

Ionsons Internationally Known For Championship Quarterhorses

A quarterhorse owned by Roy and Joan Ionson, of Ionson Farms, RR3 Georgetown was acclaimed "Canadian Quarterhorse of the Year" in New Westminster, B.C. last week.

There, stallion "Sugar Joe Reed" was awarded this citation which reflects five championships. He is Halter Stallion champion, Western Pleasure champion, Reining champion, and champion Performance Horse. To attain this status he had to travel all over Canada attending over 40 shows.

The Ionsons have decided to retire him now, but he will make at least one more public appearance at the Quarterama '72, the giant horse show in the Coliseum this week-end.

Sugar Joe Reed will be one of the two Ionson stallions in the 33 horse stallion parade which will launch the Quarterama. He is a Triple A, which is a select class with only 196 Triple A's out of over 700,000 registered quarterhorses in Canada and the United States.



Eddie Franks with Sugar Joe Reed, Canadian Quarterhorse of the Year.

EIGHT OTHERS

Both Roy and Joan will take part in the cutting horse event at the Quarterama, while eight other Ionson horses will be in various events.

The Ionsons are well known in quarterhorse circles, having competed in and won championships all over Canada, Bermuda, England and United States. They are also asked to be judges in events all over the continent.

Buying and selling horses is the mainstay of the horse farm on 17 Sideroad, just west of town. Last year they flew a plane-load to Bermuda.

The only round-up in Georgetown's history was staged

through the streets of the town in 1964, when a trainload of horses bound for the Maple Leaf Gardens rodeo, were to be kept at the Ionson farm for a few days.

The horses came off the train quietly enough but suddenly a lead horse took off and the rest followed, with the riders galloping furiously to keep up. They discovered the school yard behind Wrigglesworth school, before being funnelled back on to Maple Avenue. The horses arrived at their destination

faster than some of the cars.

