



OUR READERS WRITE:

Consider cost of parking

Is your pony ready for the fair? Well, there's only a couple of weeks to go. Better get cracking!

The special pony events on Saturday, Sept. 18, are designed for children who just want a good time and some fun with their ponies. You don't have to have a fancy show pony or a \$500 saddle to enter. Some horsemanship ability and a good dollop of enthusiasm are all you need.

The other horse show events are somewhat specialized and by the time a rider is ready to enter a pony working hunter class, he usually knows what he's doing. However, it might help you youngsters who are entering the fair for the first time if some of the special pony classes are described.

Special tack not required

The show gets under way as close after 1 p.m. as the parade will allow. Steve Lister, horse show organizer, assured me the classes will wait until the parade is over for any riders who also want to participate in the parade. However, he cautioned those not in the parade to be on the grounds well before parade time. If you've never tried to get in the fair grounds with a truck and horse trailer just before or after the parade, you haven't lived!

You do not require fancy tack (saddle and bridle) for these classes. Western and English are acceptable. However, it should be in good repair - no baled twine reins or bits of wire tying the bit to a halter, please.

Your pony doesn't have to be glamorous but a little bit of effort on the rider's part shows that he's loved. Do have the pony well-groomed before he enters the ring. Trim the long hair on his pasterns (heels) and have his mane brushed out. His feet should be well-trimmed but he doesn't need shoes. A shiny plump pony will be eliminated by the judge, so will a saddled galloped one. Of course, if you are a good kind horseman, you wouldn't dream of riding your pony when he hurls, even to the fair.

The rider doesn't need proper riding clothes but should be neat and tidy. Wear a heeled shoe, not running shoes or (heaven forbid) sandals. A sturdy laced work boot, hard shoe, or well-heeled rubber boot is best.

You should also wear a hat, a hard hat for English and a western hat for western. However, the lack of a hat won't keep you out of the class.

The judge will help riders and explain any questions or problems, but abuse of the pony, or foolish behaviour will eliminate the rider. Yanking the reins, hauling on the pony's mouth, over use of spurs or crop, any such cruelty, constitutes abuse.

Please wear clothes

There are some misprints in the program so we'd better go over them now.

Classes 1 and 2 are for riders who won't be entering the games because they can't control the pony fully as yet. Class 1 is for those who can ride alone but only at a walk and trot. The rider is judged on riding ability - neatness and effort count. Class 2 is for riders who ride at a walk and trot with someone leading the pony. The adult leader is there only for control if necessary; the line should be slack as the rider rides, riding ability will be judged.

Entrants in these classes are not eligible for any other class.

Class 3 should read 'bareback equitation' NOT 'bare equitation'. The rider is allowed to wear clothes but the horse does not wear a saddle. The riders' balance and riding ability are judged.

The various games have two age divisions and will be explained at the show. All of them are speed races so the faster you can ride and keep control of the pony, the better. However, in the younger age group, many youngsters will be trotting and will still have a change at the prizes, especially if the pony is obedient. There's no good having a pony who can run like the wind if you can't stop him!

Check the prize list for age groups, rules, and list of classes. There's prize money and ribbons to be won - no entry fee.

Phone John Rowe, 853-1496, for a prize list if you haven't got one.

But no matter how good - or bad - a rider you think you are, come to the fair and try your luck. What have you got to lose?

To the Editor

I would like to express myself regarding parking. I have an idea which after speaking to Ron Burnett, the assistant Town Planner, he said it was a good plan and more people who are concerned should be aware of it.

I think we should select a better place for parking than Hotehen's property. The amount of land on that property is not enough to solve the parking problem. It is narrow and long and can only provide about 10-15 parking spaces. They said it will cost between \$38,000 to \$42,000 which is a lot of money for only 10 lucky people to park. That price is only for purchasing the property, it does not include the tearing down and the paving to make it a parking lot. It will still be blocked in because there is only one access. It will also be hard to back out of the spaces in order to get out.

We already have a parking lot next to the United Church which I think is a good place to try and expand. There are a few houses in that area, which when the opportunity comes, even one of those properties added to the present one would give us a huge parking lot. There would also be more access to Church St., Elgin St. as well as Mill St. It would also benefit the two

churches and funeral home in that area.

