



CHEQUE FOR \$10,000 was presented Friday by M.P.P. George Kerr to mayor Les Dudy and parks and recreation chairman Diane Spielvogel. The grant is for arena renovations. A brief ceremony took place in the town office. (Photo by Lorraine)

# Cross country show feature

In spite of the cold and strong wind, Saturday, November 3, there were 129 entries in a show set up and supervised by Stephen and Margaret Lister, directors of Mountain View Farm Equestrian Centre.

Highlight of the day of competitive field activities was a cross country ride against time, over a two mile course of ten jumps, including slide, stone walls, solid fences, and pond. Riders finished with a full field gallop past the finish post.

This was the first experience for most of the contestants in field competition, and they seem to look forward to serious competition next year.

Author

First place trophy was donated by Jack Cusack, resident of Chelsea Pensioners' Hospital, England, author of the book *Scarlet Fever*. A local horse of the same

name was ridden by Miss Jennifer Lister to pace the field course for the day's cross country.

Results  
Judge: Marie Cocklin of Billings.

Class 1 Good Grooming 1 Leigh Tyler; 2 Rene Chaisson; 3 Carolyn Panabaker; 4 Eric Firth; highly commended Rhonda Green.

Class 2 Beginner Walk and Trot 1 Angela de Haas; 2 Andrea MacCallum; 3 Jamie Sanford; 4 Lori Henderson; highly commended, Marilyn Jones.

Class 3 Equitation 1 Kathy Basilli; 2 Kevin Reid; 3 Leigh Tyler; 4 Cindy Hayes; H. C. Vickie Mont-Romey.

Class 4 Advanced Walk and Trot 1 Brenda MacCallum; 2 Heather Tyler; 3 David D'Entremont; 4 Sue Lalibant; highly commended, Chris Lamon.

Class 5 Obstacle Course 1 Carolyn McCauley; 2 Jamie Sanford; 3 Greg Robson; 4 Jeff Heris; highly commended, Angela de Haas.

Class 6 Bare Back 1 Leigh Tyler; 2 Carolyn Panabaker; 3 Paul Heris; 4 Kathy Wilson; highly commended Vickie Mont-Romey.

Class 7, Potato Race 1 Donnanne

Morgan; 2 Gay Harley; 3 Heather Tyler; 4 Chris Lamon.

Class 8 Sack Race 1 Pauline Richards; 2 Jamie Sanford; 3 Jordy Gray; 4 Marilyn Jones; highly commended Sophie Jones.

Class 9 Working Horse over Fences 1 Rene Chaisson; 2 Kathy Hall; 3 Carolyn Panabaker; 4 Megan Mills; highly commended, Kevin Reid.

Class 10 Pleasure Hack 1 Cindy Hayes; 2 Kathy Cress; 3 Heather Tyler; 4 Gay Harley; highly commended, Mike Lamon.

Class 11 Cross Country. 1 Carolyn Panabaker on Flaxen; 2 Rene Chaisson on Kelo; 3 Kathy Hall on Sam; 4 Megan Mills on Tea Biscuit.



HEATHER CLARK on Kelly jumps the stone wall in the two-mile cross country competition. (Photo by W. Thomson)

## Police report theft of diamond

Acton detachment officers of the O.P.P. investigated a total of 54 general occurrences and two motor vehicle collisions; during the reporting week of October 21 to November 4.

Two local men and one out-of-town man were arrested by Acton detachment officers, after it was learned that other police agencies held warrants for their arrest. All three men were turned over to the authorities holding the warrants.

A local woman reported the theft of a diamond engagement ring from her

residence. The time of the theft was undetermined and investigation into it is still being conducted.

Charges  
Three local men and two out-of-town men were charged with 'Having liquor in a place other than residence'.

All five men were either operating or passengers in vehicles when checked. Other occurrences in-

vestigated ranged from reports of traffic hazards to missing persons.

The two motor vehicle collisions investigated were of a minor nature, resulting in property damage only.

RESEARCH

There are sound grounds to hope for the ultimate conquest of arthritis through research.

# Escarpment Commission will get to work

Members of the Niagara Escarpment Commission met for the first time Tuesday afternoon at Queen's Park, Toronto.

