

Waterloo entrant wins 35 mile long trail ride

by Jennifer Barr
Thirteen was the lucky number at the Rockwood Trail Riders Annual Competitive Trail Sunday—it was the thirteenth year the riding club has held the event and the Sweepstakes winner was number 13, Michelle Hergott from Waterloo.

The 35-mile trail ride started and finished at the Halton Presbyterian Grounds on the Blue Springs Line, Nassagaweya. Run by the Rockwood Trail Riders, one of the largest riding clubs in Ontario, the competitive ride

pioneered such equestrian events in Ontario when it was first organized in 1965. Now, under the auspices of the Ontario Competitive Trail Ride Association, many such competitive and endurance rides are held every year.

Although not a race, contestants are required to complete a mapped trail in an allotted time. Veterinary checks take place regularly to test condition of the horses and the winners are the most fit animals.



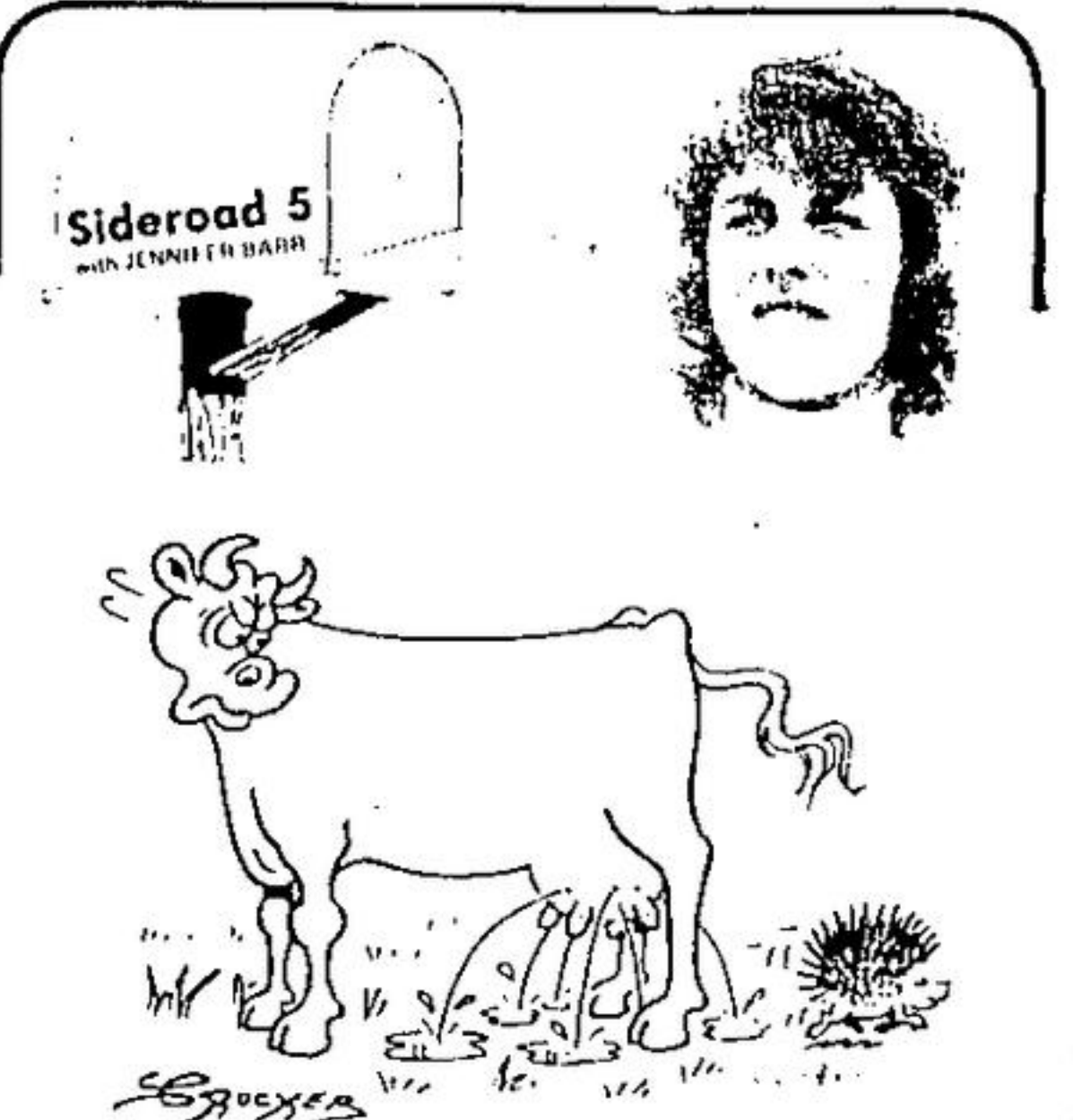
CLUTCHING HIS scorecard, Brent Storey of Rockwood beams happily as he and Travis finish the 35 mile Competitive Trail Ride held Sunday at the Halton Presbyterian Grounds and sponsored by the Rockwood Trail Riders. Brent won the Horsemanship, Sportmanship and Fellowship award for the middleweight division.

