

Competition in England

Pony team in Speyside

By MAGGIE HANNAH
Herald Special
When the six-member Canadian Pony Club team enters competition in England next week they'll have an advantage they've never enjoyed in past efforts.

For the first time the team members gathered before leaving for the competition to get to know each other.

The six Canadian riders gathered at the Colin Muspratt farm for a four day camp before flying to England for the three week Inter-Pacific Rally.

Jennifer LaMarre, team coach and chaperone, said a Canadian team has been at the rally regularly but this is the first time team members have had a chance to get together in the camp type situation to get acquainted before arriving at the actual rally.

The five girls and one boy are from British Columbia, Alberta, Quebec and Ontario. Mrs. LaMarre is a University of Guelph graduate married to an Ontario Veterinary College student.

Team members were chosen by a national committee of the pony club and were judged on their experience, performance and suitability for such a competition.

Since the members had not competed against each other before they have never met before the camp begins.

Mrs. LaMarre said the camp gave her a chance to learn something of the individual rider's abilities.

In the actual competition they will be riding horses provided by their British hosts and the camp gave her a chance to study their strengths and weaknesses before they compete.

Usually Japan, Australia and a far eastern team comprised of members from various small Pacific Rim countries enter the rally along with teams from

Britain, Canada and New Zealand.

The rally is held every other year and was at the Mohawk Raceway near Campbellville in 1981. In 1983, it was in Japan.

Mrs. LaMarre began her association with horses through a two-week summer course in Toronto. She joined the Eglington Pony Club in 1969 and has been involved with riding or teaching ever since.

After graduating from Seneca College in an animal health technician's course she went to British Columbia to study riding and taught in the Okanagan Valley for two years.

Much as she liked it and feels she will always teach riding as a sideline, she decided that was not going to be her whole life and returned to the University of Guelph to take an honors biological science course and graduated this spring.

The trip to England is a dream come true, for Mrs. LaMarre. Although she never competed at an inter-Pacific rally as a pony club member herself, she was aware of the rallies and always wanted to go.

"It should be good this year," she says. "These will be older kids so I won't have to look after them. I am older than they are but not so much so they will feel hesitant about asking me to come along to their fun time. At least I'm looking forward to it being that way."



CLERGY COMMENT

By Dr. JOHN M. DRICKAMER
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I was talking to a young man who denied the existence of God. His reason was that he could not see God. But he affirmed the existence of love. So I asked him, "What color is love?" He looked puzzled, but it was a perfectly logical question. If he believed only what he could see, he must have seen love. So he should have been able to tell me its color, size, and shape. The question was not original. St. Augustine asked it about wisdom. It could be asked about courage, honor, loyalty, knowledge, honesty, and many other things. These things are real, and we know they are real, even though we cannot see them but only see their evidence in action. If love were not a real thing, it would be just a complex electro-chemical reaction in the human brain. There are people who believe that. If it were true, then love, loyalty, courage and all the rest would be no different, no better than physical hunger and thirst. In fact, they would be no better than hate, unfaithfulness, cowardice, etc. They would all be just chemical reactions in the brain. But we all know that love is better than hate. It is not just nicer or more pleasant. It is real, and it is really good. Hate is really bad.

If human love is real, then a human being is more than just a body, just a complex physio-electro-chemical machine. A human being also has a soul or spirit, which is personal and not physical, not a part of the body. A human being is more than the sum of the physical parts! If we were just chemical machines, we would not be free at all. Choice would be an illusion. All decisions would be made by physical forces in the body. There would be no good or evil, no right or wrong. A human life would be no more important than the life of a gnat or a germ. Each of us does have a soul or spirit. Where did it come from? Even those who believe in evolution cannot say that it evolved biologically - nor do they want to or try to say that. The soul is not biological. It cannot have evolved. (Neither can anything else - but that is another issue.) The soul or spirit must have been made intentionally by someone spiritual. Spirit does not rise from matter. Human souls do not result from mixing chemicals. We have been created by God, who is a Spirit (John 4:24). (The physical world must also have been created - but that is that other issue.) So God exists. Then we must ask some pertinent questions. Who and what is God? Is He for us or against us? How may we please Him? The answers to these questions are in the Bible. They must be answered in the light of Jesus Christ. I was not given the opportunity to draw out all these implications for the young man I was talking to. Maybe someday, before it is too late, he will know what I meant by asking the color of love. I hope so.

