

Dozen Mohawk track drivers donate fees to Rockmosa

One of harness racing's finest community relation projects was recently implemented at Mohawk Raceway by a dozen of the track's leading drivers, who donated all of their driving fees, earned on November 29, to the Rockmosa Sportsplex building fund.

A total of \$1,084 was chalked up on the evening's program to bolster the fund-raising drive headed by the local Rockwood and District Lions Club and their hard-working president Walter Swanston.

The entire fund-raising scheme was the brainchild of Rockwood horseman Ron Waples, who enlisted the aid of Ron Feagan, Bill Wellwood, Tom Strauss, Larry Walker, Nelson White, Wes Coke, Carman Hie, Garth Gordon, Charles Lawson, Bill Hicks and Bill Troy to donate their 10 per cent driving fees on the evening's program.



MOHAWK DRIVERS who donated their time to Rockmosa centre with Bill Galvin of the track (left)—Ron Waples, Charlie Lawson, Larry Walker, Bill Hicks, Carman Hie, Nelson White, Bill Wellwood, Ron Feagan, Tom Strauss, Bill Troy, with Lions club members Walter Swanston.

Teacher-Board of Ed. showdown over school chairmanships imminent

A showdown is shaping up between Halton high school teachers and Halton Board of Education over what trustees term "control" of the schools. The long simmering dispute between teachers and trustees over reorganization of schools which will see department heads and assistant department heads replaced with chairmen came to a boil this week.

Thursday at midnight jurisdiction over board-teacher relations with respect to the reorganization of Halton high schools was turned over to the provincial Ontario Secondary Teachers Federation (OSSTF) by OSSTF District 9, Halton, officials.

Board chairman Judy Alexander announced Thursday Halton high school teachers had voted to turn

over the question of reorganization, slated to take place next September at all schools, to the parent federation body.

She told trustees Halton OSSTF officials had said the provincial takeover could be averted if the board would consider not making reorganization mandatory for all schools, removing the implementation deadline of September 1, 1977, and "establish a meaningful evaluation of the organizational structure of all secondary schools."

Mrs. Alexander warned possible teacher action facing the board now includes inclusion of the board's chairmanship policy in future negotiations, direct communication only between provincial OSSTF and the

board chairman only, a pink letter, instructions to teachers not to apply for chairmanship positions with the board, a law suit, an appeal to the Education Relations Communication and mass teacher meetings.

Trustee Fred Armitage said this past spring the board and teachers concluded their first collective agreement, which he thought both sides considered a "good agreement", observing the contract doesn't expire until next fall.

He noted one of the clauses in the agreement sets out the rights of management of the board, reading the entire clause.

Armitage emphasized the clause in the board's agreement with teachers gives trustees the right to organize the schools in the

way they think is best. He quoted a part which said the board has the right to "designate areas or departments of study." Armitage added the board also has the right to "appoint people to positions of responsibility." "The public should feel reassured the rights to manage their education system are safeguarded," Armitage declared.

He said the trustees had a responsibility to never surrender any part of the rights of management clause and pledged he would "fight any change to the end."

Armitage said that as long as the collective agreement is in force it should be followed and observed "even agreements with the most militant of groups. The agreements are usually honored and this one should be, too."

Trustee Tony Goodyear noted the public's view of teachers has been badly damaged. However it was important to remember the majority of Halton's teachers are good and dedicated. "The majority are sincere, hard working people but like in other groups some are hell bent for leather, to take over control of public spending and the schools," Goodyear observed.

Trustee Ernie Bodnar said the board had decided to reorganize the management of the high schools only after considerable thought, and

Two trustees against open concept schools

If two Halton Board of Education trustees have their way open concept schools will become a thing of the past. This Thursday, Trustees Noel Cooper and Don Venus will present a motion to the board that "closed learning areas be incorporated in design and subsequent construction of all new elementary schools in Halton."

The pair noted that in recent years the board has been constructing open concept schools and it is now recognized "some children cannot best apply themselves in open concept schools." They observed the board believes children learn at different rates, different times, have different areas of strength and by different teaching methods.

Mileage rate hike

Halton Board of Education employees who use their cars for school business will receive a 17 per cent mileage compensation boost next year.

Halton Board of Education decided Thursday employees will receive 21 cents a mile for the first 5,000 miles they drive each year, and 15 cents a mile for each mile after that.

In addition itinerant teachers who travel to two or more schools to teach every day, will receive \$26.50 a month.

I wish to thank

the Electors in Ward Two who voted for me as Area Councillor. Also a special thanks to those who worked on my behalf.

