with JENNIFER BARR Winning a ribbon at Quarterama, Canada's

largest western horse show, your first time out is quite a feat. Placing in all three classes entered is even better. But when you're a 14-year-old lad with diabetes and a hole in your heart, it's nothing short of sensational.

Roger Moore, son of Betty-Lou and Lloyd Moore of Acton, did just that.

On the spur of the moment he entered two barrel racing classes and a pickup class with a horse he only bought before Christmas. Now he's proudly displaying three very fancy ribbons, two 6ths and a well-handled second.

Roger hasn't always been a horse enthusiast. When his family moved from Mississauga six years ago to the beautiful estate-like property they now own south of Acton, Roger received a horse for his birthday. He didn't get much chance to ride it until the following spring and gradually spent quite some time getting used to the faithful Smokey, who is still a loved member of his stable.

Roger's riding consisted mostly of gentle trail riding and pleasure riding around home until he got the games bug last fall. With his mother watching with trepidation, he rode another of his mounts, Dusty, through the western games at the Fall Fair. He won a 4th place ribbon, too. Up until that time he didn't know a thing about

barrel racing but area western games enthusiast, Donna McLeod gave Roger a "crash" course in barrel racing. "It really was a crash course, too," chuckles

his mother. From the Acton Fair there was no stopping Roger. He was on the phone finding all the in-

formation he could get on various shows and before Betty-Lou could catch her breath he had won ribbons at Feversham Fall Fair, Humber College and the Rockwood Trail Riders.

He was so keen he purchased Poco Tan Joe, a 13-year-old Quarter mare, from Gary Poot in December. A champion games horse Poco was entered in Quarterama and stabled at Whispering Pines Stable north of Acton for a month prior to the March show.

Trophy winning barrel racer Gerry Miller, coowner of Whispering Pines, coached Roger in the stable's indoor arena. She obviously did the job very well. Pulling off a three ribbon win and coming home with \$60 worth of prize money from your first time at Quarterama is unusual.

Two strikes down Roger's parents are proud of him, even more when they think of the handicaps the young lad has been working under all his life. Born the fourth of five children, Roger was plagued with physical problems from birth. The most lifethreatening of these is the hole in his heart and

the diabetes he developed at age two. Fortunately the hole, a ventricular septal defect between the centre wall of the heart, is fairly small and is not enlarging as Roger grows. He has regular checkups to keep an eye on his now enlarged heart.

Roger's doctors feel strenuous exercise won't affect his heart problem or add extra stress.

His diabetes cuases him more worry because of the constant diet control and insulin shots. Betty-Lou explains Roger takes full responsibility for his shots and diet program. The slx days and five nights he spent down at Quarterama accompanied by the Whispering Pines staff was the first time he had actually been completely alone. Betty-Lou was pleased with the way he handled himself and the care of his guar-

Looking at Roger you wouldn't think he had any problems at all. He looks like a regular 14year-old, slight of build, running everywhere, forgetting to comb his hair at mother's request, just like any grade eight kid.

However, the fact remains that Roger has a

special kind of courage that enables him to participate in dangerous sport with such enthusiasm when he knows he has a couple of strikes against him already,

Roger doesn't intend to quit while he's ahead. It's onward and upward for Roger and Poco. They plan on entering any and all 1980 shows where western games are featured. He's also into horse breeding as he awaits a foal from number two Quarter horse mare, Red.

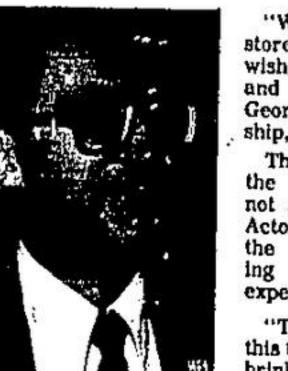
His three horse stable is being reconstructed to accommodate the new member. Roger takes

care of his horses completely. With complaints about the softness of the natlon's youth abounding on all sides, it's refreshing



Roger Moore and Poco

## Downtown Acton disorganized



Larry Greaves

Downtown Acton is plagued with organization, and no one willing to organize it, according to Business Improvement (BIA) President Larry Greaves.

Mr. Greaves levelled his remarks during the third annual BIA meeting which was held last week at the Legion.

with Along organization the downtown has complacency and lethargy, said Mr. Greves.

On hand for the dinner were about 50 merchants. Places for about another however. vacant.

'We have random store hours, random wishy-washy advertising and worst of all a 'let George do it' leader-

ship," Mr. Greaves said. The picture painted by the BIA president was not all in darker hues. Acton is not bothered by the problems neighboring communities are experiencing.

"This community, at this time, is sitting on the brink of greatness!" In Acton there is much useable water and ample industrial land. So much industrial land is available real estate agents will tour the town. Mr. Greaves turned the showed color slides the town hall.