Volunteer jobs needed

While you enjoy the lazy days of August it is time to plan for the fall. September is a time of new beginnings. Your time could be put to good use as a volunteer in one of the many groups in Halton Hills which need your assistance. Check out the following positions to see where you fit in:
Program co-ordinator: assist with the planning and leadership of a mothers program. Content to cover life skills, child care, nutrition and other interesting topics; 1/2 day per week required.
Child Care: Assist with an organized child care program - infants to pre-schoolers - while moms take part in an organized workshop. Get the practical experience for that E.C.E. diploma.
Drivers: are always needed to ensure that clients get to medical appointments, life skills programs or counselling sessions. Mileage and expenses paid.
Counselor: if you are a good listener, supportive and non-judgemental you may find the prenatal counselling program of interest.
Teach: life skills to 16-18 year olds. A challenging but rewarding program. Would involve assessment, program planning, co-ordination and teaching.
For more information about these and other volunteer positions call the North Halton volunteer Bureau at 877-3219.



YES MEN
The Y.M.C.A. youth employment service had its official opening last Tuesday (July 30) in the Gallery of the Georgetown Public Library on Church Street. Local service groups the Lions and the Jaycees were present to donate dollars. Seen here is Jaycee past president Bob Sullivan giving a cheque for \$450 to Jack Beer, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the North Halton Youth Employment Service.

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SENIOR SCENES
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The Georgetown Library has special services for seniors, sight-impaired and shut-ins. A good selection of large-print books, fiction and non-fiction is available. Talking books, including the Bible, can be selected from the collection, donated by the Lion's Club, in the library or may be ordered from the catalogue of the rotating collection for the Region. Musical tapes and records are also available. An extension service delivers books on a 3-week basis to the Seniors' residences, the Bennett Centre, the hospital and to shut-ins. For information on this service, call the library 877-2681 and ask for Esme Ball.

Seniors' Day Care Centre will soon be opened at the Halton Centennial Manor, Milton. The Manor has informed me that they already have a waiting list of those who wish to make use of the service. Day Care users will share in the activities at the Manor and have their meals provided. The cost per day has not yet been established, but more information is forthcoming. A similar service is planned for Georgetown, possibly this fall. If your Seniors' Directory lists the number for "Meals-on-Wheels" as 877-2634, please change it to 877-1211. This is the North Halton Distress Centre, which will relay the information to the co-ordinator, who will contact you. "The Golden Triangle" Seniors' Club, which meets in St. Andrew's Church, Mountview, is planning their fall program. Meetings are planned for every Tuesday in the month, the second, fourth and fifth Tuesdays being activity days for crafts, games, etc. The opening meeting, registration day, will be Tues. Sept. 17 at 1:15 p.m.

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Explore nature at Terra Cotta

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Explore the world of Terra Cotta through games, hikes, evening programs and more. In August the Terra Cotta Conservation Area has a variety of programs of interest to children and adults. Wednesdays in August from 2:45 p.m. kids and parents are invited to join the area naturalist for fun and adventure by exploring the natural world of Terra Cotta. Featured are games and activities suited for kids ages 6-12 years. Thursday August 1 from 3-4 p.m. there will be a guided walk. You can see the Niagara Escarpment through an artist's eyes. Walk with artist Suzanne Morrison as she uncovers patterns and colors that make the Niagara Escarpment an inspiration for the artist in us all. Featured for August 15, 22 and 29 starting at 7 p.m. is a guided walk entitled "Walk Through Time". You can explore the natural resources that have shaped the history of the Terra Cotta Area from the time the native people roamed the wilds, through to today's need for recreation and conservation. There's a free admission to an evening program being held August 3 at 10:30 p.m. and August 8 at 10 p.m. called "Patterns of the Night Sky". You can discover how to recognize the star patterns that make up the constellations as astronomer Bill Katz reveals the wonders of the night sky. Bring blankets and the back and relax. Saturday August 10, 17 and 24 from 7 p.m. there is a program called "Early Settlement: Our Vehicle to the Past". Tuesday August 13 there will be an all day event hosted by the Ministry of the Environment called Environmental Explorations.

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