

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have long been subjects of books, movies, and pictures. But I don't think they've ever had a book written about them completely in verse.

That is, until Hazel Lightle of Acton did it. With assistance and advice from a retired RCMP sergeant, Mrs. Lightle has published her own book called "Riders of the Plain" containing over 60 episodes of RCMP history written in rhyme.

Not only is this clever lady an author, but she has long been a noted horse breeder and handler, an artist, a traveller, and a craftsperson.

Five years in the writing. The idea for her poems about the RCMP came to Mrs. Lightle when she wrote about the Mounted Police evacuation from Fort Pitt at the time of the Louis Riel rebellion. Her information came from a newspaper article. She sent her offering to Sergeant George Howard of the RCMP who replied telling her the information was way off base. A correspondence resulted and Mrs. Lightle rapidly found herself steeped in RCMP history.

Before this, she had had one poem about the famous force published in the Winnipeg Free

Press. Five years later, Mrs. Lightle had over 60 poems written, all but two were about actual events in RCMP history. With encouragement from friends and Sergeant Howard, who was also editor of the RCMP Quarterly, the work of producing a book began.

The result is a compact soft cover edition just right for gift giving, illustrated by the author and containing an eloquent forward by Former Sergeant Howard.

The book is also in the delighted hands of Her Majesty the Queen, thanks to retired Sergeant Ronald Trollove of the RCMP. He rode with the musical ride and had occasion to talk with the Queen several times. He sent a copy of Mr. Lightle's book to Her Majesty and received an enthusiastic reply from her secretary.

Well-known local horsewoman

An Erin Township resident for better than 60 years (she was a very small girl when first transported there from Snelgrove), Mrs. Lightle spent most of those years on the Fourth Line, just north of Five Sideroad.

During that time of farming, Mrs. Lightle and her husband John raised some fine horses including a hunter mare who was top brood mare in Canada. She has a great love of horses and says she must have ridden "thousands of miles" in her life. Although the horses on the Lightle farm included jumping and show horses, Mrs. Lightle rode mostly on the trail and for pleasure. She was a member of the Rockwood Trail Riders for two or three years in the '60's.

Since moving to Acton 10 years ago, Mrs. Lightle has had to content herself with painting her horses. Every wall of her house is decorated

with her artwork, horses being the dominant subject matter.

She also loves to travel and will "go any place," she says. Her jaunts have included Hawaii, Alaska and England. Alaska is the place she says she'd love to re-visit.

If she ever writes another book, Mrs. Lightle explains, it will be about the Mounties again. "There's lots more to write about," she agrees. And it will be in verse.

However, this lively lady has a lot of plans and a lot of living to do before she takes up her pen again.

In the meantime, she's busy promoting her book. "The Riders of the Plains," by Hazel Lightle is available at the Book Nook in Acton, at Shortill's Tack Shop in Ballinfad or from the author, phone 853-2278, at a cost of \$2.50.



Hazel Lightle with one of her horse paintings and her book on the RCMP.

Wood supports three year term

There's been a lot of talk of late in various government circles regarding extension of terms on municipal council and school boards to three years.

A check with Acton councillors shows an opinion split. Ed Wood would like to see a three year term, Terry Grubbe thinks two years is fine and Ross Knechtel isn't

sure if council terms should be two or three years.

All three ward representatives are serving their first term. Grubbe having joined council last October replacing the late Les Duby.

Wood recalled Halton Hill council once endorsed a resolution calling

for a three year term. He noted for new councillors the first year is spent learning procedures and the workings of the municipality and in the second year councillors are looking ahead to the election. Wood explained he supports a three year term because there is too short a period between each election to have all of a councillor's goals implemented.

Knechtel felt a two year term was acceptable and thought a three year term might be better, but felt the subject needs more examination. Grubbe said she wasn't sure where she stands on the issue of three year terms, especially since she is so new to council. She said at this point she still supports two year terms. Grubbe suggested two year terms keep councillors on their toes better than three years terms would.

Sports Travelcade coming to Acton

The Ontario Sports Travelcade will be visiting Halton Hills March 5, 6 and 7 and stopping at St. Joseph's school in Acton.

Three community clinics; basketball, competitive swimming and modern rhythmic gymnastics, are planned in Halton Hills the same week.

The Halton Hills recreation department's spring 1980 'community and leisure brochure' will be mailed to Acton residents March 5.

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Vandals smash store window

Home Hardware's plate glass window, valued at \$250, was kicked in by vandals this week, according to Halton Regional Police.

The window was reported smashed about 1:30 a.m. last Wednesday

morning. Nothing was stolen by the vandals. A hydraulic pumping unit at York Auto Wreckers, Lot 20, concession 4, Acton, was reported stolen this week. The unit, valued at \$1,000, was reported missing at 8:20 a.m. Saturday.

BAHA' FAITH

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For information
878-8138



Members of the Baha' Faith got together Wednesday night to hear about their teachings through song. Jeff White, right, Steve Porter, left and Don Johnston, centre, performed the songs at the Acton Library.

Athletes in Action in Acton March 6

ATHLETES IN ACTION will be in action in Acton March 6.

Athletes in Action is a branch of Campus Crusade for Christ composed of current and retired professional athletes from throughout North America who go out in the community to talk about their faith.

The Acton Clergy Association is sponsoring Athletes in Action's visit here which will include two main programs.

On the morning of March 6 three athletes, Zenon Andrusyshyn, Gord Barwell and Bubby Stapleton will compete with Acton High School students in sports events at a special first period assembly and will then be free to talk about Christian faith with pupils during the lunch periods.

That evening, at 6 p.m., there will be a banquet followed by an address by the athletes at the St. Alban's Anglican Church parish hall. The cost for the evening is \$3 and 100 tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis by contacting Rev. Brian Rennick at 853-0481.

Andrusyshyn is a punter and place kicker with the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the

Canadian Football League. The former U.C.L.A. star also played several seasons with the Toronto Argos.

Barwell was for 10 years a star receiver with the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the CFL who played on a Grey Cup winner once and made several trips to the national championship.

Now retired, Barwell lives in Georgetown and is the Eastern Canadian director of Athletes in Action.

Stapleton is a former professional hockey player who was in the Washington Capitals farm system for a time and played briefly with the National Hockey League team.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

Highway No. 25 From Highway No. 24 to Dufferin Co. Rd. No. 3 (15.1 km)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Thursday, March 6, 1980, from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at The Community Centre Hall on Main Street, in the Village of Hillsburgh.

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications announces it will hold an Information Centre for the public to examine plans for the proposed improvements on Highway 25 between Highway 24 and Dufferin County Road 3—a distance of 15.1 km.

The proposed improvements fall within Classes B2 and B5 under The Environmental Assessment Act, and include the following work: minor adjustments to grades and cross-sections, replacement of a culvert, and resurfacing. Under The Act, any government Ministry, agency, public group, or individual may request that an individual Environmental Assessment be prepared for a project of this type if serious environmental concerns exist. In that case, the environmental assessment would be subject to a formal review and approval process, before construction could proceed.

Any citizen, government Ministry or agency wishing to receive further information about this project as our study progresses, must notify the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, either at the Information Centre or by writing to the address below.

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