



Bert Timbers, of Main St. N., shows off a boot shaped new potato which was grown in his grandfather, Bill Findley's plot on the Esquesing Third Line. The spud measures just a little more than three-inches tall. Timbers said the potato is the strangest looking one that has so far come out of the garden.

Masons, Freulers win Actario draw

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Mason, Lake Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Freuler, R.R. 3, Acton, will be treated to an elegant gourmet dinner tonight as the lucky winners of Actario's second early bird draw.

The two couples will be picked up at their homes and chauffeured to Prospect Park where they will be greeted by a decked out French waiter, Louis Charlebois, and then enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by the Actario committee led by a highly experienced steak chef, Ted Tyler.

The winners will be seated in the lovely park beside beautiful Fairy Lake and serenaded by strolling musicians.

Actario promoters invite all the losers to come down to the park with a picnic supper at 7 p.m. tonight to join in the fun.

In other Actario developments ticket sellers continue knocking on doors, moving through old Acton to Lakeview and Kingham areas.

Ticket sales have really picked up in the past weeks so hurry and get yours for the first draw on September 6.

Barrel champ top 15 in U. S.

by Jennifer Barr
Jim Miller of R.R. 3 Acton didn't win any championships when he represented Ontario and eastern Canada at the American Junior Quarter Horse Association World Championships in Oklahoma earlier this month, but he did come in the top 15 out of 65 entrants in each class.

"I'm pretty happy with it," says the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller of Whispering Pines Stables. "It was a good show, really big and tough."

Only one other Canadian from British Columbia competed in the all American event, but most states had at least 30 to 40 competitors says Jim.

Over 1,000 contestants competed in the week long show.

Currently leading Ontario in junior barrel racing points, Jim competed in the barrel race, stakes race and pole bending, coming in the top 15 placings in each case despite 106 degree heat.

Jim and his mount, a 12-year-old Quarter gelding, "Smokes Mr. Bee," had competed in two Ont-

ario shows the weekend before they arrived Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the Harrow and Blenheim Circuit Quarter Horse Show August 2 and 3, Jim and Smokes won three out of four barrel races entered. By the second day, when they had to leave, the pair were third overall in points.

Two days later they were sweating in the Oklahoma heat trying to keep Smokes cool as the saddled horse had to wait up to two-and-a-half hours in the sun and heat before entering the indoor arena for competition.

Jim feels his horse would have done better with less heat and more rest.

The results of the World Championships qualify Jim for the Ontario Youth team and he will be representing the province in October in Ohio.



Teachers-Board still negotiating

Haltom Separate School teachers and the Board are still at the bargaining table, but progress on a new contract is slow, according to salary negotiation chairman Hartley Sherk.

Sherk says the teachers have altered their monetary package slightly from

an original request of 22 per cent to 19.9 per cent. The Board has offered a 7 1/4 per cent increase.

The Board and the teachers have been meeting over the summer and have made a few clause changes, but will continue to meet and discuss the contract.

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