

PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



Betty Jean Hutton ("B.J." to her friends) is a little lady with a big horse doing great things for the world of dressage.

The Nassagaweya resident is doing something very few equestrians even attempt to do. She is rapidly on her way to being one of the top dressage riders in Canada on a Canadian owned, bred, trained and ridden horse.

This sport, the ultimate in English equestrian sports, originates in Europe and Canadian riders, still relatively new in the field either buy their horses from Germany or send them there to be trained.

Betty Jean is training Dominico on Canadian soil, learning as she goes, training herself, and winning while doing it.

In 1978, Dominico was Ontario medium level champion and in 1979 he was reserve champion for Ontario.

Jump to dressage

A few years ago, Betty Jean was like any other horse-crazy little girl paying \$2.50 an hour for a chance to risk her neck on a livery horse.

At 15, still living in Hamilton, she started to take serious lessons with Doug Hood, well-known trainer then living on the Guelph Line. A rapid learner, Betty Jean was soon winning junior jumping classes on one of Doug Hoods show horses, the favorite Gentleman Jim.

University time took Betty Jean out of the equestrian world for five years while she majored in English at McMaster and took a year of postgraduate education studies at the University of Toronto.

After university, Betty Jean taught English and remedial reading at Lord Elgin High School in Burlington until two years ago when she retired to give her full attention to her riding and equestrian school.

Once back to riding after her university hiatus, Betty Jean decided she wanted to specialize in

dressage after seeing Christlöt Boylen (Canada's number one dressage expert) perform. Gone was the desire to excel in the show jumping ring. Betty Jean wanted to take up dressage—an ancient and intricate form of horse training that brings out the best of a horse's natural movements.

Attending Imbercourt Riding School in Cambridge, Betty Jean learned a good basic military seat but found it wasn't enough so she went to Germany and England to learn as much as possible.

Dominico enters the picture

Back home in Canada somewhat disillusioned by European training, Betty Jean bought Grey Stone farm just off the Guelph Line, married Blaine Adams and started training with Lorraine Stubbs, Canadian Dressage champion who has a farm north of Highway 24 in Eramosa.

Schooling with Lorraine became a necessity when Betty Jean found her horse—a 17.1 h.h. seal brown German Coach and Thoroughbred gelding owned by Graham Winter of Guelph.

Dominico has been in Betty Jean's hands for five years since he was a seven year old. The registered Canadian Hunter is a natural mover, powerful and precise in his paces. Betty Jean has found him a joy to work with.

She says she is delighted how far the pair of them have come in less than five years (she spent two years on the ground after a painful back injury). This year she is studying with John Lassiter, a student of the Spanish Riding School, in order to compete at the advanced level of dressage.

Dominico and Betty Jean are competing "Intermediare" (advanced) during the 1980 season and so will have to travel to the United States to do it.

"There's not enough horses at this level in Canada for this type of competition", she explains. "The American team trains in the States (all the Canadian horses go to Germany).

"There are 40 American advanced horses so Betty Jean will be competing with them during June and July ending with the largest show of all, Devon, before coming home to try for the Advanced championship of Canada in early fall.

Olympics '84? Betty Jean says she really doesn't think there's any necessity to train for them at this time but she does plan on taking Dominico to the ultimate Grand Prix level by

next year—Olympic level work.

"If Dominico makes it to the Grand Prix he'll be the first Canadian owned, trained, and ridden horse to make it. I want to show them it can be done."

"It's my intention to train him from start to finish, that's why it's taking so long. My intention is to teach and I can't unless I learn the process from A to Z."

Betty Jean is very definite about her ambition to train young Canadian dressage riders on their own soil instead of always running off to Germany. She hopes to prove it can be done with her own case.

Rhythm and strength important

To assist in achieving her goal, the diminutive lady (5 foot, 1 inch tall, 105 pounds) is taking weight lifting courses at a fitness institute in order to keep her huge horse under complete control in all movements. She's also been taking disco classes to aid her sense of rhythm.

"Rhythm is most important (in riding), you have to feel where the horse's feet are going, to give the aid at just the right moment."

In addition to her intensive training with Dominico, Betty Jean runs a riding school of 49 students and is responsible for 22 horses. Five of the horses are school horses, three are her own youngsters in training, the rest are boarders.

Keep an eye on Betty Jean Hutton, she and Dominico will be making equestrian history in the near future.



Betty Jean Hutton



Smoke and flames damaged part of Shortill's General Store during the April 30 fire. The cause is a suspected electrical fault, according to Halton Hills Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde.

Smoke, fire damage to Ballinafad store

An electrical fault is the suspected cause of the fire in Shortill's General Store in Ballinafad last week, according to Halton Hills Deputy Fire Chief Bob Hyde.

The deputy chief noted there was much smoke damage to the store while fire damage was confined to a stairwell and

the basement ceiling.

A damage estimate of between \$10,000 to \$12,000 was placed on the building by the deputy fire chief, though officially the fire is in Erin Township.

The five residents of the store's upstairs apartments escaped into

the early morning last Wednesday.

A stone and wood stairwell leading into the store's basement was blackened.

Gary Murr, one of the residents, his wife Bonnie and their nine-year-old daughter Corina escaped as did Viola Shortill and her daughter Penny.

Senior apartments no nearer to completion

Acton senior citizens may not be occupying the new Senior Citizen apartments on Elizabeth Drive until late June or early July according to a spokesman for the Ministry of Housing.

Although a final inspection was slated for mid-April with takeover by Halton Housing Authority to come shortly after, that final inspection has yet to take place.

Ken Ducharme of J.P. Ducharme Homes Ltd., building contractor says delays are "basically mechanical and electrical". Back orders, late deliveries, minor announcements,

like stolen stove fuses, have combined to delay completion. Ducharme hopes for the building to be finished by the end of the month, he said.

Mr. Maxwell of the Ministry said the building was 98 per cent complete but by the time it is finally inspected, handed over to Halton Housing Authority, seniors contacted, and the paperwork done, it may be late June or July before it's occupied.

The building, started last summer, was scheduled for completion by March 1.

Legion exec.

Acton Legion, Branch 197, elected its 1980-81 executive Monday night and Pat Waldie is the new president.

This executive will take the Branch through its 50th anniversary, in March 1981.

Jim Higgins is the first vice-president and Fred Allen is the second vice-president.

The secretary's post was filled by Len Shone and Gord McCutcheon returns as treasurer. Morris Pattenau is the Sergeant at Arms.

Members of the executive committee are Ab Irwin, Kevin Conroy, Bob Angeli, Frank Langley, and Gordon James while the trustees are Ed Footitt, Fred New and Harry Norton.

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