This year's course encompassed 35 miles around Rockwood, taking in some of the most beautiful areas of bush and trail with little road riding. Progressing north from the grounds, riders wound through private farm-lands almost to Highway 24. Turning south and skirting the north west area of Rockwood village, riders zig-zagged to Eden Mills. There, they proceeded west, then south, and finally east, looping back to the grounds.

Over fifty contestants took five and a quarter hours to complete the course but, as each rider left at regulated intervals, the ride was spread over most of the day. Sixty-one riders were entered but some were disqualified for medical reasons. Equestrians came from all over Ontario including a group from Quebec.

Organizers for the event were Kaz Lewandowski and Jean Pettit. Veterinary teams were headed by Dr. Potter, Dr. Deanna Benn and Dr. Misty Harmon. The vets were also the judges. Ride secretary was Marg Cox with Gord Cox acting as "local gopher". A great many club members and friends worked all day as recorders, veterinary assistants, timers, trailer drivers, farriers and general helpers. The Emergency Rescue Communications Club of Waterloo, assisted by Linda Cox and Mike Willis of Rockwood took care of trail communication by way of short wave radio.

The "delicious" cold buffet dinner was prepared by the Rockwood Lionettes and delivered by the hard-working Cox family. Competitors generally voted the ride "very good" although long and grueling because of the hot weather. Some confusion resulted near the end of the ride from markers having been torn down by passers-by but as Jean Pettit remarked, "We didn't lose anybody for very long."



My sympathies to the cow—but only just. Cows are two-faced creatures given to representing themselves as benign placid animals whose only thought is the benefit of mankind. They are however, quite intelligent beasts carrying large pointed heads filled with less than charitable thoughts. Cows and I don't see eye to eye.

Surely a lady

Mind you, cows do have a beef. Would you have kind benevolent feelings towards a Superior Being who forced you to produce children for their table and stole the nourishment destined for those children? Not likely.

However, that aspect of life seems not to bother the cow. I believe she is merely amused when she can feign innocence and yet contrive to make the farmers life uncomfortable.

Take Duchess, for instance. Duchess would walk serenely into the stable like the royal lady she was. Up into her own stallion she'd march, her head placed squarely in the rack. But try and close the stallion and Duchess would suddenly develop an itch. Out would shoot the head, accidentally catching the stallion-closer with a horn stab, and the long tongue was thrown nonchalantly over the shoulder to scratch that shoulder blade.

Itch scratched, she'd agree to replace her head, only to lean imperceptibly to the left as the stallion closed and her full weight came down on the instep of the stallion-closer.

Cows have time

Bluebell was less subtle. When approached with milker, she'd raise her tail. Farmer would stand back until Bluebell had relieved herself. Down would go the tail. Up would go the milker. Up would go the tail. Farmer would wait. Nothing would happen so farmer would heave a sigh and approach Bluebell on the left to strap on milker. Just as he got comfortably into the job, Bluebell's tail would go up and the gutter filled with a malodorous green liquid offering splashing as far as only a grass-filled cow can splash. Do you ever wonder why farmers walk funny?

Now Bonnie Mae was something else. Bonnie's problem was flies. This wonderful lady had to be milked by hand because she'd managed to step on one of faucets early in life and she was a mile tetchy. All the cows were sprayed before milking in an effort to make them as comfortable as possible. But Bonnie would find one fly to bother her just as her milk maid sat down. Flick, flick would go that tail, flick, flick, swat - right in the milk maids eye. Small oath. Fly killed. Back to milking.

Bonnie would twitch her ear and call over another fly. Same procedure ending in larger oath.

Milking would usually end with Bonnie's tail tied firmly to one of her legs and her dancing up and down the gutter kicking milk pails and milk maid right and left.

Lord, please don't give me any more cows. I know when I'm licked. I how to a bovine superior. I give up. Cows give me ulcers.

Three building permits violate Eramosa by-laws

Eramosa town council will be consulting with their solicitor to see if three building permits issued by the former building inspector in contravention of their by-laws are valid.

The point was raised when Rockwood resident, Ed Thatcher approached council last week for permission to build on a single lot, saying he knew of one other person who had such a permit.

Councillor Dave Masson revealed council had discovered three permits which had been issued by the former inspector which violated existing by-laws. He added these permits "hinder honest people trying to live within the by-laws council has made."

Mr. Thatcher has put in application for a severance, and expects it to be granted. Mr. Masson suggested the council could issue a permit conditional upon the outcome of the severance application, but deputy reeve Henry Holman Jr. said "council cannot issue a permit contrary to its own by-laws."

Mr. Thatcher is anxious to begin working on the house early enough to get it all enclosed before winter sets in.

It was decided at the meeting that no permits would be issued until a new building inspector is hired. The last one retired a few weeks ago and a replacement is yet to be named.

Friends help drown fire

Neighbors pitched in to help douse flames which levelled the R.R. 2, Belwood barn and killed 25 calves and a bull belonging to William Smith last week.

The blaze caused more than \$100,000 damage, but no one was injured.

In addition to the livestock the contents of three silos was destroyed and milk equipment and stables were damaged.