Your confidence is appreciated. Seasons Greetings

L.F. "Pat" Patterson

Annual

Christmas Concert

"MUSIC FOR ALL TASTES"

WITH

Acton Citizens' Band and Chorus

Sunday, December 19

8:15 p.m.

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

• Admission Free •

Our Christmas Present to You



Thank You
Most Sincerely

For the vote of confidence that re-elected me to Area Council for Ward I (Acton) I respect your support

A Happy Healthy and Safe Holiday Season to Everyone

L.A. "Les" Duby



Popular conception of human intelligence is supposed to be somewhat above that of animals. According to most religions, man is the only being with a soul, the only creature capable of a spiritual life. All because he has the power to speak!

I concede man has developed the ability to control his environment, manufacture tools, anticipate, and dream. Whether these are indications of superior intelligence is debatable.

However, the power of speech has always been considered a good gauge of intelligence. Newspapers devote space to stories of scientists who have taught chimps to mouth several human words. Now, aren't they clever.

Perceptions lost

If anything, the power to chatter has done man irrevocable harm. Now he can lie, mask his emotions, hide his true self, hurt his fellow man, all with a few meaningless words. The remainder of the brain's ability, all 99% of it, is locked being a conscious babbling foremind.

Quite a while ago, I wrote a column about telepathy in horse training and got laughed out of the union! Everyone thought I was hilarious.

Yet, telepathy, extra-sensory perception, and body language is how the great majority of the living world communicates. We could, too, if we'd only shut up and let our minds WORK.

Have you ever sat and watched a field of horses? They seem to know what the other is thinking without any outward signs. Sometimes body language is used but often they seem perceive thought waves.

Well, they do indeed. All animals are sensitive to the myriad of thought patterns, energy, electrical impulses (call them what you will) floating through the air. They have the power to tune in just as we have our television sets picking up equally miraculous waves born at random on air currents.

Be still and listen

Living with animals teaches the observer a great deal about the powers man has lost - or buried. It also teaches one to be still and listen, open the mind to the world around.

The secret of communicating with animals is in learning their way to communicate, not in teaching them our language. And by learning to understand the animal mind we open our own to the joy of true perception.

A friend once said, "I enjoy animals more than people. When a horse doesn't like me he kicks me. When a dog is offended by me he growls or bites. But when an animal approves of me he shows it wholeheartedly. Animals are truly honest."

I really wanted to do this week's column about Mack rounding up one lone heifer with the tractor and manure spreader in the most enthusiastic rodeo act I've ever seen.

But, he said if I write about him again he'll leave home. So, you're stuck with this one.

DANCING

Every Saturday
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

at the
Acton Legion

December 18 - 'Rocking Horse'

Dec. 25 - Dance cancelled
Jan. 8 - Dance cancelled
15 - Wheels
22 - Country Syde
29 - B.J. Wright

Admission: \$4.00 per couple

ENTERTAINMENT IN LOUNGE EVERY FRIDAY
NIGHT 9 P.M. - 1 A.M.

NEW JOBS FROM COMMUNITY PROJECTS. THINK ABOUT IT.

Canada Works
Young Canada Works

Canada Works is a new job creation program that will be launched in January.

This new year-round program is designed to get needed work done by people not employed in the private sector.

Canada Works will accept applications from groups and organizations including private businesses who wish to develop, sponsor and administer worthwhile community projects. Funds will mainly be allocated to areas of high unemployment and projects will be tailored to special employment needs of your local community.

Canada Works will generate employment for more than 60,000 Canadians who are presently unemployed. Applications will be considered twice a year - in Winter and Summer.

Think about your projects now! Early in the new year, your local Canada Manpower Centre will have application forms and a Canada Works "Guide to Applicants," with full details on the program. Canada Works for your community. Make your worthwhile projects work next year!

A second program is for students. Young Canada Works will create jobs for more than 20,000 students next summer. The emphasis will be on projects of solid community value. It has many of the same features as the year-round program, except projects will be limited to 14 weeks during the summer months.

At the same time, Young Canada Works will enable students to gain valuable work experience and test their career aspirations.

Like Canada Works, your Canada Manpower Centre will have application forms and a Young Canada Works "Guide to Applicants" early in the new year.

So, think about what your organization would like to do for students. Young Canada Works for students in your community.

Manpower and Immigration
Bud Cullen
Minister

Main-d'œuvre et Immigration
Bud Cullen
Ministre

IT'S GOING TO WORK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.