

Dressage championship in area this weekend

by Jennifer Barr
This may be horse country but it's not often an event like the Eastern Canadian Dressage Championships come to Rockwood.

Lorraine Stubbs, international Olympic dressage rider, will be hosting the 1977 Championships on October 1 and 2 at her Rock Eden Farm, situated two miles north of highway 24 on Third Line of Eramosa.

Entered for this weekend's events. Novice and advanced classes will be held on each day so spectators have a chance to see all classes of riders.

Good dressage centre Rock-Eden farm is, according to Miss Stubbs, the only privately-owned dressage centre in the area. The youthful Olympic rider is specially proud of the two Olympic-sized rings complete with tile draining.

Since moving to Rockwood in 1976 just before the Olympics, Miss Stubbs has enlarged her training centre, including an indoor arena and more stabling. She trains horses and riders giving private lessons to talented people who have their own horses.

"Most kids nowadays think all you have to do is work hard, but you have to have talent," she says.

Miss Stubbs also gives some clinics of up to eight people.

The farm is also headquarters for her own Trackheiser breeding establishment. True North, the horse who helped Canada win fifth place in Olympics '76 and Lorraine Stubbs' pride and joy, is a Trackheiser. Recently, she bought another Trackheiser gelding in Germany who will be staying in Ontario till the '80 Olympics.

"You don't bring a horse to Canada who's on the rise," comments the outspoken rider. "There's no help here—no winter shows—even the summer shows aren't good enough for competition."

That's why Lorraine Stubbs is so pleased to host the Eastern Canadian Dressage Championships this weekend. "The year after the Olympics is really boring," she comments. "But it's getting better when we can offer shows like this."

Several of the members attended church service here before attending the festivities at the hall. A few residents from Ballinafad attended the anniversary service at Limehouse on Sunday, where they met friends and a former minister Dr. C. Cochrane, who was the guest speaker. This long spell of wet weather is seriously affecting the usual activities of farming at this season of the year. Potatoes and turnips are ready to take up, to say nothing of the many acres of corn grown in the area. There are complaints that much smut is seen in the corn crop due to the rain.

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Ever heard of Murphy's Law? It's kind of like the law of Gravity only less convenient.

Murphy's Law dictates the phone will ring when you have your arms up-to-elbows in bread dough. And we all know it would kill you not to answer it.

This law is also responsible for the cows getting out just as you're all dressed up in heels and lipstick late for a little intimate luncheon.

Have you ever had the septic system back up when your parents are due off the plane for a month long visit? Murphy's Law!

Sure as shooting there'll be a low pressure system causing the manure pile to smell just when you have sixteen guests coming for an elegant dinner party. M.L.

When you're trying to raise chickens au naturel, you'll have several dozen carefully selected eggs waiting in the basement for a hen whose hormones say she's broody. When you've given up and eaten every potential show bird in sight-five ladies will fluff their feathers and start hatching rocks. (Whisper—Murphy's Law...)

If you've been trying to breed your beautiful Thoroughbred mare all spring to a very expensive racehorse and she hasn't caught you can bet your bottom dollar a passing Shetland pony will climb on a henhouse roof, seduce the lady, and she'll produce a very short horse next year. (Believe me, that has actually happened!) Courtesy of you know who.

When you meet up with this Murphy responsible for all these odd events, send him to me and I'll break a mess of eggs over his head.

This is the Year of the Rooster. Did you know? Not in the Chinese calendar, I don't know what that one is. But I do know this establishment has had more than its share of male birds this year. Whenever, a bird gets sick, doesn't make it out of its shell, gets stepped on by a cow, you can guarantee it's been a hen.

We had bad luck with our Millefleurs. These pretty birds are multicoloured and sport fancy feathers down their legs like bell-bottom pants.

Francois had two wives, Suzette and Suzanne. First Suzette wandered too far away one night and got herself eaten by something. Then Suzanne come down with a bug. Francois seemed to be sickening, too, so we rapidly sought expert help. Suzanne continued to go downhill and Erica became frantic knowing Francois would die of a broken heart if he lost wife number two. Heavens, he'd made enough fuss over Suzette.

Unfortunately, Suzanne did die and it looked as though Francois was not long for this world, despite medicine and heartening words.

The morning after Suzanne's departure, I went out to the barn expecting to see Francois stretched out, too. But he surely wasn't. He was charging around his pen crowing his little heart out demanding to be let out. NOW.

Once the door was open, he hopped out and proceeded to dance up to every unattached female in sight.

I couldn't believe it. That no-good-son-of-a-Chinese-seacook was delighted to be a horrible fornicating happy bachelor again. And he proceeded to wear himself out all day.

ME!

Ospringle

Ladies' Aid has regular meeting

by Doris Fines
Reminiscing on summer holidays, was the roll call of Ospringle Ladies Aid, at their September meeting. The eight ladies present gave the highlights of their trips, which covered areas from east to west in Canada, Ontario and U.S.A.

Mrs. William Rupka was hostess, and the president Mrs. Ralph Sinclair presided, and opened the meeting with a poem.