While the meeting Tuesday was basically a get-a-quainted and organizational meeting, the Commission won't be able to waste any time getting down to brass tacks.

A pre-arranged schedule of public meetings was presented to the Commission. Public meetings will be held in Orangeville, Collingwood, Lion's Head and Owen Sound on Nov. 12, 13, 14 and 15 respectively.

The following week public meetings will be held in St. Catharines, Hamilton, Milton, Burlington and Toronto Nov. 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 respectively.

Day and night  
Members agreed they would attend meetings as observers and use the meetings as a fact finding vehicle. Members will study the area during the day and attend public meetings at night. Eight such areas will be visited.

The commission appointments were just announced publicly on Monday. The Commission will hold a special meeting in St. Catharines Nov. 18 to study a problem and possibly formulate an opinion on that problem. A quarry operator

in the Queenston district of the Niagara Region is trying to get permission to use an additional 50 acres of land. An OMB hearing has been adjourned until Dec. 3 in order to have the benefit of the commission's opinion on whether or not permission for expansion should be granted. Homeowners have opposed the application at the OMB level.

It became apparent from representatives along the escarpment from Niagara to Tobermory that each area was under some pressure, either from quarry developers or some other agency that could pose a threat to the escarpment.

Minister of Treasury Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs John White read an 18 page speech and answered questions from the commissioners during the

meeting. A film featuring the beauty of the escarpment was shown earlier. The same film will be shown at public meetings across that part of the province over which the escarpment extends.

White said some key areas of the escarpment will be purchased and used by the public sector. Development controls will be used to assure other areas will continue in the current or a compatible use.

Expensive land acquisitions would probably cost any place from \$250,000,000 to \$500,000,000. St. Catharines representative Ivan Buchanan asked if land controls or land freezes were in effect now.

White replied controls were in effect now in the restricted areas and maps were available to show where the restricted areas were. The Minister's statement was corrected however by Sam Clasky, a civil servant who served as Niagara Escarpment Task Force Chairman.

White said he thought he had seen maps outlining the restricted areas but was advised by Clasky that the maps he referred to were only proposals.

J.P. Johnstone of Tobermory said the map might only be a proposal but he was aware of cases where applications to build were returned from Queen's Park with a notation that the building couldn't go ahead because it was in the restricted area as outlined by the Escarpment Task Force.

Just like law  
Robert McNairn of Waterdown said the policy might not be legal, but it has the same effect. He suggested no one had ever contested it.

Johnstone told the minister

there was a terrible amount of confusion in Ontario about that policy. Many believe it to be government policy. He suggested the question should be clarified in the near future.

White said some of the confusion might have been caused because some areas the Parkway Belt overlap the Niagara Escarpment restricted zone. He indicated that in that case development controls would be in force under Parkway Belt legislation.

Staff of 35  
Two appointments to the staff—which is expected to be 35 strong—were announced Tuesday. Jim Gilbert was appointed Planning Director, a key post in the commission and Walter Gowing was named as information officer.

Gilbert has been director of Strategic Planning at the Ministry of the Environment for the past year and a half.

The commissioners are appointed for a three year term. The job of the commission is to provide an official plan for the escarpment that will outline permitted uses, restricted areas and generally provide protection for the escarpment.

Headquarters  
The commission will have headquarters in Georgetown. Gowing indicated many of the meetings the commission holds will be in Georgetown but some may be held in other areas if members feel it is necessary to get a first-hand look at the land in question.

White told the meeting some of the uses considered to be compatible with the escarpment included forestry, agriculture and some residences.

White said he was convinced that with proper planning, good administration and local input the 2,000

square miles of troubled wilderness could be preserved in perpetuity.


## GUARD expects reaction

GUARD members met at the home of Fred Brooks on Oct. 17. The McLaren report was discussed at some length but committee members felt it was too early to contest it at this time.

It was of interest that Georgetown Council has approved a tender for sanitary landfill site preparation and will be receiving garbage from Nassagaweya and Milton. This will be trucked to the Georgetown dump. GUARD feels there will be reaction from Georgetown residents and if so GUARD is prepared to call a general meeting and air the facts about the McLaren release.



INTERNATIONAL signal of distress — an upside down flag — flew over the post office for two days. Help came, in the form of a new rope. (Photo by K. Dills)



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