

Let's talk about horses

by Jennifer Barr



A newspaper friend once said a definite plus in journalism was the doors it opened. It's true, one certainly gets to meet the most fascinating people.

Recently, I spent a delightful afternoon with Canada's Three-Day-Event team coach and a world famous equestrian, Sheila Willcox.

This courageous lady has been an international figure in the horse world for better than 20 years. A member of the British Event Team, she proved women could not only hold their own in this most arduous and gruelling sport, but, as Sheila proved, they could excel.

world champions. Canadian Equestrians may be raw and inexperienced but no-one would accuse them of being timid.

Sheila Willcox accepted the challenge and came to Canada last March to do the impossible.

Triumphing over impossibilities is nothing new for Sheila. Four years ago she broke her back - for the second time! Told she would never walk again, she refused to accept a wheel chair status and is now not only walking but riding again. This kind of determination gives us a very good chance at that gold medal.

Rigorous test Three-Day-Eventing is a branch of equestrian sport that embraces dressage, stadium jumping and cross-country riding. As its name implies, most events take three days and are a test of versatility for horse and rider. The first day requires the horse to perform a dressage test of preliminary standards, the second day sees the same horse and rider charging across a rigorous cross country course at top speed, over large and very solid fences. The distance varies but can be 20 to 25 miles. The third day holds a stadium jumping course, similar to, but not as tough as grand prix jumping.

Most lesser Combined Events are actually held on two or even one day. The cross country courses are not as long or as hard. However, National and Olympic Events require the utmost of horse and rider.

Impossible? Britain and the United States are currently world leaders in this field. When the Canadian Equestrian Team decided to go for the gold medal in Three-Day-Eventing at next years Olympics, it had to face the lack of a qualified coach and a time limit of 15 months. It normally takes three to four years to prepare an Event Team capable of becoming

"All eyes on us" Ten months to go before "D" day and Sheila is quite confident about her teams' chances. She sings the praises of some of the younger team members who have worked remarkably hard and explains the difficulties of an English "stranger" trying to convince riders to change their styles and training methods.

Enthusiastic about the upswing of the sport if Canada succeeds at the Olympics, Sheila says, "If we win the gold, all eyes will be on us, then the money will come and the sport can be organized."

It looks as if Sheila Willcox will revolutionize Eventing in Canada (Heaven knows, it needs it) and I, for one, am delighted she's willing to work so hard for us.

My congratulations and thanks to all who organized the excellent variety of horse events at the Fall Fair this past weekend. There was something for everyone, enthusiastically supported by a lot of good entries. I won't mention names because I'll forget someone, but there was a phenomenal amount of hard work done and it paid off. The Fair Board should be proud of the vast improvement in their horse show over the last three years. We enjoyed the two days immensely.



ROUND AND ROUND she goes and where she stops, well that's up to the man who drives the ferris wheel. A swirl of color is reproduced here in glowing black and white by Free Press photographer Peter McCusker. Tri-X film rated at 1600 ASA was employed to make the two minute exposure.

Churchill

Baptisms, trip in news

by Mrs. Fred MacArthur

Sunday church service and Sunday School in Churchill Church was very well attended on September 21. Our pastor Rev. A. W. Fosbury's sermon subject was "Christ met Cravings". Choir anthem was The Song We Sing.

Rev. W. A. Dempsey, B.A., of Guelph, will be guest speaker in Churchill Community Church on Sunday, September 28. Sunday School is at the same hour as church. Everyone is most welcome.

Christmas Little Michael Denny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Denny, was christened on Sunday morning at Limehouse Presbyterian Church. Visitors at the church and later at their

home, at a family get-together were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny and Mrs. Susie Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Karn, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Denny, Mr. Ted Brown Jr., Miss Cathy Lindsay, Miss Joyce Denny and Mr. Stephen Marshall.

Vacation Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson returned home after a two weeks vacation with Travelway Bus Tours to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. They visited Cabot Trail, a magnificent scenic view, also Peggy's Cove, Alexander Graham Bell's Museum and Appalachians from Burlington, Vermont, U.S.A. It was a colorful and

scenic drive. They also visited other points of interest.

Congratulations, Peter, who came second in his class of wee boys 6 to 12 months at Acton Fall Fair 1975. Proud parents are Roy and Marie Brooks, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brooks.

