

Tribute to Bob Lawson

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NORTH ESQUESING

Residents of Esquesing were saddened by the sudden passing of Bob Lawson on Saturday, June 6. He was well known as a good friend and caring man.

Through his wife Margaret, I learned Bob started out in the Village of Stewarttown, Township of Esquesing, County of Halton, on a cold winter's day back on December 26, 1925. It wasn't much of a Christmas for the family, but they did get a pretty good gift.

He attended the little red schoolhouse in the Village for eight years, then the country boy went into Georgetown for further education.

His father, Walter Lawson, owned and operated the local feed mill in the Village and so Bob was kept busy helping him after school and on weekends, not to mention summer holidays. Being exposed to agriculture and farmers in this way, it seemed

natural that he would attend an agricultural college. Guelph is not that far from Stewarttown, and Bob said if you had a happy, honest face, and a thumb on your hand, you could get back and forth fairly cheaply.

His four years at OAC equipped him for his life's work, as well as developing socially. When he graduated in '49 with a BScA, Bob took his degree to Master Feeds for their appraisal. They gave him his start. There he met up with good friends, some of whom he attended college with.

Bob worked for Master Feeds for five years, at which time his father needed him in the mill and he returned to Stewarttown and joined him as a partner. In 1955 Bob built a house across from the mill to cut down on travelling time, and married Margaret Alexander from Burlington. They had two children, Lynda

and Paul. Paul is Sales Director for Smithkline-Beecham and married; Lynda is married and manages ten acres in the Orangeville area.

In 1962 it was decided to sell the business. The way feed was being handled was changing dramatically (bulk instead of bag, and other changes), and it seemed time to make an exit. At this time he went to work for Peel Mutual Insurance Company in Brampton as Agency Supervisor. He worked for Peel Mutual until retirement at age 60, and sat on the Board of Directors for ten years.

His first love of course, was horses, and through the years has raced, raised and sold many. He owned a 12-acre property in Halton Hills and said he could keep busy cutting grass in summer and removing snow in winter. He remarked once that he had never been to Florida, didn't like sitting in the sun.

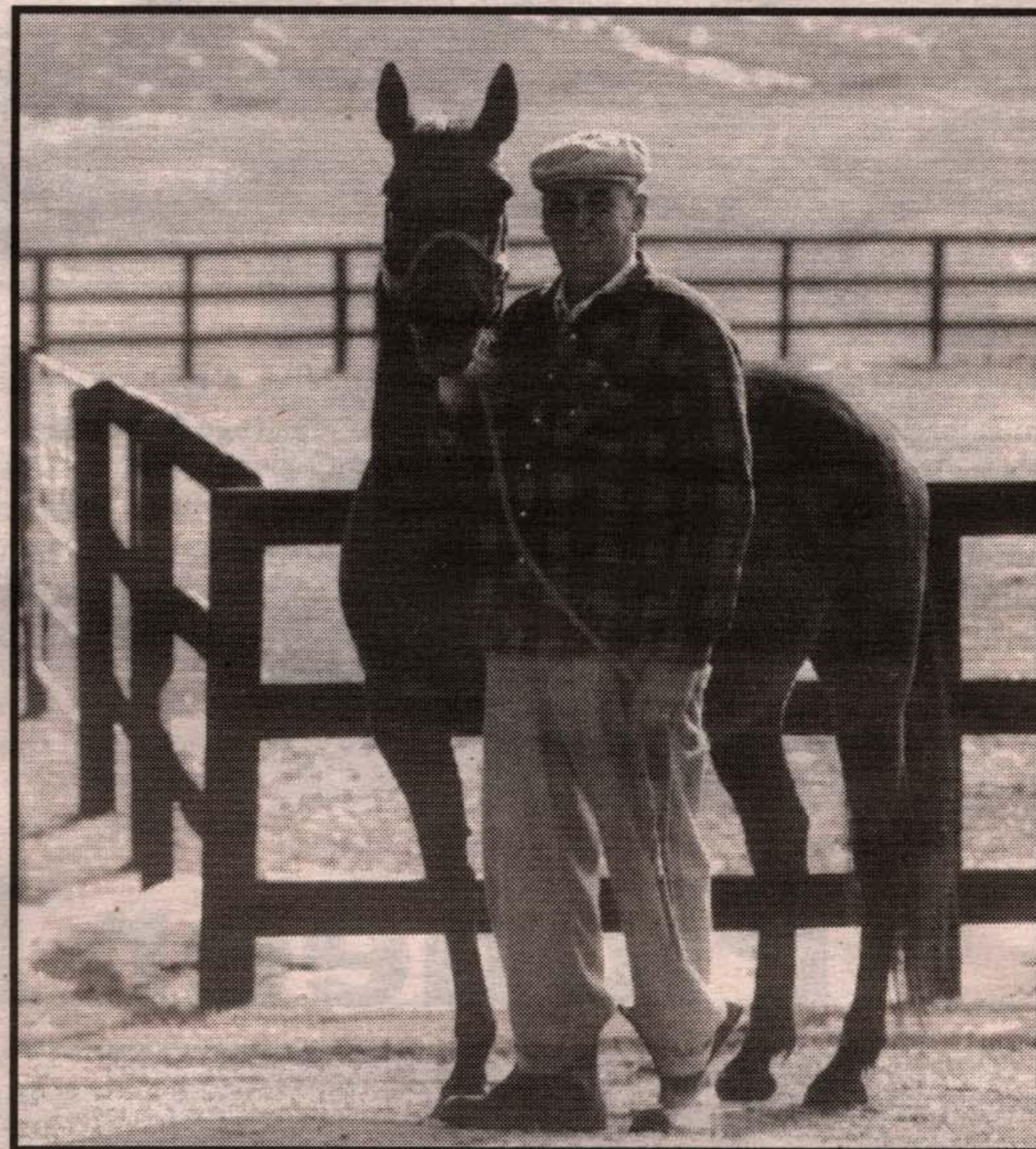
He tried a number of activities, among them Esquesing Township Council, Fall Fair Director and Treasurer, Esquesing planning board, the Board of Georgetown & District Memorial Hospital, Clerk of Assessment Review Court, Esquesing Township, member of Legal Aid Committee for

Halton County, Director of the Hyatt Association, and for a number of years Associate Judge with the Ontario Racing Commission. Fraternally, a 32 degree Mason, Past Master of Credit Lodge and Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

When he retired his summary of his life's activities went something like this: "I am now a senior citizen

retired... doesn't come with any medals, fanfare, bells or whistles, but it does come with the satisfaction of a busy and full life, having given as much time and support as possible to others along the way. College days bring memories of good friends, good times, good professors and lots of challenges.

These are Bob's 72 years in a nutshell. He will be missed.



BOB LAWSON - Pictured with one of his standardbred race horses.

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TIM HORTONS CAMP DAY: Camp Day Canada on May 27 raised \$2.1 million for the Tim Horton Children's Foundation. More than 1600 Tim Hortons stores (including the three in Milton) donated coffee sales for the day and funds raised through other activities to the Children's Foundation. Over 5,000 children who otherwise would not have an opportunity to attend a camp, enjoyed a summer experience at one of the Foundation's four camp locations. The main office of the Tim Horton Children's Foundation is located on the Guelph Line north of Campbellville.
SUNOCO: My apologies for incorrectly identifying the new partner in the Sunoco Station Renovations: Country Style Donuts will provide the service for the drive-through window and walk-in counter refreshments. Fuel service will resume under the beautiful new cedar shake roof by July 3 with a Grand Opening planned for the end of July.

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