Neighbors helped put out the four-hour fire because some of the regular volunteer firefighters from Fergus were away for the long weekend.

Erin Twp. residents petition about road

by Doris Fines

A petition from the residents of Douglas Crescent in Glendevon subdivision was brought before Erin Township Council Tuesday evening by 14 of the concerned residents. The owner's irresponsibility in finishing the roadway and other work to be done, before it can be turned over to the township to maintain, has caused undue suffering to the residents from dust, potholes in summer, and ice and snow in winter. Some have suffered through this for two years.

Council has continually sent letters to the owner, which apparently have no effect. Council is in sympathy with

the residents, and will send letters to Clinfelt (the owner's engineer) and Triton (Erin's engineer), and if no action is taken by mid July, Council will make a decision on what should be done.

Other business attended to was the approval of the purchase of a GMC 3-ton highway express truck from Brett Motors Ltd., Fergus, for \$5,992.21, tax included.

Lorne Brown had 34 geese killed by dogs, to a total of \$272.

The Ministry requested a license for the wayside pit of John Dewar, which has been used to obtain fill for the township dump. If the township pays for the license,



RECEIVING THEIR scorecards, these riders look chipper after finishing 35 miles in a little over five hours. The occasion was the Rockwood Trail Riders annual Competitive Trail Ride held on the Blue Springs Line, Nassagaweya, Sunday. Despite the heat and humidity, more than 50 equestrians finished the course.

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CHERI IS VERY tired after travelling 35 miles in Sundays Competitive Trail Ride in Rockwood. Dave Taylor, a member of the Rockwood Trail Riders for ten years, loosens Cheri's girth



DELIGHTED WITH his wins at Guelph Poultry Show, Mark Lillie of R.R. 4, Rockwood shows off his Best of Breed White Leghorn Bantam hen. Mark also won Best Brahma Bantam as well as several other ribbons at the annual event held at Eden Mills. This was Mark's second show and the first year he has raised chickens.

Doubles tourney in Rockwood

The first ever, Junior Doubles Tournament was held Saturday, July 8, at the Rockwood Tennis Courts. Local players and out-of-town guests joined in the competition. Chris Hudson of Rockwood and Ian de Haas of Toronto defeated Jeff Hamilton of Rockwood and John Martin of Calgary in the final round.

July 22 will see the first open family tournament at the courts, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Proficient younger players are invited to join a parent and take on other open double competitors.

August 26 is the date set aside for another adult round robin tournament.

On September 23, the Junior Mixed Doubles Trophy, donated to the Club by the Rockwood Centennial School's student council, will be awarded to that tournament's winners.

Ladies' fun tournaments continue every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

The prospect of court lights by the end of September is shining brighter with the profits from the Pioneer Day dance being added to the fund. Wintario grant money is also available. The Tennis Club executive will be seeking tenders for the lights within the next few weeks.

Most folks live in Erin

More people popped up in Erin village than anywhere else in Wellington County, except Guelph City, according to a report from the provincial assessment office at Guelph.

ROCKWOOD & DISTRICT

Ospringle

New owners at store

by Doris Fines

The Ospringle Groceteria has again changed hands, and we are very pleased to extend a hearty welcome to Cliff and Evelyn Tunney, their daughters Colleen and Kelly, and Mrs. Tunney's mother Hazel Todd. The family come from Guelph, but have lived on 17 sideroad for a year. They will keep the store open every week day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The snack bar is open, and they sell groceries, Margold ceramics from Guelph, Steen's hand-dipped ice cream, gas, and have a 24 hour towing service. We wish them every success in their business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crocker have moved up to 17 Sideroad.

The local church is closed for the month of July, but will re-open the first Sunday in August. A cordial invitation is extended from Erin United Church to anyone wishing to worship with them this month.

The absence of rain has one good point in its favor. The farmers have been able to harvest some choice bales of hay without it being rained upon.

But, hells bells, this 90 degree heat has gone to my head. I found myself on the verge of waving to a horse. My neighbors waved to me as I walked out the driveway to pick up the mail, so I returned the favor. Across the highway a horse was watching me with its head draped over the fence. Getting the mail from the box I started to walk back to the house. The horse continued to gaze at me, and I had a feeling I should speak, or at least acknowledge its presence. I thought "You're too far away to talk sensibly to. I will just wave instead". My word!



NEW OWNERS OF THE Ospringle Groceteria are Cliff and Evelyn Tunney.

Jury ends Milton train inquest

An inquest into the deaths of three men by a run-away locomotive decided the accident may have been prevented had all the brakes on the engine been engaged.

The five-man jury learned that a safety brake was disconnected at the time of the mishap on March 14 at a Milton construction site.

The jury also decided the cause of the run-away locomotive can not be established as either human or mechanical error.

The tragedy occurred when the engineer left the idling locomotive to join 25 other workers for coffee. The coffee truck and three other vehicles were astride the tracks near Britannia Road.

The train killed engineer Victor Newcombe of Burlington, and Jose Carrolas and Joao Pereira, both of Toronto.

The locomotive is owned by Penvidic Construction Company.