

Let's talk about

HORSES

By Jennifer Barr

with Jennifer Barr
Question: I bought a horse in the spring and have just had a man cut her feet. He said they were a terrible mess and should have been properly cared for. I feel really badly but still don't know what I should do. Can you help me?

Answer: A horse's feet need a farrier's care every six weeks to two months. He will trim them, pare the frog and sole a little and keep the hoof from growing out of shape. He will also put shoes on if necessary or reset existing shoes. Even with shoes the hooves have to be trimmed and the shoes reset every six to eight weeks. Between times, the hooves should be cleaned and picked out regularly (ideally every day). If they seem to be dry, a hoof dressing should be applied. Learn to wield a hoof file to round ragged edges between visits from the expert.

Remember the saying: "no hoof—no horse."

Question: Why is it that so many people buy ponies for their children and then leave them out in a bare patch of field or in a dirty stall when the novelty wears off. I've seen so many miserable, skinny ponies I could scream. Answer: So could I. Most of us grow up with some idea of how to care for dogs and cats. However, ponies and horses are not as simple to look after as they seem. Specialized care is needed. A popular misconception about pony feeding is "as long as it's green, it's food."

A \$35 pony is purchased, put in the wee field at the back. The kids get a few rides, then—as you say—the novelty wears off. Pony is left with a few weeds, long hooves (see above), a tummy full of worms, sharp teeth and a bad disposition.

Fortunately the value of horses is rising. It is increasingly harder to find a cheap pony or horse. Those available for less than \$100 are usually a very poor bargain indeed. The increasing cost of getting started in the horse-owning business is making people think twice about taking for their investment properly.

Let's hope the age of the refuge-from-the-glue-factory type pony is passe.

Please send letters to Jennifer Barr, R.R. 2, Acton.

Please give your name

A letter to the editor about the smelt of Acton was received this week, but was signed only by initials. Will the writer please give the Free Press his or her name? We must know the identity of writers, but we do not use the name in the paper if asked not to.



THE YOUNG Green boy is finishing up one of the symbol drawings his group was working on. The fish was used by Christians for identification since the early days of the church.



KINDERGARTEN class of Mrs. Wragg is trying their hand at colouring.

40 children attend Vacation Bible School

Children of different denominations learned how to get along with others at a Vacation Bible School session held at Churchill Community Church last week.

The week long yearly program was under the theme of God's Good News For You—Through You.

Each day, activities began at nine and ended with a song and prayer at noon. Adults headed six classes totalling 40 children which were designated by age and school grade.

Diane Riley, one teacher at the session, said she believes "it is a good community thing

because it gets the kids in the area together. Some of them are lonely at home."

Workings crafted in shops were reverential ranging from soap carvings to symbolic plates. The younger groups colored with crayons and shared materials with each other.

The session was usually held earlier in the year, however, the lateness did not hinder turnouts. Fee charged totalled 25 cents at registration per-child and the Churchill Community Church Women and other interested parents contributed freshie and cookies daily.

Organizer of the group, Mrs. Norman Turner, said the purpose of the program was to make the children more aware of "God and church life."

Yesterday (Tuesday) was the final day for the children; however, a special service will be conducted at the church this evening for the closing of the session.

People involved in classes were Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Bonnell, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Ulrich. The women were assisted by teens in some of the classes.

Some street lights off three days

Street lights on part of Bower Ave. and the north side of Mill were off from Friday until Sunday night.

And the hydro crew didn't even know about it.

Superintendent Doug Mason was on holidays. His next-in-command, Dorson Frizzell, answered the fire call on Bower Ave. Sunday

New clerk for O.P.P.

New clerk at the Acton O.P.P. office is Mrs. Susan O'Shea of 39 Rosemary Rd. She began her new job Monday and works in the office three full days and two half-days a week.

Her predecessor was Mrs. Marion Patterson.



Sue O'Shea

Hydro sees rate increase

Proposed rate increases were discussed at the regular meeting of Acton Hydro Commission in the hydro building last Thursday evening. Price of power from Ontario Hydro has again increased. Four such increases have been absorbed by the local commission but members feel a rate increase is inevitable now.

Eldon Comfort and Ron Lewis of the tennis club attended the meeting to ask if

lights. His name and home phone number are listed in the phone book beneath Mr. Mason's under the heading Acton Hydro Commission.

New O.P.P. officer

New officer with Acton detachment of the O.P.P. is Const. Duncan McAleese.

He joined the O.P.P. a year and a half ago in his native Toronto, and was posted with the Milton detachment of the O.P.P. before being transferred to Acton this month.

He is married, with two young sons, and lives at R.R. 2, Acton. He lived in town for a year as well.

Scuba diving is a special interest and he hopes there'll be classes in the new pool when it's finished.

