Standardbred breeder popular in township

the richest Standardbred breeder in Eramosa township but he sure is the best loved.

He's still training and racing at an age when most men have been retired for many years. "You gotta work to live," he says. "When you quit you might just as well lie an hour to go the five miles to down."

on the corner of Seventh Line Jack recalls he could run Eramosa and Highway 24 just north of Everton. Their property measures less than an acre and consists of the house, a small barn, an old blacksmith's shop now doing wind. double duty as a stable, two paddocks and a garden. Into and won out of seven colts," this minute establishment, Jack remembers. Jack manages to pack 12 or 14 horses, a couple of trucks and a car, and often a pig or a calf tucked in a corner.

with 100 acres near Belwood, Jack moved to Eramosa x4 years ago.

work," he chuckles," but instead I got more than rod.

small and too close to the highway but he's not about to move again, "not till they move me," he says.

Disgusting colt Jack was born the oldest son of a farming family and had horses in his blood. His father used to show harness horses and his boys just naturally picked it up. Jacks brothers Joe and Tom are also into Standardbreds.

While trying to remember how long he has been showing Jack asks his wife for help tarded."

with the dates. "Well, I showed horses Jack, "But he sure is pretty before I got you," he re- around the papers."

members. He also recalls the second

horse he ever owned, a two Jack Hamilton may not be year old he bought for \$90. He got talked into buying him against his better judgment and says with awe, "You know, he was just about the most disgusting colt I ever

The colt would pace and trot at the same time, taking Fergus. One night the wind Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton live was blowing below zero and home faster than that colt was carrying him so he took a whip to the horse and surprised the Dickens out of both of them. The colt ran like the

"I took him to Elora Fair

Pretty papers In those days a Standardbred was the all-purpose carriage horse for a family. Once a full time farmer There were no breeding records and papers. If the family horse was a good one the young men of the family "I thought I could get out of would enjoy racing it much like today's youngsters' hot

Nowadays, Standardbreds He admits his property is have pedigrees as long as your arm and are used exclusively for harness racing. Jack's philosophy on registrations is epitomized by a phrase overheard as he was receiving a long list of complaints from a friend about a

colt he had just acquired. "But Jack," said the friend. "That horse is cow hocked and knock kneed; he's pigeon toed to boot, and his back is like a mountain range. He's got lice, mange and worms and he looks mentally re-

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and she threw him off. "She got into the running and I was only on the saddle but once. She threw her shoes and bent one. She sure could run. She made a sharp turn and tossed me off-I was never so glad to get off a horse in my life."

He drove himself up until a

"Now it takes \$10, for gas-

today-it's out of my way of

So Jack Hamilton will con-

tinue to do favors for his

neighbors, to help out at

haying, to enjoy his own

horses, to stop for a chat and

"You only go through this

world once. You look ahead

when you're young and it's a

long way but it's really so

And Jack rolls another

couple of years ago but now

"It's just too rough."

Kitchener.

short."

cigarette.

He used to get the "rangatangs" to train but he says he I can't get adjusted to these doesn't get them anymore. There were only two horses Jack couldn't handle. He reminisces as he rolls a lazy cigarette.

"They were both stubborn-one kicked and balked and lay down in the traces. He wouldn't get up so we got our supper and he was still laying on the track all hitched up. We had to unharness him be- hits. fore he'd get up."

Jack is also something of a horse dealer, trucker, blacksmith and a one time selfstyled vet.

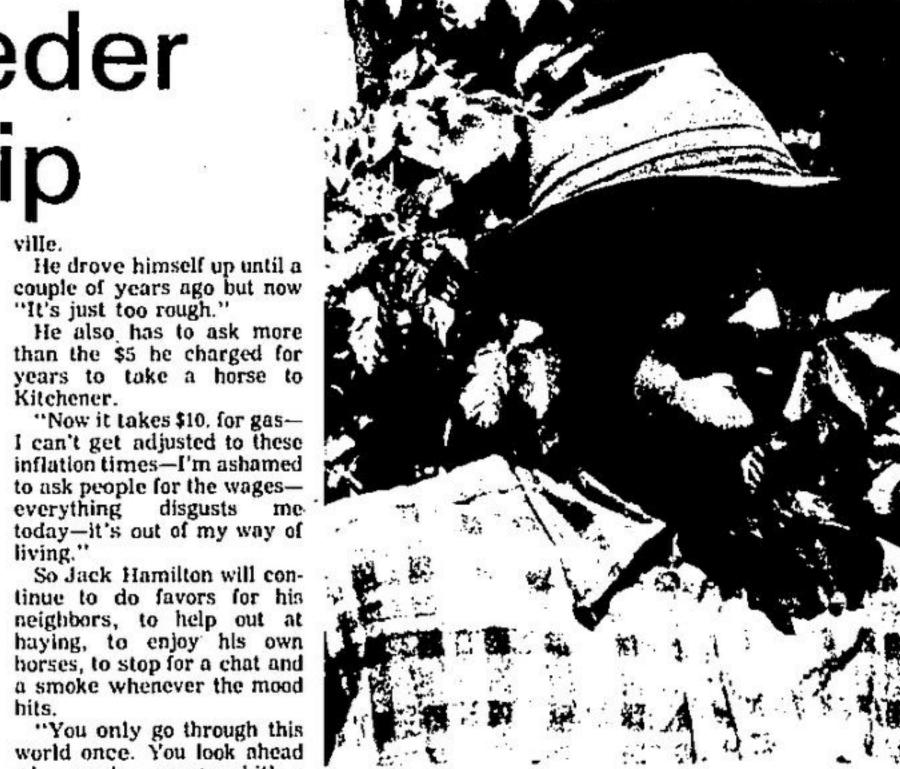
"My vet bills in a lifetime" wouldn't amount to \$1,000." "Always did everything for my horses," he remarks, but he neglects to mention he's been available for help to anyone who's every asked

