

ZONKEYS ARE just as pushy as hinnies, Pat Barr discovers at the Rockton Lion Safari. A zonkey is the offspring of a zebra and a donkey.

As if it isn't enough to dicover there are animals like Chester Hinny in the world, I'm now aware there are such things as zonkeys!

A zonkey is a cross between a donkey and a zebra. Add to this the definition of a hinny-a cross between a donkey and horse: or a mule-the opposite cross-and one realizes what indisriminating creatures donkeys are. They don't care who they marry. Maybe they're the animal world racial peace makers trying to produce everyone the same colour.

Zonkeys blie We met the zonkeys at the Lion Safari in Rockton during the school break. They turned out exactly like our hinny but with the added attraction of smart-looking stripes in in-

teresting places. The two young zonks seem to have a similar, pushy, "I own the world" nature as our hinny. Obviously better tempered than their zebra parent, these fellows were kept in the children's petting zoo, although they did appear to taste the

children frequently. Erica had her arm pulled though a fence by one of them and it didn't make her feel any better when I pointed out the zonkey was quick to spit her out again.

Monkeys, too We've visited Lion Safari several times before but never in the winter. It's much more pleasant at this time of year, we found. You're free to travel at whatever pace you wish because the park is quite uncrowded. The animals are lively and in strong evidence, a contrast to those sleepy hot days when all you see are heaps of unconscious beasts taking their

There was no danger of the car boiling over in the cool weather, a frequent problem in the summer when you have to creep for miles at 10 m.p.h.

It was an eye opener to see camels as hairy as buffalothat's what our Canadian winter does to them. The sleek shipof-the-desert we are all so familiar with looks much less haughty with shaggy beard and boots.

Even the big cats-the lions, tigers and cheetahsresembled plush kiddies' toys.

The children thoroughly enjoyed a chance to pat antelope, deer and buffalo as they wandered over to the car for a prefunctory look. It's surprising how an adorable cuddly, innocent infant monkey can turn into a surly, smelly, pinkbottomed baboon.

But the zonkeys were the best. As we wandered around the petting zoo surrounded by hoofed animals, peacocks, odd chickens and pigeons we felt completely at home!

Limehouse

Services, sale ın area news

by Mrs. A. Benton Visitors with the Pattersons on Friday were cousins Mrs. Anne Crosson of Chalk River. Mrs. Kate McEnery of Acton and Mrs. Elsie Crymble of

Remember to gather your saleable articles for the local Scouts and Cubs troops for their sale on April 23 at 10 a.m. at Limehouse Memorial Hall. They will call for them soon. Also collect your bottles and glass for them for recycling.

At Easter Limehouse Presbyterian congregation are expected to join Knox, Georgetown for Good Friday service at 10 a.m. and a Communion service will be held here on Easter Sunday eve. at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Hoedemaker

Grits pick candidate

An Erin resident has been chosen to carry the provincial Liberal's banner into the next election in Wellington-

Dufferin-Peel riding. David Wright, 40 years old, has headed calls for studies of sand and gravel mining policies near Erln.

The nomination meeting was held at Fergus.

Mr. Wright, a communications consultant, lives with his wife and two sons at the corner of Belfountain Road and the townline.

Conservative Jack Johnston is the sitting member for the provincial riding. Marion Chambers is the New Democratic Party candidate.

Penny sale, euchre at hall

community centre April 1. Winners in the penny sale were: gingham basket Grace McEnery; two doz. eggs Dorothy Clarkson; crocheted cushion Pat Laughman; wine glasses Mrs. V. Shortill; gloves Mary McLean; oil Morley Shortill; plaques Stan Corbett; sewing kit Hay Swindlehurst: ten pot and cosy Dan O'Conner; cake decorating kit Anne Fowler; ice cream scoop Mary McLean; screwdriver set Alice Duncan; oil and screw-

driver Mrs. L. Watson; crystal vase H. Lindauer; watering can and disheloth Beverly Leitch; slippers Evelyn Aitken: cooler T. Taylor; broom Pat Crowder; dog food Earl Buttler; knitted dog bottle cover Robbie Polo; planter Ida Smith; groceries

Bob Kirkwood; apron and

Ballinafad Women's Insti- soap Mrs. Karen Shortill; tute held a very successful groceries Alma Sinclair; penny sale and euchre at the groceries Dodle McGilloway; groceries Paul Hamilton; groceries, John Loughman; knitted bag Margaret Anderson: Cardtable cloth and napkins Doris Ella; mucrame hanging pot Lisa Petty; pink hippo Mildred Sanders; toys Brian Burt; skipping rope Lil Jackson; coloring book Brian Burt; colouring book Cathy Klaasen; bubble blowing kit Cathy Klaasen; doll Marlene Drysdale.