Cons. McAleese already notices a difference in his second posting. With the Milton detachment of the O.P.P. he covered all the rural areas of Esqueping and Nassagaweya and Highway 401. Officers seldom saw the same

hydro could assist in installing lights at the new courts. Estimates and opinions will be given when superintendent Doug Mason is back from holidays.

Dorson Frizzell, replacing Mr. Mason, reported trenching has been completed in the Altes subdivision and his crews were moving into Bovis homes.

Absent from the meeting were chairman Will McEachern, Mayor Tom Hill and Mr. Mason.

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Could expand During the regional council meeting last Wednesday,



Duncan McAleese



CANDY HANNA works on her artistic abilities, colouring her tea pot. Someone next to her was also doing a good job, such a good job, however, that it seemed to hold her attention.

Community board available for use

The bulletin board recently erected by the Acton Chamber of Commerce is not officially a community board, to be used by all organizations in town free of charge.

"Any organization or community group wishing to make announcements regarding coming events may use the bulletin board," said C. of C. president Betty Eastwood. She explained that lettering for the board has now been procured and will be available at Nielsen's clothing store across from the Y building. "Both the lettering and key can be obtained at the store," she said.

The C. of C. hopes organization representatives will take advantage of the opportunity to advertise centrally. He envisions important game playoffs and money-raising drives being advertised. He stipulates however, that the board is not available for individual money-raising schemes. "It is to be used solely for community use," he said.

The attractive glassed-front board was placed at the front of the Y building prior to the July 1 centennial weekend and has been a point of conjecture by residents as to who can use the facility and for what.

Committee favors day care

Claims that private day care centres for up to five children could evolve into full scale day care centres, causing grief and disturbance for neighbors, were dismissed as red herrings during a meeting of the Halton Region Community Services Committee Monday.

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Burlington Mayor George Harrington had four related resolutions referred back to committee.

He claimed that while five was the limit it could be expanded to 10 or 15 and neighbors could be annoyed. He wondered if zoning regulations in the area municipalities would conflict with the plans.

At the committee meeting Monday afternoon, members felt that with provincial officials involved in licensing and regional officials in supervision, there was no chance of the program getting out of hand.

Committee member Pat McLoughlin of Burlington said he saw no reason to change his mind and felt the four recommendations should go before council once again, without altering the committee position.

He told colleagues it was up to regional council to decide whether they want to get into day care business or not. Burlington Councillor Tom Sutherland dismissed his mayor's concern as a red herring but noted if the program was abused it could be reconsidered and discontinued if necessary.

According to Vivian, day care is necessary for some people to be able to work. In

situations where the mother is a single parent or the father cannot work the region assists in placing a child in a day care centre.

Often no centre is available and if day care is not available there is no way the mother can work. Vivian noted that if women have to give up a job to take care of children because of the lack of day care they are apt to become a statistic under general assistance.

More for welfare Day care is apt to cost the region about \$100 per month while the region would be apt to pay three times that for the

woman to stay at home. He noted in many cases the work was of more value in morale than in dollars. He explained that if the children

grew up in a home supported by welfare for 10 or 15 years it could be difficult for a young man or young lady to adjust to a working life.

Pollution Probe . . .

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to minimize odours from this source.

5. All parts of this program refer to operations and equipment of the Company on its property located at Elgin Street, Acton, Ontario.

C. J. Macfarlane, Director, Air Management Branch, DATED at Toronto this 3rd day of December, 1973.

Having read over the letter and the program set for the Beardmore Company, Mr. Mellon does not feel they are complying with item "c". He said the smell over the past weekend was extremely bad and reiterates his attitude on which the petition was based, that the company is not working on the matter speedily enough.

Getting worse The Acton-born resident who prefers to stay in his own home-town and refuses to be intimidated by people who suggest if he doesn't like the smell to move, has other thoughts. He feels that too many people keep silent about the things important to them and let someone else do their fighting. "On the other hand," said Mr. Mellon, "it is amazing how many people live with the smell and defend the company responsible." He feels the smell is getting increasingly worse and is not improving.

A meeting is being called for formation of an Acton branch of Pollution Probe. According to Mr. Mellon the meeting will be an open one with all interested residents invited to attend. It will be held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17 at 3 p.m. at the home of Pollution Probe executive Bill Johnston of R.R. 3, Acton. Mr. Johnston is interested in getting residents to fight all

polluters, not just air pollution. Petition organizers feel the important issue for the Saturday meeting is the one dealing with the Beardmore smell.

According to Mr. Mellon, approximately 600 names are now included on the petition which is still circulating in Acton. He says response

seems to be well accepted but feels more residents should be voicing their anti-smell opinions and answering back those who defend the odor. "Why don't some of those who protest just as much as those of us who started the petition, write back and answer some of the letters being written in to the paper?" he said.

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