



ANN FISH and Dolores Jordan were present at the curling banquet to receive the Toronto Dominion Trophy from Willa Hewitt. Absent was Steve Ormsby.



WINNERS of the Molson Golden Award trophy were Bill Somerville, skip Andy McKenzie with trophy, and Laura Lovell.

## Irish Young Farmer is special guest

By Cathy Lasby  
The June meeting of the Acton 4-H Calf Club was held on Monday, June 4, at 8 p.m. at Scotsdale Farm, owned by Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bennett. About 35 members, club leaders Russell Murray, Nino Braida and Bob Lasby, and 12 visitors attended the meeting. President, Beryl McEnery, called the meeting to order and led the members in the 4-H Pledge. Tom Parker introduced our hosts for the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, owners, Emerson Clarke, manager, and George Ridley, herdsman. Bill Lasby of Ballycroy Farms, Colgan, a former member and leader of the Acton 4-H Calf Club, gave a type demonstration. A class of yearling Shorthorn bulls was then judged by all members. Reasons were taken before the

official placing was given by Bill Lasby. Momento of Canada  
Rae Swackhamer introduced Miss Bertha Harkness of County Antrim, Ireland, one of the special guests for the evening. Miss Harkness told the group about their Young Farmers' Club, how she was chosen for this trip and the features of her trip to Canada. Karen Pierce presented Miss Harkness with a 4-H pin as a momento of her visit to a 4-H meeting while in Canada. Club leader Nino Braida introduced Mr. Withrow and Mr. Bailey, members of the Kiwanis of the Kingsway. Mr. Withrow gave a short but informative talk. Cathy Lasby explained the Urban-Rural Exchange Program and asked for the co-operation and participation of members

and leaders.

Cathy Lasby led a discussion on the "Marketing of Feeder Cattle". This was followed by an informative talk by Laurie Pierce concerning the "History of Cattle Transport". The meeting was then declared adjourned by the president. Lunch was served by the hosts. Carol Somerville thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and the staff at Scotsdale on behalf of all those in attendance.

### Good start

Plants in the boxes on the main street and the new plantings at the cemetery have a good start for summer with all this rain.

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## Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr



Question: Maybe you could explain something to me because I am really at a loss. Why don't these ever-increasing breed of new horse owners do a little research before undertaking to look after one? How many horses have you seen standing in a field half dead from malnutrition; tied to a stake; groping around in a filthy dark stall and feet left untrimmed. There are far too many, something should be done about it.

Recently, I visited a mare and her new foal that we sold to a friend who took her to a boarding stable closer to the city. If you had seen her you would have been ill. Children running around cracking a bull-whip; the barn smelling of alcohol; and the mare so starved she had scant milk for her frail new foal who was lucky to be alive after being born in such filth. On questioning her owner, he said, "She looked fine to me." Honestly the meat buyers wouldn't have thanked you for her.

Down the road from us, a very overweight man keeps his skeletons in a small paddock all year and closer to us a loving lady over-feeds her pony so much he is badly foundered. It is all repulsive!

When will our humane laws change to cover boarding stables and private dwellings? The S.P.C.A. cannot do anything as long as the animal is surviving and not suffering.

When will people learn that there is more to looking after a horse than "love and kisses"?

Unfortunately, this is so true—and not only with horses, although the mistreatment of horses seems to raise peoples' dander more than any other. How many of us know of the kittens, dogs, cattle, and such constantly neglected? Horses require more sensitive and knowledgeable care than a lot of tougher pets; therefore they seem to suffer more from ignorance.

The S.P.C.A. or Humane Society can help but their hands are so frequently tied by red tape. The Riding Horse Establishment Act is in effect this year and the inspectors are doing a good job, so far, of rooting out so called "riding schools" who rent saddle

sore, starved animals to people who want to play cowboy. This act will be followed by regulations to govern private establishments if concerned people like you and the many others who have written to me will do something. Start writing letters to your M.P.P. and to the regional Humane Society. Get yourselves organized and yell! Remember, it's the squeaky hinge that gets the oil.