Euchre Winners of the cuchre were

men's high with a 107 George highest lady Olive Widdis 97. Other winners were Dorothy Clarkson, Christine Robinson

and Laura Wright.

the euchre.

Doris Ella had the closest birthday. The Institute ladies served a delicious lunch following

Friends in the community

were sorry to learn of the

sudden death last week of

lived in Woodside district

and son who reside in En-

Beach on the weekend.

bringing home the Consola-

tion Trophy. David Anderson

Recovery

recovery in Guelph General

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adian spring weather.

Bert James, of Erin.

done!

Churchill

Good Friday breakfast

A special Good Friday service is being held at Churchill Community Church on Good Friday Morning starting with a pancake breakfast at nine o'clock. Pancakes, toast, and coffee are being provided; and if your taste runs to bacon, sausages and other goodies you are asked to bring them along and share with those who prefer to bring bran muffins and fruit pre-Mrs. Eleanor McFadden will conduct the worship service starting at 10.30 a.m. Everyone wel-

Orchestra The Churchill Orchestra took part in a Concert of Sacred Music of Everton Christian Church last Sunday

Teachers OK pay hike

Seven hundred Wellington County elementary school teachers ratified an 8.5 per cent raise. The new contract must be

approved by the Federal's Anti-Inflation Board. The contract provides for salaries between \$9,000 and

\$24,000 a year. Wellington's 500 secondary school teachers ratified their contract late last year.

GRCA to enforce rules

NOWREGISTERED Cottagers in Belwood and Conservation Conestoga Areas will face inforcement of Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) rules because of the infractions of a few cottagers.

GET A CLEAR TITLE ON YOUR CLOSING DA. GRCA will crack down on vehicles. the Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Booth noisy here for a few days last week. overloading of cottages and They then flew to Holland to the use of cottages as yearround residences.



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Free Press

DELEGATES REPRESENTING Halton County at the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario annual conference, from left, Frances McLean, RR 5 Georgetown; Norm Anderson, RR 3 Milton; Bill Robinson, RR 2 Georgetown and Beverly Leitch, of RR 2 Acton. The conference was held in Toronto, March 18-20.-Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Ospringe

Singing frogs, kildeer are signs of spring

by Doris Fines Did you hear the chorus of the frogs last week? Such harmony! There must have been a hundred voices. couldn't help but stand at the door and listen. But my perception of music is lacking somewhere, as I didn't recognize the tune.

also could hear the Austin Stephen James who killdeer calling as she flew around to tell me she was some years ago. Our sym- back, too. Spring must be pathy is extended to his wife here. and Mrs. Stuar gland and to his brother, Mr.

McKinnon entertained about 30 relatives for dinner The Acton Bantams took, Saturday evening. It was a part in an All Star Hockey birthday party for Linda Tournament at Wasaga McKinnon of Guelph.

Birthday and Mrs. Ross Mr. of this community is a goalie Ferguson. Mrs. Thomas

on the team. Congratulations Fines and Doris Fines atto all the boys for a good job tended a birthday dinner on Sunday for two-year-old Melanie Redman at the home We are pleased to learn that of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Leslie Swackhamer is Bryan Redman, and sister a satisfactory Tara in Mount Forest. Little Jason Clark was able

Hospital following open heart to leave the hospital, and is surgery a month ago at St. back with his mother and Michaels Hospital, Toronto. father and sister, at the home We hope to see him up and of his grandparents Mr. and around soon, enjoying his Mrs. Fred Clark. Bruce W. Smith is a patient The Norm Turner family in Guelph General Hospital,

travelled to Florida for the and is convalescing following school holiday. They spent a surgery. We wish him a few days on the Florida Keys, speedy recovery. where the swimming and diving are fantastic, and then Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes visited Walt Disney World, all on the death of their brotherunder delightfully hot, sunny in-law Howard Hillis of

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Sympathy is extended to skies, before returning home Monticello, near Grand to our temperamental Can- Valley. The funeral service was held on Monday.

another sister, the second one in the space of two months. Mrs. S. E. Smith, formerly of the Fifth line, has been living the past few years at the Hyde Nursing Home in Guelph. She passed away on Sunday, with funeral services

on Wednesday at Acton. On Friday, grade five and six-pupils and their teachers Lorne Brown, Mrs. Vera Denny and Mr. Ralph Rainford, also accompanied by some parents, enjoyed a day at the Ontario Science Centre, Toronto. The main science theme was on space and weightlessness. The pupils were very interested, and were busy trying out the countless gadgets.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McKinnon, Karen and Connie, enjoyed a bus tour to Florida. They say weather was just beautiful for the whole week, with temperatures in the high 70's, reaching 89 degrees F one day. Disney Land for them was the highlight of the tour.