Regarding paying for all this, the town wants the merchants to pay for it but after all these years of collecting business tax the town should have enough money in the fund to spend on the business area, especially now that the town will be saving \$15,000 a year by closing the office in which we pay our water bills. It isn't much to pay 25 cents at the bank which only amounts to \$1.50 a year when the town will save \$15,000 a year. If we are going to lose the office we should at least get something which will benefit everyone and is needed for the near future.

This is only my opinion. Some may agree and some may disagree but I ask those who are in charge of this project to look very closely and come up with the best solution without rushing into the proposed Hutehen's property.

By the way, it is better for me if they put a parking lot right behind my store but I'm thinking (as I said before) about the cost for such a small space.

Thank you for the space in your paper for something important and for letting me express myself.

John Coniglio
32 Mill St. E.
Acton, Ont.

Effect of line on people

Jack Johnson's (MPP, Wellington-Dufferin) refusal to attend the Hydro hearings in Durham has upset and annoyed many of his constituents. They wonder why he was absent from these very important hearings, when both the opposition parties were there part of every day.

The opposing parties were present to hear Ontario Hydro state in effect that they did not care how much of the public's money they spent or saved in their rush to get power from Bruce to Milton. Perhaps Johnson, a fledgling Conservative M.P.P., thought he'd be embarrassed here are some of the things that emerged from the hearings. Surely they should concern our representative at Queen's Park.

Ontario Hydro has no proof these 500,000 volt lines will not affect the health of people living and working near them. Ontario Hydro said there was no reason to test the effect of high-voltage on women as they were not near these high-voltage lines. The only tests ever done were on linemen, who wear protective clothing at all times and are exposed to the transmission lines six hours per week per lineman.

Hydro would not accept any testimony in Durham that there are ill effects from these high-voltage lines. People who work under and live near the lines do get headaches, sore muscles, and overall tiredness, it was testified.

Ontario Hydro admitted it does not know what effects these high-voltage lines have on the human body. They will not guarantee that a fatality couldn't occur. They refused to accept studies done by the Russians on the ill effects on humans. At least the Russians did a study. The Americans have done studies as well. There needs to be more studies done.

The effects that people get from working under or living near these high-voltage lines were explained by the medical doctors as symptoms and hard to diagnose. But a prolonged exposure to the lines, they feel will affect the human body.

Arthur Mosher, an Ontario Hydro engineer, stated that if we think we get sick from these high-voltage lines, we will. It's all in our heads, he claims.

In the eyes of Ontario Hydro, women and children are of no consequence. We are lower than the pesky groundhog, who is smart enough not to live under the existing 230,000 volt lines.

Surely Jack Johnson, even if he is afraid of offending his superiors who control Ontario Hydro, could have at least the courtesy to attend the hearings.

Theresa Manion

\$40 damages to struck car

Halton Regional Police estimate \$40 in damages to a vehicle owned by Sol Henry, R.R. 1, Hillsburgh after it was struck by an unknown vehicle on Queen St. August 27.

Night school classes set

There have been more enquiries than ever before about upcoming night school classes, says local organizer Boris Shean. A large ad in today's paper outlines the courses for this fall, which begin Sept. 15.

NOTICE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

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Plan massive flu vaccination

A vaccination program against Swine Flu will be underway in Halton early in October, Halton Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. H. Chamberlain told the region's administration committee Wednesday.

Dr. Chamberlain said the program would be arranged so that as many as 750 people could be handled each hour. He explained the program would be geared to those who are age 65 and over, between the ages of 20 and 50 and those who are chronically ill.

He suggested tests to date had indicated that those groups of people are most prone to the virus.

Burlington Councillor Paul Preston asked if the program wasn't a waste of time. He suggested that was the opinion of Dr. Morton Shulman.

Dr. Chamberlain said he felt the program had definite merit and said he supported the program as it is being promoted by the federal and provincial ministries of Health. He noted that while Swine Flu had been around for 50

years it had until recently been restricted to swine. He said there is evidence of it being passed to human beings and spread from one human to another.

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