

Hornby Girl's Heifer Smart As Any Dog

It's hard to believe you can train a calf to take orders the way a dog does.

But 13 year old Brenda Hillman, Hornby, spent the summer training her own heifer, named Chalman Jodi to turn its head on command and to walk or stand on order.

She did the job so well in

fact that she won a first prize for showmanship as well as a first prize ribbon in the heifer class for dual purpose short-

horns at the Canadian National Exhibition.

WORKED HARD
"Mind you, it was a very good little calf from the beginning" her mother Mrs. George Hillman says, "but Brenda worked very hard all summer training it and caring for it."

Besides the 20 minutes a day she spent on concentrated training with a halter lead, the

grade-nine student took complete charge of feeding and watering her pet calf and in cleaning out its stall.

EASY TO TRAIN
"She really was easy to train once she got the idea that when the chain snapped it hurt," Brenda admits. "But it only took her two or three times to find that out and then she just kept getting better at doing what

she was supposed to."

Looking forward to the 4-H activities which will go on all fall, and 'in love' with her high school studies Brenda intends to keep training calves as long as she can.

"But I may not have time. However I can enter my heifer in the Ex next year again, and I will do that."

Parents Can Teach Fire Precautions

It's disheartening to hear or read about some child being burned by fire. Many lives could be spared if parents discuss fire prevention and what to do in case of fire with their families.

Good safety habits are picked up just as quickly as bad ones. A step in the right direction is to have youngsters memorize the fire department's phone number or print it in large bright letters near the phone. It will be a constant reminder of the need for care.

It takes only a few minutes to show them stories in newspapers of the harm that comes from fires.

They should be shown how baking soda can become an effective home fire extinguisher in the event of a grease fire. A flashlight is another life saver if a fire breaks out at night and electricity has been cut off.

A fire drill from time to time is very important, whether you live in an apartment or house. Make sure you show a safe alternate exit, if available.

If a fire does occur, have the children shout 'fire' to alert the household. Call the fire department, if there is time. If not, use the exits as rehearsed in the fire drill. Once outside the building don't go back inside until it is safe.

Parents should always remember to keep matches, lighters and inflammable material away from children. Do not encourage them to light things for grownups.

Children can help make a regular check and remove rags, papers and other things that burn easily.

To complete this lesson in fire safety, make a trip to your local firehall.

Little visitors are usually captivated by the shiny fire trucks and other equipment and enjoy meeting the firefighters and learning about their duties. The use of the fire alarm box and how it works will be one of the many things pointed out.

Fire prevention bureaus in your area provide lectures and sometimes include visual aids and slides.

Fall Season and Legion Activities Increase Tempo

by Ralph Hawes

As the days become shorter and leaves begin to turn to yellow, bronze, gold, brown and in dying turn the countryside into a blaze of beauty, activity in the Royal Canadian Legion increases in tempo, from the local branch, through Zone, district, provincial to command.

Such is the case at Branch 20. Those who are responsible for the organization, the executive, and chairmen, in the auxiliary our ladies prepare for several months of banquets. In old sports those die-hard enthusiasts brace themselves to give six hundred youngsters their share of Saturday Morning Hockey.

PLANNING VISITS

Entertainment committee people will be kept busy during the fall and winter months planning visits to and from other branches, such a visit is planned for Saturday, October 10th, when members from Mount Dennis Branch will be spending an afternoon and evening at 120. They will be looking for raffle players and dart players. President Norm Ward hopes to see many of these two groups on hand to compete with these upstarts from Mount Dennis.

The entertainment people along with membership chairman Bruce are also busy organizing the initiation night which will take place on Friday, October 16.

At zone level much activity is going on, Zone B7 is indeed a very healthy zone. This was very evident last Sunday when over 50 Legion members took time out to attend the Zone B7 meeting at Acton, where president Bob Angel was a perfect host.

LEARN A LOT

It was at this meeting that we were reminded of another event, that of Poppy Day. Zone poppy chairman Harry Hassell impressed on all branch poppy chairmen how very important it was to be well organized prior to Nov 11.

Zone commander Charles Heath reminded the members of the Leadership and Development Seminar which will be held at Waterdown next Sunday.

Branch president Ward let it be known that he hopes his executive will be there, and why up and coming executive type members are most welcome. This is one of the seminars where members who are interested in the Legion can learn a lot.

STILL LOOKING

Back at the Branch the Tuesday night Industrial Mixed Darts which was organized by the ways and means committee and being run by the infallible Joe took off last week with seven winners, so if you are interested drop in at the Branch and ask for Joe.

The Friday night dart shoot winners were K. Nash, E. Peasey, M. Porter, D. Bell, L. Sadler, B. Dore, M. Norrie, O. Carter, D. Parker, J. Garbutt.

The seventh car club draw winners were as follows: E. Andress, R. Dumper, J. Calder, H. Norton, E. Jewell.

QUITE LIVELY

Last Thursday Norm Ward

acted host at the president's dinner, which proceeded the general meeting. The meat was excellent thanks to Jessie Hayes and her auxiliary volunteer helpers.

It was an extremely good turnout, with over 75 members, guests of honour on this occasion were Third Vice President Provincial Command David Capperault and Zone B7 Commander Charles Heath. The meeting which followed was quite lively and most informative.

We note that over the week-end our eager beaver House Chairman along with Comrade

Doug Townsend have been busy installing panic bars on the front and back entrances to the downstairs room. Each member will now have to ring the bell to be admitted but will receive a new key at the bar.