Sally Hammon meeting over to merchant Paul Nielsen who remarks about the types of ministry programs for Merchant Alma Swetman challenged the BIA on the need for new plans because the existing plans have not been carried out. That plan, replied Mr. Greaves, did not take into consideration such

possibilities as the in-

town parking Acton has

or the decision to keep

depicting the BIA im-

Also shown was a

government promotion

film entitled Main Street

Ontario. Ministry of

Housing representative

Sally Hannon made a few

provements in Acton.

## Boat People to come

"Mass confusion" is how Rev. Chuck Beaton described immigration problems surrounding bringing sponsored Vietnamese refugees to Acton.

The Free Press ran a story last week announcing the arrival of the second refugee family because representatives sponsored by the Acton of the Christian Ref-Clergy for Boat People, ormed Church were also Trinity United Church. the second Acton sponsorship group formed last August.

It's since been discovered by the groups family are those sponsored by a third group, the Christian Reformed of Church Immigration officials thought the two sponsoring groups were the same part of the Acton Clergy group.

The Acton Clergy, has

had application for two families at immigration involved the refugee services since October. The sponsorship money, (\$5,000), furniture. clothing, and assistance has been waiting all winter for two families who

have never arrived. "We're browned off, it's disheartening", said Rev. Beaton, minister of Monies had been raised

by contribution from the

# Arbitrator to rule on police contract

Five items of contract ers plus about 80 civilian dispute between the Halton Regional Police Commission and the 263-man force have been sent to arbitration.

workers have not had a contract since the end of last year.

This contract dispute is only the second since the

The uninformed offic- ferce was formed six

Inez Crichton

## Home of the Easter bunny

by Jennifer Rowe

Inez Crichton says she often knows what she's serving for dessert before she's even thought of dinner. A visit to the Crichton home confirmed this.

The Limehouse candymaker has her shelves lined with rich looking chocolate Easter bunnies and the traditional decorated eggs and candy as she works to fill orders during what is her busiest time of the year.

The hobby of candymaking is one which Inez has been enjoying for many years. She is known in the area for her homemade goodies which she donated to bake sales and teas over the years. Although her home-made candy, molded by hand, was a favorite at community events and at Halloween. Inez said last Easter she decided to try candy making with molds.

Since her first attempt at molded candy and chocolate, Inez has quickly advanced, with more than 70 different molds for every occasion. Her candy making is still at the hobby level but orders from friends and area residents keep her busy especially for Easter.

Vanilla and chocolate flavored pellets are purchased both in Canada and imported from the United States. They are melted down and poured into the molds. The vanilla flavored pellets are available in a variety of colors and often used for decorating vanilla or chocolate colored candy.

In addition to the Easter candy, some of which is filled with a smooth homemade cream, Inez makes chocolate flavored suckers and candies in the popular Sesame Street characters, favors for birthday parties, cake decorations and other occasions throughout the year.

Around the village this talented lady, who also decorates and makes cakes, is known as "The Fudge Lady". Each Hallowe'en, Limehouse children are sure not to miss the Crichton house where they receive homemade fudge.

The good news about candy making is mistakes are never wasted, says Inez.

"If you make a mistake you can melt it down and use the chocolate again or it can by eaten, there certainly never is any waste."

years ago to go the arbitration route.

Issues not settled by the two sides in negotiations include; salary, pensions, vacations, staffing and benefits.

After last year's settlement, Halton police were among the highest paid in Ontario.

## **Car Care Tips**

Appearance

Spring is now upon us. Yes and that means it is time to clean up the car. But, before you get out the wax, here are a few pointers.

I. Start by washing the car and I mean the whole car! Inside, outside, and underbody, to remove sait deposits. Check your rust proofing to see that none of it has flaked or is falling off. If so get the damaged areas re-done-your warranty on the rust proofing should cover this.

2. Next, go out and buy some "rubbing compound". Make sure it is of line abrasive. Follow the instructions on the can and do the entire exterior of car, excluding glass. I have seen a lot of cars painted when all they needed was a good compounding.

3. Now wash the car again get-ting all the left over compound off, dry it off well.

A word of caution. Don't rub too long in one place, or you will wear the finish off. Also don't alop compound on your paved driveway. It may stain it.

 Now touch up the small chips with a fine brush or a paper match. Remember not too much. just enough to fill the chip. Don't get any paint on the undamaged finish. Let dry overnight.

5. Now you are ready for the wax. Follow directions on the container very carefully. Do the chrome as well. Some people even do the windows.

Please remember that if you have had your car treated with one of the permanent sealers, check your warranty. Some of the above may not be recommended.

If you have followed what I've told you, you should have spent a couple of days, very little money and have a good looking car again.

This won't fix dents, acraiches, or rust. For that come and see me for a free estimate. Ed Balley 878-2883

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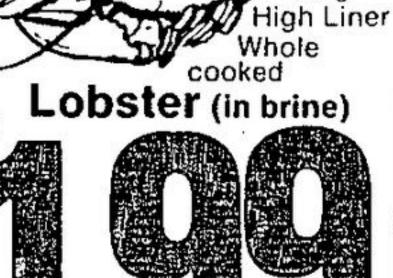


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