

## Let's talk about horses

by Jennifer Barr



Observations on selling a horse:

As a frequent seller of horses I've experienced many emotions. Some horses I've hated to sell, some I couldn't wait to get rid of, but most were just bred to be sold.

Buying a horse is so much easier than selling one! I've met a great many people, usually very friendly and genuinely interested in horses, but only a few honest enough to say:

"I'm sorry, your horse is not what I'm looking for."

**Kind ones hurt** — There's always the professional looker — the person who follows the ads and comes to ride every available mount. And ride. And ride. These are the people who only want free riding. They may buy a horse one day but not yours.

Then there's the "kind" person who hasn't the heart to tell you he doesn't like or can't afford your horse. He usually ends up getting carried away and saying he adores it, just the thing he's looking for. He'll phone you tomorrow. Which is the last you hear of him.

**How about the equestrian expert** who's read a book. He informs you the horse has bowed tendons, laminitis, navicular disease, bog spavins, strangles and or heaves while he totally ignores the vet's certificate of perfect health.

There's always the little ladies who get the car for the afternoon and drive in with a back seat full of kids. They inform you they're really looking for a horse for a friend and proceed to take up an hour of your time while the kids wreck the joint.

Just when you're ready to call the whole thing off, some starry-eyed girl will drive in with her adoring papa. She'll put her arms around the horse's neck, croon sweet nothings in his ear, and father will write you out a cheque.

Not knowing quite what hit you, you breathe a sigh of relief knowing Horse will have a Loving Home and you can take the phone off the hook.

Little advice though: never consider a horse sold till you've cashed the cheque.

I wish to congratulate Jim Glendenning of Rockwood who rode the 40-mile King County Competitive Trail Ride. A great many people ride these events but not usually when they have hardly any riding experience at all. Such was the case with Jim.

Linda Russwurm, Rockwood, was unable to ride her horse, Real Flame, in the ride and was up for the Ontario Hi Point Trophy. So friend Jim pipes up with an offer to ride despite the fact that he's barely been five miles on a horse in his life!

He said the first mile was the best — after that it got steadily worse. At one point he had to be bandaged north and south to ease the saddle sores. Babs Ellis remarked Jim looked as if he was trying hard to float above the saddle as he crossed the finish line. But he didn't sit down too comfortable for a while.

However, the coup de grace — Jim came 4th in the middleweight division! That's pretty good for a complete greenhorn, even if the horse knew what he was doing. Jim got a lot of experience in one fell swoop.



FIRST OF TWO LIGHTNING FIRES destroyed this barn on the M. Leibenthal farm at Brookville late Monday morning. A second barn on the property was saved by Milton firefighters.

### History recounted

## Pioneers of Nassagaweya twp. soon started active churches

"The Pioneers of Nassagaweya" by Florence Trousdale, R.R. 4, Rockwood, was published in the service folder of Ebenezer United Church in September.

This interesting account of the origin of the district's churches is shared with Free Press readers, with appreciation to the author.

The Pioneers of Nassagaweya

In the early days of Nassagaweya Township a majority of the settlers came from the British Isles.

In England during the 1700's an Anglican clergyman, the Rev. John Wesley, became disappointed with the position of the Anglican Church of that day. He tried to improve what he saw amiss but this resulted in a breakaway which became known as Methodism. This Christian movement swept over England. Naturally the early settlers from there brought their devotions with them and Charles Wesley's many hymns added much to the movement.

Different factions came out of this Movement with slightly differing names. This accounts for six Methodist Churches all active at one time in Nassagaweya and Aberfoyle.

**Two unions** — In Canada, two unions of the different factions of the Methodist Church took place. The latest was in 1884. This brought all the Nassagaweya groups together as "Wesley's Methodist New Connection Church".

In January 1975 a discovery was made of "Annual Reports" of the "Methodist Church Nassagaweya Circuit" from 1887 to 1901. For five reports of the circuit from 1887 to 1892 six Churches were listed as Nassagaweya Circuit, with names of members listed with their contributions.

The active churches under this list were Ebenezer and Campbellville, originally "Wesleyan Methodist New Connection Church", Bethel on lot 25 (con. 5, Nassagaweya, Aberfoyle and Moffat named Bethany which were previously of "The Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada", and Corwin originally named "United".