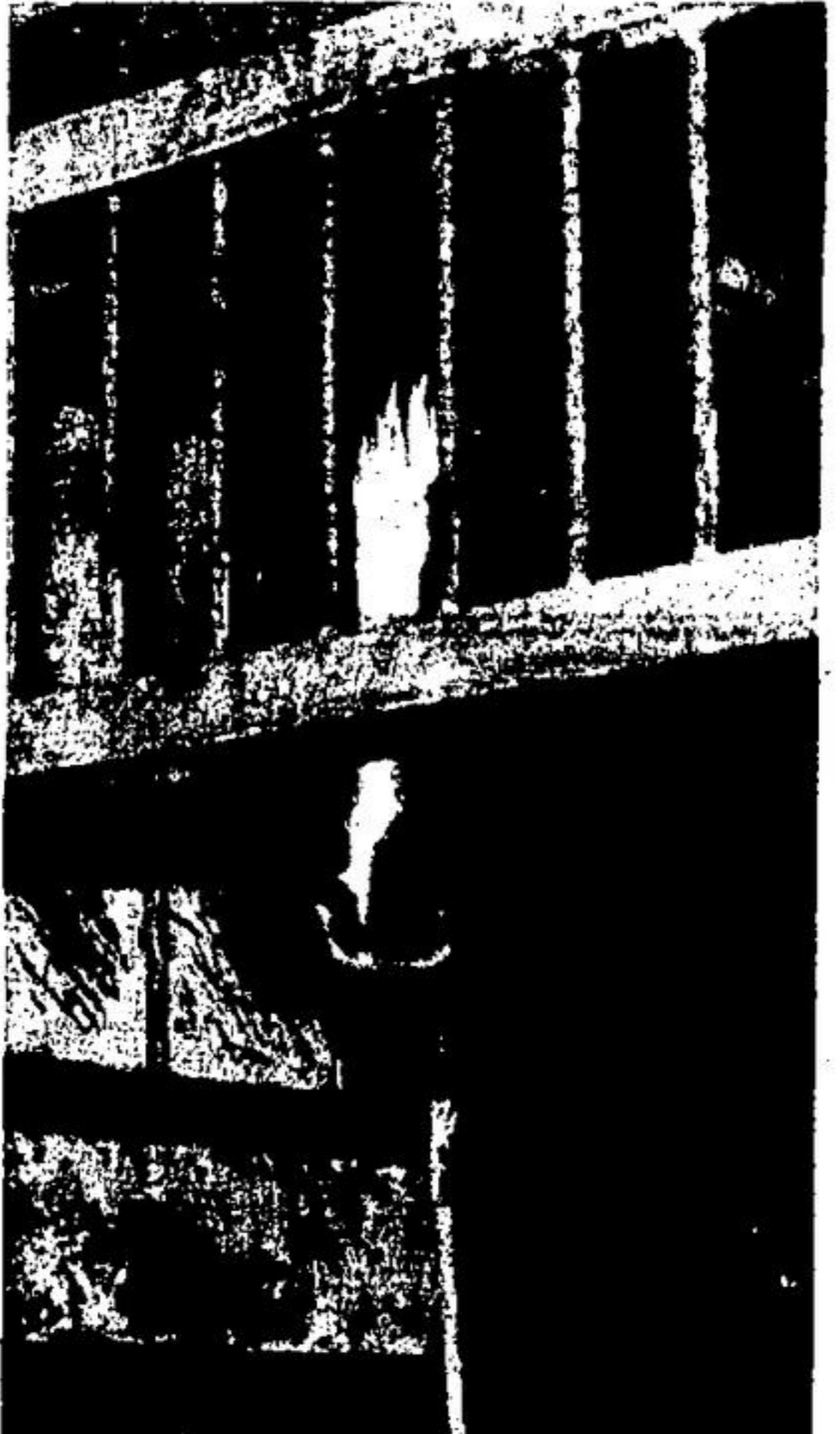
NEW VENTURE

The Ionsons started their horse farm here in 1961. In addition to buying and selling horses they board and train them and offer stud service. At the moment there are between 50 and 60 horses on the farm.

A year ago they launched a new venture, when they opened a tack shop in Bridgeport, near Waterloo. They sell everything for horse and rider, including saddles, halters, horse

medicines, and all kinds of clothing for riding.

The word "quarterhorse" does not mean he is part anything else, it simply means this type of horse is the fastest over a quarter of a mile. They have a much larger registry than thoroughbreds, in fact, have the largest registry in the world. They originated as a cross between the horses brought over when the 13 American colonies were formed and the wild horses that were found here.



Tyke Hockey All-Stars Help Selves To Share of First Place

by BRIAN JAMES

Saturday, Tyke All Stars put it all together and beat the first place Whitby club 4-0, moving themselves into a first place tie with Niagara.

Scoring for All Stars were Paul Clatney, Rickey, Pool, Bobby Morrow and Kevin Frank, who celebrated his birthday with a goal. Assists went to Mike Doucette, Lance Doucette, Adrian Vugia, Scott Dalton.

Their next round robin is March 9 against Montreal.

March 17 a skating party is planned instead of the usual games, and at 7:00 p.m. Tykes will open the international bantam tournament with an exhibition game against Milton.

This Saturday, the 3rd annual Tyke tournament will take place. Georgetown's first game is with Bolton at 9 a.m.

Results

In last week's games.....Pittsburgh blanked Los Angeles, with 9 goals. Two

apiece for Mike Doucette, Dean Hooper, Greg Lawr, singles by David Doucette, Jamie South, Rod Cook.

St. Louis had 8 goals when they blanked Minnesota, four by Kirk Warnock, three by Eric Clarke, and a single by Kevin Frank.

The Detroit-Boston game was also a no-score for Boston. Paul Clatney had two, Paul Spires, Dean Ruston, Mike Long, singles.

Another topheavy score. New York 8 - Toronto 0. David Veitch scored four, singles by Shawn Leeming, Peter Haller, Kevin Hughes, Greg McFerran.

Chicago won 5-1 over Montreal, on goals by Gerald Milne, 2. Brad Nicolucci, Troy Richards and Wilfred Gray.

March 3 Schedule

5:00 Pittsburgh-Minnesota.
5:35 Los Angeles - St. Louis
6:10 Toronto - Montreal.
6:45 Detroit - New York.
7:20 Chicago - Boston.