"That's my trouble—I just never could say no."

Jack Hamilton has always been on hand at any time of the day or night to help with a sick colt or a foaling mare. Ask anyone from Belwood to Rockwood. They'll tell you-Jack Hamilton is the first to truck a horse or give you a hand with the having.

"I always like to help out." he drawls. "It may not do you any good but it never does a person any harm."

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton now have four daughters and "Yea, I know," drawled more grandchildren than they can count. Jack still has 12 horses, colts in training, broodmares, and two horses



JACK HAMILTON-always ready to lend a hand where it's needed. The Everton Standardbred breeder prefers a slower life where people are more important than money.

There is abusive teacher absenteeism

Acton-Esquesing Trustee Bert Hinton says he's not "gullible." Thursday he told Halton Board of Education he doesn't agree with a teacher absenteeism committee report which says there isn't

"I'm not so guilible to accept the report saying there isn't abusive absenteeism. We may not have a high figure or percentage of absentecism but the abuse is still there," Hinton declared.

high absenteeism in Halton.

The board rejected a committee suggestion that supply teachers in Halton receive 10 per cent less pay when they teach fewer than two consecutive days.

Trustee Helen Howard-Lock lead the attack against the pay cut, noting supply teachers are the only board employees being asked to take a wage trim. She said

they are already underpaid and charged "we are taking on the small guy to cut down on teacher absenteeism."

If the board cut substitute teacher's pay for the first day it would be admitting defeat in the bids to make the first d day in the class more effect-

Fred Armitage said. Hinton was opposed to any

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ive and productive, Trustee

pay cut for supply teachers but advocated the administration cracking down and weeding out poor substitute teachers.

Trustee John Bradley, Halton Hills and Milton, announced many supply teachers simply don't want the responsibility of being full-time. He said this kind of attitude disturbs him.

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Hinton urges 100% pay cut

Bert Hinton has called for a pay cut of x00 per cent for Halton school board members. Trustees receive \$6,600

a year. He presented a notice of motion Thursday calling for trustees to serve without remuneration. Hinton asked that all previous motions dealing with pay for board members be rescinded but

4-H club studies stomachs

By Heldi Stadler The June meeting of the Halton 4-H Junior Dairy Calf Club was held at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Proud on Vice-President David Robinson called the meeting to order and it was

opened with the 4-H Pledge. Jeff Nurse went over the points of a cow, with special attention to the points important when judging a dairy cow. Two classes of dairy cattle were judged, first a class of mature cows and then a class of two-year-olds. Club leaders Jeff Nurse and Doug Wingrove gave the official placings and some of us even

agreed with them! This month's lesson was on the parts and functions of a cow's stomach. We were surprised to learn that the rumen part of a cow's stomach can hold up to 250 lbs. of feed. That would be a lot of pop and donuts! The 4-H'ers couldn't hold that much, but nevertheless they made short work of pop and donuts after the meeting was adjourned.

Acton-Esquesing Trustee legitimate expenses allowed. His motion will be dealt with by the board next

Hinton told the board after presenting the plan that he is "very serious about this." In an interview later Hinton said he was bringing the idea

to the board as fulfillment of

an election promise. Hinton said he didn't want to embarass the board and delayed bringing the pay cut to the table for six months because he was a new trustee becoming involved in important board actions such as the

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"I have served my whole life on councils and boards and received little or no remuneration. Remuneration shouldn't be the motivation for service," Hinton de-

He pointed out he has served 10 years on the Sheridan College Board of Governors and has never received a cent and was paid very little when he was Warden of Halton County.

Hinton favors trustees being given money for expenses because "there is no reason it should cost trustees budget and salary negoti- to serve."



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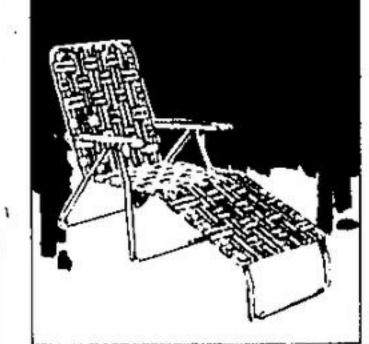


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