However, on the other side of the ledger, there are many people who are selfless enough to help a neglected animal. I feel happy and warm when I think of the chap who bought two newborn

draft foals that were dumped at a stock yard. Granted, he thought he was buying saddle ponies, but when he found out what he'd bought, he buckled to and raised those foals well—and raising an orphan foal is one of the hardest things to do.

Similarly, a neighbour in the Ottawa Valley brought home a foal born that day on a train to a mare being shipped in a carload from Texas. He also went to great expense and effort to turn that poor excuse for a foal into a useful citizen.

Many years ago, a young girl adopted a Shetland pony foal, three days old, unwanted, and dying from pneumonia. That pony is now the plump mischievous darling of her brother's riding school.

Several romantic teenagers banded together and bought a tall, emaciated, elderly horse destined for the abattoir. For the remainder of his life, Charlie lived the life of Riley, loved and pampered.

These are only examples—there are many many such stories and I sure hope to hear more (on the good side, that is).

So, all you people thinking of buying a dear little pony or horse for the family, make sure you have an army of professionals behind you in order to keep the horse's teeth, hooves, tum, and manna in good working order. It never hurts to read a book on the subject, either.

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## Much time needed for top soil

By Sharon Leslie

The second meeting of the Acton 4-H Field Crop Club was held on May 21, 1973 at 8 p.m. at the home of W. Lasby. Tom Parker called the meeting to order and the 4-H pledge was read.

Club leader, Nino Braida, led the discussion on the importance of soil and taking a soil sample. Mr. Braida also pointed out how it takes 4,000 years to produce one inch of valuable top soil. Leah Leslie told the group how to go about taking a soil sample. Bob Lasby finished up the discussion on soil. Tom Parker closed the meeting. Lunch was served and the hosts were thanked for having members at their home.

## Want farmers who will host city youngsters

By Cathy Lasby

The country appears to hold a growing fascination for city dwellers these days. The Urban-Rural Exchange Program intends to replace the fiction concerning farm and city life with facts.

To ensure the success of this program, we will need the support of rural farm families to act as hosts for the urban youth. The responsibility of the host farm family will be to include the urban youth in the farm life for one week so that he or she will receive a serious insight into the

business of farming. Before each group is taken out to the farms, they will take part in an orientation session to prepare them in a general way and also to answer any questions they may have.

Make people aware  
The Urban-Rural Exchange Program is an ideal opportunity for Ontario farmers to make their fellow urbanites aware of the present agricultural situation. It will also provide an opportunity for urban young people to experience today's rural way of life by living with a farm family for a period of one week, and as a result, develop a greater appreciation for the complexities of food production under present agricultural conditions.

Anyone interested in participating in this excellent program may contact Miss Cathy Lasby, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Milton (878-2314).

## Council orders McLean stop work

An immediate stop order was placed on a building permit with no road frontage last week in Esqueving council chambers when resident Bill McGowan of Tweedle St. in Glen Williams complained that digging was taking place flush against his back fence.

Mr. McGowan approached council wondering why a building permit had been granted and stated that he was likely to lose land through erosion because there had been no retaining wall built. The hole, Mr. McGowan said, is about 20 feet deep.

Reeve Tom Hill stated it was "not a fit place to start a house" and that they should "put a stop to it right away". Reeve Hill also questioned why a building Inspector Tom McLean had allowed construction to begin.

McLean was unable to account for his actions but said he would

look into the matter and put a stop work order on excavation immediately. Up to now only the hole has been dug.

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with the pick up of papers ONLY, in the South Side of Town. (Everywhere South of Mill St. & No. 7 Hwy.)  
Papers will also be picked up on Thursday, June 21st in the North Side of Town (Everywhere North of Mill St. & No. 7 Hwy.)  
Please leave papers bundled or tied alongside your regular garbage and they will be picked up.

### PHASE II OF PROGRAM

Commencing Monday, June 25th, in the South Side of Town and Thursday, June 28th, in the North Side, all glass & bottles deposited in safe containers will be picked up.  
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