Two clergymen were in charge of the six churches noted, successively: 1887-8 Rev. W. Birks and Rev. E. A. Shaw, 1888-9 Rev. W. Birks, A. K. Mustard, 1889-90 Rev. J. Hough, R. Williams, 1890-91 Rev. J. Hough, H. Cahill

well and 1891-92 Rev. J. W. Robinson, E. Flagg.

**Time and change** bring many adjustments. By reports of 1892-3 the Nassagaweya Circuit was reduced to Ebenezer, Bethel, Corwin and Campbellville with the Rev. J. W. Robinson as Pastor.

From the History of Aberfoyle we find an item, "After formation of the Guelph Conference in 1892, Aberfoyle and Moffat became a Circuit assisted by the Sustenance Fund". Also in 1902 an adjustment linked Aberfoyle, Moffat and Arkell together. Another change was arranged in 1910 when Ebenezer, Corwin and Aberfoyle became a circuit.

With an improvement in transportation and other changes, fewer churches were required. It is interesting to note the length of time these six churches, designated as "Methodist church, Nassagaweya Circuit" remained open to encourage and sustain a pioneer people, as follows: Bethel 1860-1893, Moffat 1877-1908, Campbellville 1865-1907, Aberfoyle 1876-1975, Corwin 1923, Ebenezer 1832, still open 1975.

In 1832 Ebenezer erected a log church in 1832, a frame building in 1847, and the present brick building in 1915, still in good repair.

With the union in 1925 of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, Ebenezer, Eden Mills and Ar-

kell then became a Pastoral Charge of The United Church of Canada.

The Cove Chapel of Nassagaweya was an interesting project of early Methodism. It was erected of logs on the farm of William Martin, Lot 28, Concession 2, in 1844. In 1862 there apparently was difficulty in pastoral supply and services were discontinued. It had been built as a Wesleyan New Connection Methodist Church. More detail may be found in

### Authority considered

Access to public housing for rural people is likely if a proposal to establish a county housing authority is adopted by Wellington county council. The county housing authority would replace the existing authorities in Guelph and Palmerston.

County councillors were told recently that the Ontario Housing Corporation has decided to expand the existing system of housing authorities to include all public housing managed directly by OHC.

Half the operating costs of the proposed authority would be paid by the federal government while the province would contribute 42.5 per cent and the county 7.5 per cent.

### During holiday storm

## Lightning burns two barns

Lightning fires destroyed two large barns in North Halton during a serious electrical storm on the Monday Thanksgiving holiday.

The first barn struck by lightning was on Guelph Line north of Brookville, at the M. Leibenthal farm, Lot B. The

second happened two hours later on Steeles Ave. near the Eighth Line when a barn owned by A. Luciani caught fire.

Milton Fire Department was called to both blazes. Acton Firefighters were also notified about the Leibenthal fire but Milton was at the scene to the Acton trucks stayed home. The Georgetown brigade assisted Milton at the Luciani fire.

Fire Chief A. E. Clement said a witness saw the lightning hit the Leibenthal barn. A woman told him she saw a flash on the walled off the barn, which travelled up the wires and into the building. The lightning also blew fuses, blew a meter off a pole and cut off telephone service in the area.

The firefighters managed to save a second barn on the property but the main barn was well underway when they arrived.

Some hay was stored in the barn but the cattle were in pasture at the time. Neighbors rallied to serve coffee and sandwiches to the firefighters. Firefighters said the Luciani barn was empty. The owner lives in Weston.

### Ballinafad

## Reunions, service for Thanksgiving

By Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.

Many family dinner parties were held for Thanksgiving weekend in the community. In spite of inclement weather several attended one of the Erin fall fair days and enjoyed the cattle show and the numerous horses in competition.

The W. L. meeting on Wed. Oct. 8 was in the evening. Mrs. Hvedehave was hostess. Much of the long meeting was taken up with reports of the District Annual. A pleasant social time was spent at the close.

**Reunion** — A family reunion was held at the hall on Saturday. Members of the "Short" family gathered for a pleasant time together.