The devotional was taken by Mrs. George Lang, on Faith and Perseverance in Modern Life. With all the evil and injustice in the world, we must persevere in spite of it all, and keep our faith like the prophet Habakkuk. In keeping with this, the familiar old hymn was sung, Will Your Anchor Hold, Mrs. Lang also read an article on Today and Time, where the writer was suggesting if we want time to do things we have to make time.

For the program Mrs. Ralph Sinclair gave the highlights of her trip to Vancouver Island with the ladies of the Women's Institute.

One group of the 4-H Homemaking Club has organized, and the meetings will be Monday nights in the church. The project is Feasting Fruit, with Mrs. Edward Smith and Mrs. Henry Pankratz, leaders. Linda Pankratz was elected president, Bonnie Lang vice president, Jackie Vander Vliet secretary, and Flora Stewart press reporter. The leaders demonstrated how to make apricot balls while the girls read off the recipe.

George Lang underwent surgery in Guelph General Hospital on Thursday. A speedy return to good health is wished for him.

Congratulations are extended to David Stewart and Wendy Court who were married in St. Paul's Anglican

Church, Shelburne, on Saturday. Wendy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Court of Shelburne, and David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart of Ospringle. Judy Stewart was the maid of honor, and she made the bridesmaids' dresses, the bouquets, and the corsages for the mothers. The groom's attendant was Graham Fraser. Rick Stewart and Lance Court were ushers. The reception was held at the Legion Hall in Shelburne. Even the rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the happy couple.

Opening of new fire hall

The official opening of the Georgetown Fire Department's new quarters on Maple Avenue will cost an estimated \$2,870, but the town will pay no more than \$900. of the cost. The department uses the former town works garage.

Haltom Hills administration committee made the recommendation Monday night.

William (Bud) Hyde, treasurer Georgetown Volunteer Firefighters Association, said the estimate was not exact and could be less if some items are donated. He explained the opening festivities would extend over two days, October 29 and 30. He said approximately 200 invitations would be sent.

"We're prepared to go ahead anyway, but would appreciate any help," said Hyde.

The committee decided to recommend up to \$900 to be taken from the council public relations fund.



LORRAINE STUBBS, Olympic dressage champion, gets help from Bismark with the mountains of paperwork cluttering her desk before the Eastern Canadian Dressage Championships to be held this weekend at Miss Stubbs' Rockwood farm.

Limehouse

Parents meet teachers at school open house

by Mrs. Art Benton
Mr. and Mrs. John Noble attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Johnnie of Hamilton on Wed. She was over 90 years of age.

Parents of Limehouse Public School pupils met the teachers at the school open house on Tuesday evening.

Congratulations to Limehouse W.I. fair committee whose display tied for second place at Acton Fall air and won first at Milton Fair.

Rev. Dr. C. C. Cochrane, who was minister here 29 years ago preached at the 16th anniversary services on Sunday. The choir provided anthems at both times. He and Mrs. Cochrane were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson and the Bentons.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson attended the 40th wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Patterson at Rockwood on Sunday afternoon.

From Mrs. Hannah
Cubs and Scouts are in full swing again with the cubs having 16 boys registered at the moment and the Scouts have 7. The Cubmaster will again be Elaine Hannah with son Doug assisting. Troop Scoutmaster will again be Dick Rock with Vic Galford assisting.

Although the groups just started up for the year, some Scouting was done during the summer. This included the Jamboree in P.E.I. for three Scouts—Doug Hannah, Lee Inson and Lyle Campbell. Doug Hannah attended a canoe trip in August with the second Georgetown Scouts and Limehouse Scouts went on their own canoe trip late in August assisted by John Booth of the second Georgetown Troop. A leader's camp was held in August with Elaine Hannah attending, and the annual reunion for Gilwell

Ballinafad

Harvest is hampered by long spell of rain

by Winifred Smith
We were glad to hear the good news that Christine Quackenbush was able to leave hospital last week and is convalescing at home showing some improvement every day.

Sympathy is extended to the McLean family who recently suffered a bereavement when Mrs. Ada McLean suffered the loss of her sister Mrs. Cleave of Acton, who died rather suddenly.

Janice and Joan Wright, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wright, are attending the George Brown College in Toronto, and have enrolled in the school for Graphic Designing. We wish them every success in this interesting course.

The "Yemens" had their annual family get-together at the Ballinafad Community Centre on Sunday, Sept. 18.

The new sixers and seconds in the Cub Pack held an overnight camp at Hannah's on the weekend. Because of the rain the boys camped in the house basement and cooked their meals over the fireplace in the house. Everyone had a good time even during the short hike in the rain.

The Group Committee held their September meeting in the Ryan's hubouse. The new executive will be Ed Ryan, chairman; Liz Coates, secretary; and Liz Rock, treasurer. Plans were made to pick up papers on Saturday and renovations to the Scout Hut were discussed. A wine and cheese party is planned for the meeting in October.

We are looking for parents who would be interested in a Beaver Colony being held in Limehouse. That is the youngest group in Scouting, age 5-7. If anyone is interested please call Andrea Sharples 853-1966.

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