ALLEYWAYS

by: KAREN ARCHIBALD and RUTH FINLAY

PEEWEEES

Sheila Prouse tops the pee-wee girls with her 95 average. The high boy is Duane Hatcher with a 100 average.

Lions grabbed a seven point victory from PeeWee Penguins. Aristocrats tallied five points from Red Barons.

SUPER NIX

Girls—Sheila Prouse had both high single and triple of 147 and 363. Second was Dana Layton with 321 triple and 120 single.

Boys—The high boy was Duane Hatcher with 356 triple and 131

single. Jack Harlow ranked second with 315 triple and 122 single. The next two positions were close with Michael Steenhuis having 306 and 112 and Billy McArthur had 304 and 128.

STANDINGS

Aristocrats 105; Lions 105; Red Barons 98; PeeWee Penguins 26.

BANTAM GIRLS

The high bantam girl is still Stephanie Cox with a 183 average.

Wild Cats pounced on Strikers (Continued on page 9)

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On 320 Yard Course

Dave Reid First in Snowmobile Skills

The Achievement Day of the Halton 4-H Snowmobile Club was held at Kelso on Sunday. There were 19 members competing in the 320 yard long course laid out to test the operator's skill in maneuvering his snowmobile.

Club leaders Bill Wilson, Russell Murray and Keith Ello were on hand to set up the course, time each run, and to levy penalties for mistakes made or stakes knocked down by the contestants while going through the course.

Each 4-H'er was allowed two runs through the course and with penalties included, were ranked according to total time. The top six placings were as follows:

1st - Dave Reid, Georgetown 2;
2nd - Bill Stokes, Campbellville;
3rd - John Patterson, Milton 1;
4th - Ken McNabb, Georgetown 2;
5th - Dave Taylor, Georgetown 2;
6th - David Fisher, Milton 5.

Tri-County Scoreboard

MINOR NOVICE

Feb. 22—Burlington closed out the regular season's schedule, handing McNally Construction novices an 8-2 beating. Goals for Georgetown were scored by Barry Simpson, assisted by Brian Simpson and George Armitage, and by Bob Dean, unassisted. Working hard were Glen Cunningham, Terry Mostard, John Thorpe and John Mann.

Feb. 27—In an exhibition game with Burlington Boxers, house league novices, Georgetown won 3-1. Barry Simpson from Dean and Simpson, George Armitage, unassisted, and Brian Simpson from Herb Kewley were the scorers. Good games by Craig McLaughlin, Matt Bauer, Mark Bingham and Brian Ellis in goal.

Bowling Banter

MARRIED COUPLES

Hank's Tigers 16
Scotties 14
Mac's Quacks 14
Sixpack 13
Early Birds 13
Termites 11
Originals 9
AF's Dingallings 7
Non Stars 7
Unpredictables 7
The Rebels 6
Midnites 6

Fantastic bowling was done by two women bowlers. Hlene Nicholson rolled a triple of 891 which included two 300 games, and close behind her was Jean Foster who threw a 819 triple, also with two 300 games to her credit.

Following behind them were: Don Wilkes 783; Charlene MacCormack 749; Cliff Norton 733; Andy St. Laurent 698; Sylvia Graham 675; Dan Mossop 666; Ray Dutchburn 653 and Betty Verrette with 647.

Congratulations to George Archibald who spared a head pit split.

Four bowlers are now in the 300 and over club they are: Hlene Nicholson 358 and 319; Jean Foster 310 and 321; Charlene MacCormack 327; and Cliff Norton with a 322.

MINOR PEEWEES

Feb. 22—Canadian Tire PeeWees fell to a 7-0 defeat against Burlington here.

MINOR BANTAM

Feb. 22—Rotary Club bantams played an outstanding game in tying Burlington 1-1. Goal scorer was Phil Henley, assisted by Glen Fendley and Bill Martin.

MINOR MIDGET

Feb. 22—A&W minor midgets were 3-1 winners over Burlington here on goals by Gary Nix from Jeff Inglis, Inglis, unassisted, and Steve Hulme from Andy Morrison.

Don Wilkes with 330; Andy Mandarino 322; Gord Lane 317; and Bert Bell with 308.

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