The church was nicely decorated for the "Thanksgiving" service on Sunday. Demonstration — Mrs. Stan Curtis had a tupperware demonstration last week on Thursday night at her place.

Mrs. Archie Lawr has been on the sick list with a bad attack of the current flu of which several have been the victim.

**Holiday** — Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Madill arrived home after spending two weeks with the latter's brother and family in North Hollywood, California. They flew on the 1011 at 35,000 feet and said it was sunny all the way with never a ripple. They visited Sea World, San Diego and then had a visit with Dr. and Mrs. Bower (the

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### Silverwood

## Flower awards trip in report

By Mrs. Alicia Scott  
Mrs. Gothe was hostess on Thurs. Oct. 9 to Silverwood W.I. with 11 members and one guest attending.

The meeting opened with Ode and minutes read and adopted and financial report given and the roll call was answered by a funny story or family comical situation.

Our fair convener reported on the display from two fairs. The euchar committee arranged their needs from the members for the special party in October to raffie the quilt which was made last winter.

Mrs. Marchington gave report on Guelph area convention which she attended Oct. 1 and 2 with Mrs. Carmichael who is Educational and Cultural convener for the Guelph area.

Mrs. Marchington attended the district directors meeting on Tuesday Oct. 7 at Milton and gave a full report. The members decided to purchase Ethel Chapman's book "History of Ontario" to send to a sister branch in Australia.

Discussion followed about time and hours for next year's district annual and members will decide at the Nov. meeting.

Family and consumer affairs was ably handled by Mrs. Betty Mackenzie who is supervisor of "homemakers" for the Red Cross. She explained the work about the "loan cupboard" and Home Care all encompassing which helps senior citizens mostly. This is a satisfying and fulfilling occupation for the women who help her.

Our meeting closed with a cup of tea and sandwiches. Wins ribbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Breney spent Thanksgiving weekend in Ottawa visiting relatives.

Mrs. Anne Norton won 20 ribbons out of 23 entries at the recent flower show of the Georgetown Horticultural Society.

Rainfall for Sept. was 2.79 inches, or 50.17 millimetres.

**Trip** — Mr. and Mrs. Gothe and their son Michael returned July 22 from a trip to Europe. They had left six weeks earlier, flying to London and then going by train to see Paris, Madrid, Monte Carlo, Rome, Venice and Berlin, both West and East. The second half of their trip was devoted to visiting relatives including Mrs. Gothe's mother who at 86 still enjoys good health and does her own shopping. What made the biggest impressions in their trip?

"Big Ben" in London and Oliver Cromwell's grave slab in Westminster Abbey. The unending stream of Seat 128 cars on the Avenida de Jose Antonio in Madrid on Saturday night. Members of the Madrid Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints singing the same songs they had heard a week before in Toronto, but this time in Spanish. Then St. Peter's in Home ("bella Roma") and the Sistine Chapel.

St. Mark's Square in Venice with the Palace of the Doges. The abandoned entrance to a subway station close to the wall in Berlin and the 3000 year old bust of Nofretete, the Egyptian queen. The startling discovery of West German politicians in the same quandary as their Canadian counterparts: having promised to overcome recession by summer and finding statistics are proving the opposite to have happened.

All in all a wonderful trip, and European railways are just great, said the Gothes.

Councillor Ric Morrow asked Halton Hills council last week to direct the town engineer to look into a problem of a pond near the Georgetown armory building, at Fairgrounds Park, which is drying up.

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The employee is eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits during her pregnancy leave (even if she does not intend to resume work when her leave expires) if she had at least 20 weeks of insured employment during the year before the birth. At least ten of the 20 weeks should have fallen between the 30th and the 50th weeks before the birth.

If you would like more information about pregnancy leave or other labour legislation of interest to working women, write to: Ontario 20, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, and we will send you a brochure.

We have a law in Ontario which permits any pregnant woman, married or not, to take a 17-week unpaid leave of absence to have her baby. This law covers part-time as well as full-time employees, provided that they have been working for the same employer for at least 63 weeks before the expected date of birth.

When she returns to work, the new mother is guaranteed the right to her former position or to a comparable position with no loss of seniority or benefits.

Naturally, pregnancy does not prevent an employee from being dismissed for valid

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