



THE REV. BERNARD DOKTER of Honduras, his wife Lydia, and David Nuvill of Grand Haven, Michigan, were at the Christian Reformed Church Saturday evening for the annual banquet of the Acton 352nd Cadettes. Rev. Dokter provided a slide show and talk on his work and conditions in Honduras. Mr. Nuvill invited the Acton Cadettes to attend his camp Musk-O-Tawa, this summer.

Cadettes and parents hold annual banquet

The Christian Reformed youth group, the 352nd Cadettes, held their parents and boys annual banquet at the church Saturday evening. Guest speakers of the evening were the Rev. Bernard Dokter and his wife Lydia, both missionaries in Honduras.

The couple told of their work there and illustrated their presentation with a slide show.

The audience viewed the aftermath of Hurricane Fifi; homes destroyed and the city where he lives was half buried in sand. The three-phase talk told about the country, the problems in Honduras and the work the couple are engaged in.

Slides Following the Rev. Dokter's presentation, David Nuvill of Grand Haven, Michigan, captured the boys' attention by showing slides of a Musk-O-Tawa Camporee.

Mr. Nuvill invited the Acton group to attend the camp this summer and distributed application forms throughout the audience. Slides that were shown were taken at a 1970 outing of an American group of Cadettes. This year's camp is being run July 14-19.

Awards Five cadettes received awards at the banquet. Ed Hauwerda, Ken Kamminga, and Nick Kulperly received their Guide certificates. Bob Dulker the Builders and Rick

Looyenga the Pathfinders. The church organization is similar to the better-known Boys Scouts but differs in its emphasis on spiritual development.

Pet of the week



A NEW COLT at Persley-Den Farms on 25 sideroad belongs to four-year-old Jennifer Swan. The registered Appaloosa is from Mingo's Little Miss and Ghengis Kahn. She was born May 2.

Let's talk about horses

by Jennifer Barr



The Rockwood Trail Riders held their first show of the season May 25 and organizers were delighted with the turnout. Starting time has been upped to 10 a.m. this year in order to finish Western classes by supper. English classes were held first which was very welcome in this past heat wave. The food booth was inexpensive and good, helped out by a catering truck in the afternoon.

Suzie, my Apple (the new Appaloosa mare), and I were to make our grand debut at this show. Suzie has been to several shows before and had done very well but I'm only just learning to ride western after 15 years of riding English. However, I thought I'd better fall flat on my face in my own stomping grounds among friends — so Rockwood it was.

My instructor felt we weren't too bad. I'd got a shiny new saddle and Mack said I could borrow his boots and hat providing I took off the boots the minute I was finished for the day.

Apples don't braid The day before, the stable

was a hive of activity as all the girls braided, shampooed, and polished their horses. Of course this goes on every weekend — someone's always going to some show or other. I felt quite out of it, clipping a spotted Appaloosa while they were braiding their bay Thoroughbreds (and white Welsh pony).

Suzie needed a bath and a hair cut. She was freshly trimmed when I bought her but that was four or five weeks ago. She's been so good about everything else I anticipated no trouble.

Explosion Plugging in the clippers I showed them to her, stroked her legs and made a gentle run down one leg. The quiet wee mare exploded! She went absolutely snaky. Somewhat nonplussed, I tried her mane. She was fine for that and let me complete the job but 'don't go near my legs please'.

I'm easy to live with so the clippers were put aside and the scissors taken up. Suzie was quite calm when I picked up her leg and carefully trimmed a small piece of

hair. The reaction was so fast I never realized the scissors had been kicked clear into my knee joint until my shoe filled with blood.

Feeling rather foolish, I put the mare away, and gave up plans for clipping her legs — at least for that day. We also had to scratch the show, as I made like Hopalong Cassidy for a day or two.

Moral? There's got to be a moral in this somewhere. The A-1 perfect horse isn't always A-1 perfect? Everybody has at least one hangup? Are horse nuts accident prone or do they just live dangerously?

We'll make the next show anyway.

Bent signs

Damage to stop signs on Roseford, Meadvale, Westcott and Longfield has been reported to police. They ask anyone seeing wilful damage to call them.

Acquire land for Everton dam

Approval has been given for a provincial grant of \$32,500 to the Grand River Conservation Authority for acquisition of land in the area of the proposed Everton Dam and Reservoir.

The land, located in Erin Township is being purchased by the Authority on the advice of a 1971 Ontario Government study which recommended that land for the dam and reservoir be acquired as it becomes available.

The province will contribute half of the cost of the acquisition. The total cost is estimated at \$65,000.

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