Lloyd Boyd spearheaded a clean up campaign in the back of the building next door. Lloyd led some stout hearted Imperial members on this mission. It is hoped the Imperial sponsored Cub group will be able to hold their meetings in the room after a few improvements have been made by the Imperial Section.

Where are the Kids?

Is the Pill working too well? Halton County board of education could be excused for thinking so after hearing last week's report on school enrolment.

Emerson Lavender, assistant to the director of education, presented the board with a study of school enrolment figures as of Sept. 15, compared with previous years. These are some of the things he found:

- Elementary school enrolment as a percentage of the population has been steadily decreasing over the last five years.

- Eight and a half percent of all people in Halton are enrolled in public high schools.

- High school enrolment as a percentage of the population has been steadily increasing over the last five years.

- There has been about 1,000 more high school students each year over each preceding year since 1966.

- 17 1/2 per cent of all people in Halton are public elementary school students.

- There are only 342 more grade school pupils this year than in 1969, compared to annual increases of 1,600 two

years ago.

- Kindergarten enrolment continues to drop drastically this year, and will drop further in the next few years.

- There are 312 less kindergarten students this year than in 1969, in spite of considerable growth, particularly in Burlington.

MYSTIFIED

Lavender said that the steadily decreasing elementary school enrolment in the past two years "is filled with serious ramifications for the board."

He said he was especially mystified at kindergarten enrolment in Burlington, which dropped by 100 students. "We haven't figured out the factors that caused that one yet," he said. "You look at all that new housing going up and you start to wonder."

DISTURBING

Separate school trustee W. J. Priestner claimed that elementary and secondary school figures taken together show that a group of students born during a limited span of years "is just growing older."

He indicated that it was this that was disturbing the enrolment level across all grades.

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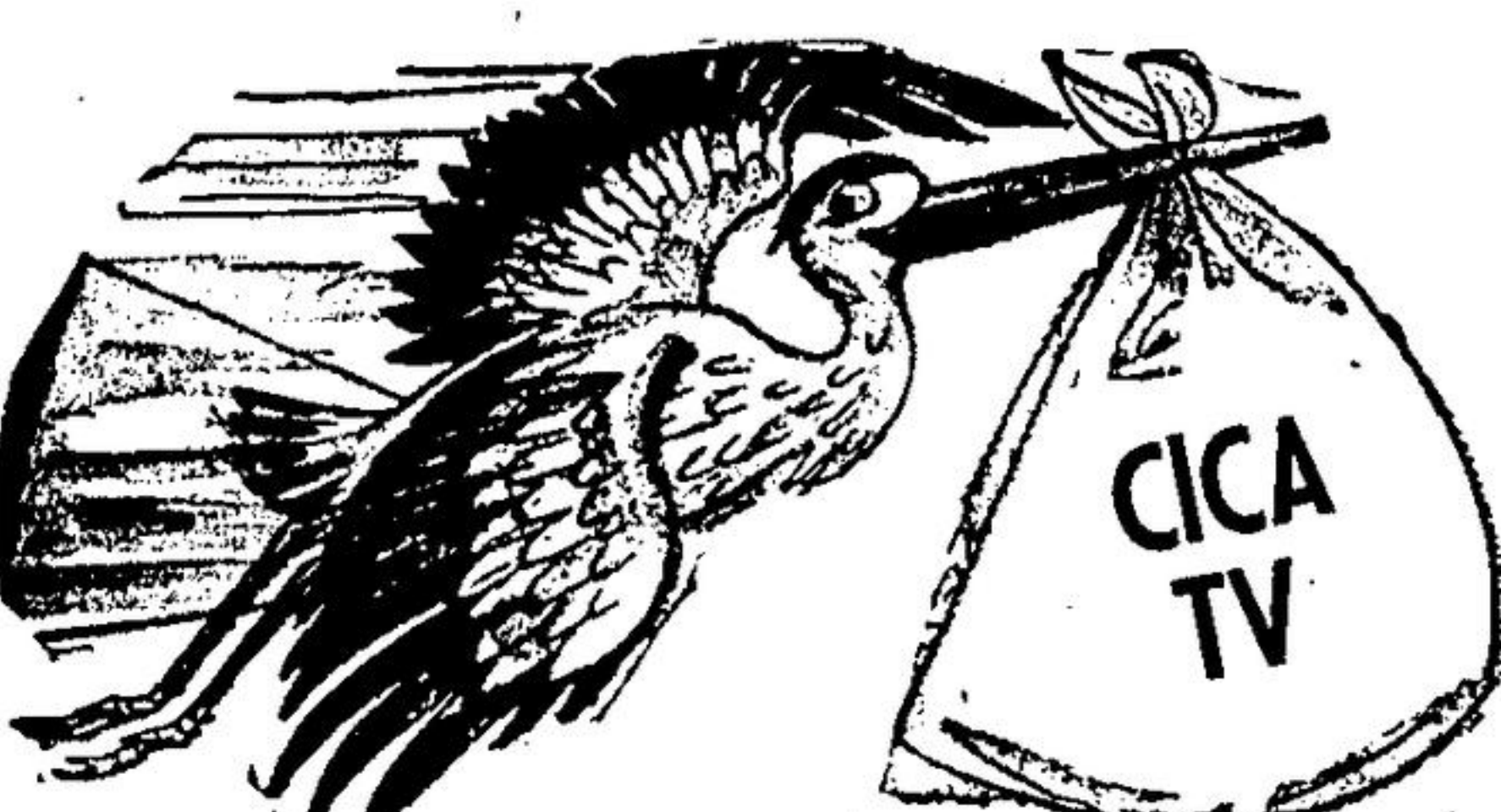
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