Cornroast Following their regular Thursday afternoon choir practice, members of Churchill Junior choir gathered for a corn roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner. They were

fortunate in the weather, for the rain held off until the corn, hot dogs and chocolate cake had been consumed. Then after an hour of music and fun inside, all were driven home before dark by Mrs. Donald Anderson.

Mr. John McAdam accompanied by a school friend Miss C. Mather, was home for a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John McAdam.

Mrs. Dan Kidd and son Danny, also daughter Mrs. Susan Taiton and baby Willie visited with their old neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacArthur.

Friends-in-Deed enter fair float

by Mrs. Emily Price

We are so pleased to see Friends-in-Deed members coming back to the swimming pool Sunday mornings. We are hoping now that vacations are over and the fall fair is finished, we will be seeing more come out.

Once again the fall fair was a huge success and we were very pleased to have a part in it with our float in the parade. The ovation we received all along the parade route was most heartwarming. It made all the effort that went into it seem worthwhile.

We would like to thank the

town for providing the trailer tractor and driver; Neilsen's Clothing and Home Hardware for giving us the driver's outfit and Blue Springs Nurseries, Robertson's Flower Shop, Caroline Nurseries and the Eramosa Flower Mart for their donations of flowers.

Hopefully we will have a bigger and better float next year.

Our next monthly meeting will be held Sunday September 28 at 12:15 p.m. at the firehall. We hope we'll see everyone out as we shall be planning our winter program and will need their ideas and suggestions for activities.

Golden Age Club enjoys Swingers

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

A short business session preceded the regular evening meeting of the Acton Golden Age Club, when 20 were present.

Plans were made for a fall color trip to the north, and also a trip to Mohawk Races, as guests of the Ontario Jockey Club.

Mrs. W. McIntyre introduced Victor Smith, R. L. Davidson and Mrs. A. Mann, who provided toe tapping music to start an enjoyable program given by the Belwood Swingers, a group of eight grandmothers and one great grandmother.

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The area behind the arena was paved just in time for the fair.

Their wealth of talent is shown in the variety of numbers given. Hearty applause was shown for each number and a vote of thanks was tendered by the president, R. L. Davidson.

J. Berry received birthday greetings while Mr. and Mrs. Earle Lambert and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson shared wedding anniversary greetings.

Sandwiches, cake and a cup of tea concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Teachers reminded about discipline and values laws

Haltom Board of Education passed a motion by Trustee Richard Goodin Thursday which will remind teachers that they are supposed to maintain discipline in the schools and follow board objectives where values education is concerned.

His motion reminded everyone that the board had adopted objectives this year which place emphasis on having teachers instruct

students in the value of the work ethic, dignity, neatness, integrity, responsibility, Canadian study and moral values and that they must set a good example.

He wants all teachers to know that this is now law under the Education Act and that they must strictly adhere to the new aspects of the act.

Two sections of the Act he thought should be brought to teachers attention. One of the sections says the teachers must maintain proper order and discipline in the classroom and they must teach the children both by

setting a good example and instruction in the principles of Judeo-Christian morality. Teachers are supposed to be passing on the importance of truth, justice, loyalty, love of country, humanity, benevolence, sobriety, industry, frugality, purity, temperance and all other virtues to their students.

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Win awards at festival

Donna Gorjup of Acton and JoAnne Traas of Milton won the grade 10 accordion duet class at the recent Central Ontario Canadian Music League Festival at the University of Guelph. The Acton Ensemble also won first place in the grade 1 competition for instrumental groups.



LITTLE SARAH JANE Marilla Aitken slept peacefully while her mother Marg helped put up the Country Market display in the arena Friday morning. Sarah is 15 weeks old.

THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ENUMERATION IS UNDER WAY

The annual municipal enumeration began on Friday, September 19, 1975 and will continue this week. This municipal enumeration is separate and distinct from the recent provincial enumeration which was conducted for the provincial election. During the week, an enumerator, carrying a proper identification card, will call at your residence for a few minutes to check basic information required in determining:

- the allocation of education property taxes between the public and separate school systems;
- the distribution of provincial grants to local governments to help reduce local tax bills;
- the preparation of jurors' lists; and
- population information needed for other municipal programs.

The enumerator must record such information as the name, age, property status (e.g. owner or tenant), school support and residency of all members of the household.

