



At a recent horse gathering where a great many people were trailing to and from the meet, several incidents happened indicating lack of awareness of sensible trailing rules. I noticed a couple as I tried to get out of the way of a frightened fighting horse and more were pointed out to me by appalled horsemen.

Several drivers seem unconcerned about their loaded horses when they bounced into the field and swung in a complete turn to park. I saw a few horse backsides go down as the poor horses tried to keep their feet. Try it yourself sometime. Ride standing in an unsprung trailer, or stand up in the back of a pickup while it jolts over rough ground. You'll realize what the horse goes through.

After coming to rest, one driver hopped out, backed his horses out of the trailer, tied the over-excited beasts to the rings at the side of the trailer and went off to visit. Chaos erupted as the horses pulled and fought the tie ropes, threatening to upend the trailer. If he had taken time to walk his horses around, calm them down, and have an assistant stay with them if he wanted to leave, the panic wouldn't have happened.

Another thing very obvious that day was the need for smoothness and co-operation when unloading. Here an assistant is a must because it's very difficult to unload excited horses alone, without danger of the animal injuring itself.

Several people were opening the back gates of the trailer before undoing the horse. By the time they had whipped around to the front to untie, the horse was pulling his head off. The door was open and he wanted out. Trying to untie a horse yanking his head is not easy even with the mandatory slip knot, and he usually bounds out of the trailer in a heap when he does get free.

It's better to have an assistant at the back gate. The gate can be unlatched but held closed until ready. The handler calmly unties the rope, holds the lead, and says 'ready' as the assistant opens the door and places a restraining hand on the horse's back ready to guide him out slowly. The handler can control the front end and allow the horse to find his own pace without panic.

Janifer Lister of R.R. 4, Acton is a very proud girl these days—she has been awarded her colors from the Wellington Waterloo Hunt. A letter from the Hunt Master informed Jenny that she should consider the colors, awarded for prowess in the hunt field, a particular honor as the club has been considerably more selective in such awards since 1975. Hunt members are usually over 21 before they receive the right to wear the honored colored jacket collar, but Jenny is only 17 years. Her brother Steve, and sister-in-law Margaret have had their hunt colors for some time. Steve is Whipper-In for the Hunt Club and is therefore responsible for control of bounds at hunt.

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W.I. visits Waldie's trips, wedding news

by Mrs. R. Shortill Sr.
On May 5, 6, 7, the W. I. officers conference was held at Waterloo University. Over 500 delegates attended from all over Ontario of whom Mrs. Grace McEnery was one, representing Ballinafad Institute. Delegates from Eastern, Northern Ontario, as well as the western part of the province, even as far as the Manitoba border were there.

Speakers emphasized how W. I. women are keeping a tie with the past. Many excellent speakers gave addresses. I am sure the delegates from here will give us a good run down of this Federated Women's Officers meeting.

Our local Institute members spent a pleasant afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joan Waldie. We chatted with the residents there and presented a short program of music etc., which we all enjoyed

after which a lunch was served. Our visit was Wed. May 12.

Holiday
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lawr have returned from a month holiday in Britain—in London visiting relatives and driving up into Scotland where they visited here and there, calling on the Mike Nortons who lived here some years ago.

Miss Jean Lawr is a patient in Humber Memorial hospital for surgery.

We are sorry Mrs. Frank Smith is suffering from a knee injury. We hope she soon will recover.

Fishing
Messrs. Reg and Delmar French and Dick Shortill went on a fishing trip on the weekend to Northern Ontario.

Wedding
Mr. and Mrs. Reg French attended a wedding on Saturday at Kenilworth Sacred

Heart Church. The groom was a nephew of theirs, Robert Schmidt, and the bride was Linda Dyce. The reception was held in Arthur Hall.

Church
The service on Sunday was taken by Rev. Stiles, the lessons being from Ezekiel 34 and Luke 4. A series of sermons from Luke's gospel was begun, this one, "The Battle with Temptation."

To keep alive the sense of wonder, to live in unquestioning trust instinctively to obey, to forgive and forget—that is the childlike spirit, and that is the passport to the Kingdom of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Usher (Sr.) visited with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Usher on Saturday.

Delegate
A number of activities have been planned in our area, while Mr. Lee, Shuan-Kin of Hong Kong, one of 90 young people, is among us.



PICTURE OF Ballinafad Women's Institute members was taken by Ballinafad correspondent Mrs. R. Shortill, when they met at her home recently. Two members are missing.

\$400 to Ballinafad not much—Sykes

Ads work

Free Press classified ads really work. But don't believe us. Buy one yourself and see the results.

Councillor Ernie Sykes thinks \$400 won't go far toward fixing up the basement of Ballinafad Community Hall.

He wondered why the town could not give more. Administration Committee last week recommended Halton Hills match the Erin township grant of \$400 so the basement can be renovated and rented for revenue.

Councillor Les Duby said the committee felt they should not commit themselves to more than Erin.

Councillor Russell Miller said the committee were inclined to agree the amount should be higher, but since the building is located in Erin township they felt they should simply match the Erin grant. Duby pointed out the hall board have not yet been heard from so the matter is still open.

Dump fee

Fees for refuse dumped at Halton Regional landfill sites will increase from \$3 to \$4 a ton, effective Jan. 1, 1977. People hauling garbage in small trailers or in the trunks of their cars will continue to

dump without charge. The fee is charged to offset the cost of operating landfill sites in the region. In 1975 the region collected \$477,255 and spent \$575,206.

—The black flies are out, mosquitos will be next.

Opens

Fairy Lake opens unofficially to swimmers this weekend.

—Students are looking forward to summer holidays. There are just six more weeks of school left.

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Joint landfill site not feasible

A proposal to develop a joint landfill site for Halton and Peel Regions in the Hornby area has fallen through.

Preliminary investigation of the site in the Peel area convinced Peel officials that the site was not conducive to landfill and the proposal for a joint site ended there.

That leaves Halton back where it started—looking for a site of its own. Prior to the joint site proposal, the Tremaine-Brittania Rd. site south-west of Milton was generally considered a favorite at the committee level. An active ratepayer group in that area has fought the proposal from the very beginning.

Halton officials are still investigating sites near Hornby plus one near the existing Burlington landfill site, the Tremaine Rd. site and a site near Highway 25 near the proposed Highway 403.

Settle on site
Late last week Peel Regional Council fought it out and finally decided on a 200 acre site in Central Mississauga.

Halton Region's Public Works Committee will deal with the first phase of its investigation at a meeting slated for next Wednesday.

The committee could decide at that meeting which site or sites it wants bore holes to be drilled. Con-

sultants have prepared preliminary hydrogeological studies on four sites.

—Hire a student this summer.

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