secretarial course. Nancy Gordon also graduated from the legal secretarial course, Olga Hnativ from Medical Secretarial and Stewart McCulloch from Electrical/Electronic Technology.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Osburn and the Lawson family in the passing of a brother and uncle, Mr. William McDowell last week.

We hope for a good recovery for Mrs. Neil Anderson following surgery a week ago.

Y.M.C.A. News and Happenings

Y.M.C.A. Program Co-ordinator

We welcome the Senior Citizens of Acton to the 60 plus club at the Y. Beginning to-day the facilities will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. We hope you will come along and enjoy yourself.
With the change in weather our Youth Club attendance has fallen off. Would it serve a purpose to maintain an evening summer program of boys and girls clubs and Y-teen activities for the 13 to 16 year olds? We would like to see some interest expressed by the youngsters themselves. Drop around Mon., Tues. or Wed. evenings and express your views. If only two or three are going to trickle in it would be better to close for the summer.

songs, crafts, cook-outs, lessons in camping skills and one sleep-out-a-week-or-bi-weekly. There are no boating or swimming facilities.

Campers would be bussed to Blue Springs in the morning, carrying their own lunches and return to the Y at 5 p.m.

Blue Springs is a 250 acre site of rolling fields and bush about four miles from Acton. There is Blue Springs creek for fishing and exploring, a large picnic shelter, tents for headquarters, camp-fire area, large play areas and water and Hydro.

Signify Interest
As the need for such a program must first be established before the real groundwork begins, we will be on hand Thursday, June 8 from 1-4 p.m. and 7 to 8.30 p.m. and Fri., June 9 from 7-9.30 p.m. to record the names of families interested in having their children participate in a day-camp program. Write or phone the Y.M.C.A. if you're interested but can't drop in those dates.

Day camp
We are considering organizing an all-day, five days a week day-camp program at Blue Springs. The question is would such a program fulfill a need in our community? If so, should it be structured for week-by-week membership? For just a few weeks? or for the whole of July and August?
There would be organized sports, archery, fishing, nature hikes, exploring, camp-fires, sing

Champions declared at M.Z.B. field day

Field day was held at the M. Z. Bennett school last Friday. Senior champions were Deb Brown and Mike Luty, intermediate champions Marg Slingerland and Ford Alton and junior champions Nicky Field and Tim Crisp.

Results follow.

Allan, Ryan Reed.
200yd., Mike Luty 22.7, Wayne Allan Mike Masters.
400 yd., Mike Luty 1.36.3, Wayne Allan, Mike Masters.
Long jump, Mike Luty 15'8", Wayne Allan, Gary DeLong.
Triple jump, Mike Luty 33'4", Wayne Allan, Gary DeLong.
High jump, Gary DeLong 4'8", Ron Turkosz, Wayne Allan.
Shot put, Gary DeLong 32'8", Wayne Allan, Mike Luty.
88 yd., Mike Luty 2.345, Wayne Allan, Ford Alton.
Champion: Mike Luty, 35 pts.

Junior Boys (12 yrs. & under)
75 yd., Warren Coultrup—10.00, Tim Crisp, Mark Withers.
100 yd., Brian MacDonald—13.00, Mark Withers, Tim Crisp.
220 yd., Tim Crisp—25.4, Mark Withers, Peter Zioms.
Long jump, Frank Withers 13'6", Tim Crisp, Jack DeWilde.
Triple jump, Gordie Bruce 24'9", Tim Crisp, Jack DeWilde.
High jump, Charles Griese 4'11", George Blanden, Peter Zioms.
Shot put, Warren Coultrup 32'6", Kelly Harkey, Mark Withers.
Champion: Tim Crisp, 22 pts.

Junior Girls (12 yrs. & under)
75 yd., Nicky Field 11.1, Christine Arbic, Debbie Andrew.
100 yd., Nicky Field 14.5, Christine Arbic, Frances Ross.
220 yd., Nicky Field 59.2, Frances Ross, Lisa Near.
Long jump, Lisa Near 11'9", Nicky Field, Mary Vint.
Triple jump, Christine Arbic 28'8", Debbie Andrew, Maria Griesfender.
High jump, Sasia Pataky 3'8", Cathy Upton, Mary Splinter.
Shot put, Debbie Wellwood, Chris Arbic, Michele Duffey.
Champion: Nicky Field, 19 pts.

Intermediate (13 yrs.)
100 yd., Peter Prystasz 12.8, Jamie Vickers, Nathan Field.
200 yd., Pete Prystasz 24.0, Jamie Vickers, Nathan Field.
400 yd., Pete Prystasz 1.11, Ford Alton, Nathan Field.
Long jump, Ford Alton 11'9", Lee Robinson, Nathan Field.
Triple jump, Ford Alton 29'11", Nathan Field, Jamie Vickers.
High jump, Randy Upton 4'6", Ford Alton, Derrick Foley.
Shot put, Robin Inaceo 25'8", Nathan Field, John McHugh.
Champion: Ford Alton, 21 pts.

Senior Boys (14 and over)
100 yd., Mike Luty 12.4, Wayne

Senior Girls (14 and over)
100 yd., Deb Brown 12.00, Jane Higgins, Leslie Collett.
220 yd., Jane Higgins 56.8, Deb