Scout news

From the Ospringe Scout Troop comes this March report: "Our Scouts enjoyed another successful month. On March 11 the Scouts had a hockey game at Acton Arena. Thanks to some terrific scorekeeping we had a tied game. Many thanks to Bernard Mann, who demonstrated photography March 28. We now have a special photography project for the month of April. Badges earned this month

20/0 down

Mrs. Thomas Fines has lost Achievement Bronze Stage Neil Sinclair, David Jackson, Warren Campbell, Neil Campbell; Challenge Badges, Science - Warren Campbell; Handicraft - Chris Howard, Sinclair, Schroeder; Artist - Ken Boyes, Mark Jackson, Brad Teeter; Builder-Neil Sinclair, Neil Campbell; Collector David Jackson: Handyman -Mark Jackson; Modeler Jackson; Interpreter

Team Sportsman - John Manes: Schroeder. We welcome a new member Greg Ritter. We also welcome a new leader Robert Vlietstra, who replaces R. Schroeder. The Scouts look forward to the Bowling Tournament in April, and the Camporee in Canvassers for the Cancer

Society will be calling on you shortly. Welcome them for this worthy cause. Those donating their time are Mrs. Vernon Stewart captain of the Ospringe area, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce, Mrs. Ralph Sinclair, Mrs. Ken Stubbinton, Mrs. Norman McKenzie. Mrs. Rick Timmerman, Mrs. Elwood Johnston, Mrs. Peter Heyden, Mrs. Jo Schneider. Mrs. Doug Campbell, Mrs. Robert Vlietstra, Mrs. George Lang, Mrs. Stuart McKinnon and Mrs. Ben Wingrove.

Five hundred pigs were lost in a fire last week that gutted the barn of Gordon Secord on the east side of Highway 25 just north of Hillsburgh.

Eden Mills

Group shares trip to India

by Georgina Wright The combined meeting of Presbyterian Rockwood Women and the Presbyterian Women of Eden Mills which is an annual event was held Wednesday at the Manse of Rev. D. Sinclair, Guelph, starting with a pot-luck

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Florence Cleghorn who had recently returned from a trip to India. Mrs. Sinclair welcomed all present and opened with singing hymn Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross, Mrs. Sinclair and Elva Pearen took the Easter theme from the Glad

Mrs. Cleghorn was introduced and gave us a wonderful talk on her trip to India, arriving in Bombay at 4 o'clock in the morning the temperature at 82 degrees. The population of Bombay is six million people and India has six hundred million. At one of the temples a witch doctor put on a program and

when he removed his turban in an act his hair reached the floor. Shoes had to be removed before you enter and you had to sit on the marble floor. Mrs. Cleghorn brought several items to show us that she had bought including jewellery, table cloths, and silk material also garlands, etc. Mrs. Cleghorn was thanked for her wonderful talk also the Sinclairs for the use of their home.

A short business meeting was held after of both groups. The women were reminded of the Good Friday morning breakfasts at both churches. Needlepoint

The Tuesday afternoon Women's Club had as their guest Mrs. Bell, Home of Toronto, teaching them needle-point They are also starting an afghan and it will be raffled

Mrs. Ann Vos and daughter have returned from Holland during the the school break, visiting Mrs. Vos' mother.

Ebenezer

Joined church

By Mrs. Ron McLean

A little Scottish church in a B.C. ghost town burnt down, Several square metal tokens were found. These had formerly been a kind of password, which were given to members before communion. Bethany was a Sabbath day's journey, one mile walking distance, from Jerusalem. A

donkey had been left waiting Palm Sunday communion for Jesus. When a conqueror was observed on Sunday, rode on a donkey it was a sign Those joining the church that he was coming in peace. were Mrs. Dorla Warren, Mr. Jesus wept when He saw the and Mrs. John Morrison and city. Jesus needs people with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johns. a discerning eye to see what a situation is.

> Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Devine, (Doris Moffat) on the birth of a daughter, Luanne Marie, on

Margaret and John Henry have returned from an enjoyable holiday in the Bahamas.

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