



RIDING THROUGH a neighboring field, Jennifer and Anne Vernon bring the horses from their stable in order to help with the annual tree cutting ceremony.

Old family tradition

Harvesting Yule tree with aid of horses

by Jennifer Barr

Harvesting Christmas trees on horseback is an old family tradition dating back for generations. However, few people now have their own woodlots, let alone horses, and have to be satisfied harvesting their tree from the friendly neighborhood tree lot.

One family that keeps the tradition alive are the Vernons of Limehouse who make an event out of cutting one of the hundreds of trees planted around their log-cabin home on the Fifth Line of Halton Hills.

It's the first year Zamba, Anne Vernon's Anglo-Arab gelding, has had anything to do with the Christmas tree business. For a youngster he didn't do too badly, dragging the tree to the house after Colin Vernon had chopped the spruce down.

Daughter Jennifer's pony, Natasha, seemed more interested in tasting the snowy branches and wasn't a bit perturbed by tree's antics.

Jennifer and brothers, Alan and Michael will decorate the tree once it's erected in the Vernon living room.



PREPARING TO DRAG the tree to the house doesn't seem to bother Zamba as Anne Vernon handles the rope.

HOLIDAY MOON
A waxing moon is more favorable at Christmas than a waning one, according to an old Scottish folk belief.



NO, NATASHA, you don't eat Christmas trees. Jennifer Vernon discourages her pony from munching the branches as Colin Vernon admires his handiwork.



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DOWN SHE COMES, Colin Vernon wields the axe as he selects the perfect tree. The Vernon family employed their horses to assist in getting the tree to the steps of their Limehouse home.

Winter activities at Terra Cotta

Plans are progressing for laid out and marked. Snow-outdoor winter activities at shoes will be available on a Terra Cotta Conservation Area during January and February of 1977, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority announced. Eight kilometers of cross-country ski trails have been

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