When the enumerator visits, please check that the information on the Enumeration Notice is correct. If it is not, revise it and verify the changes. If you are not home, a Notice will be left for you. If changes are necessary, please make them and mail the Enumeration Notice in the self addressed postage prepaid envelope accompanying the Notice. For any additional information, please contact the local assessment office.



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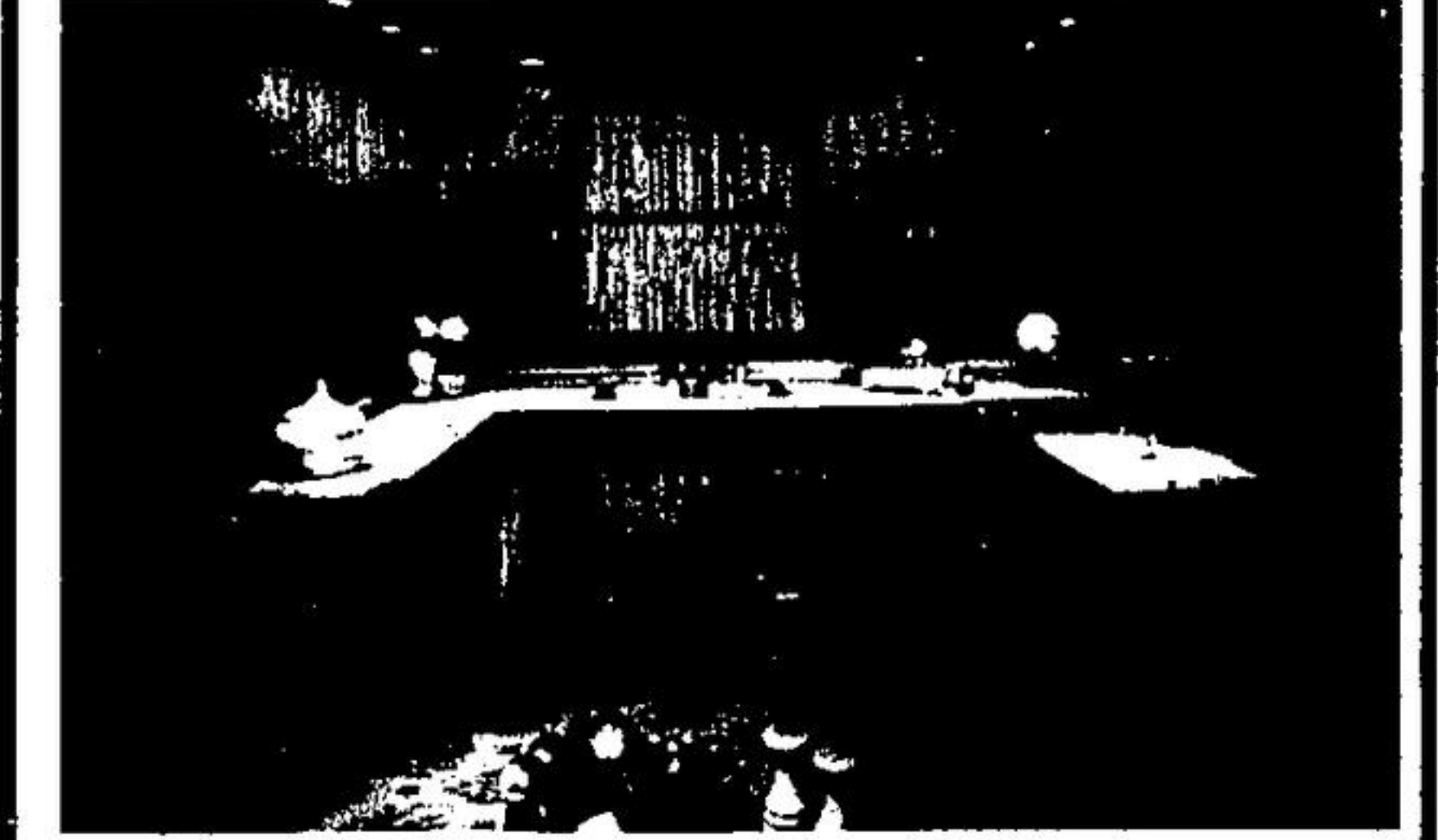
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