

Young pony club riders not just horsing around



READY TO RIDE over the difficult cross-country course is Gloria Capp of the team from the Arva Pony Club. Well over 100 riders from Ontario Pony Clubs participated in the rally held at Mohawk Raceway last week.—(Staff Photo)

Twiggy, Marie Antoinette and Winnie the Pooh were all in attendance at Mohawk Raceway last week but they weren't there in their usual capacities. They were all horses and their owners were all members of the Ontario Pony Club, competing in the Ontario Regional Pony Club Rally.

The meet, which started Thursday and wound up Sunday, saw 90 youngsters from 14 clubs all over the province competing in the three-part rally. The first part was, of course, riding, and contestants had to take their horses through a tough cross-country course in a certain amount of time with points being docked for too much time on the course or not taking enough time to go around the circuit set up behind the stable areas at the raceway.

The second part of the meet was a practical competition in which riders had to show the judges their skill in grooming the horses and taking care of all their equipment. The third test was based on general knowledge of horsemanship.

Chief judge for the meet was Doug Catto from Winnipeg, who is also the regional director of the Manitoba Pony Club. Mr. Catto explained the competition was entered mainly by young people from suburban areas in the province with only a few coming from farms. He also pointed out that girls outnumbered the boys at the competition because girls have more time to ride.

The raceway facilities, including stable areas, were donated by the Jockey Club to the Pony Club. When asked why such facilities were donated free

of charge, Mr. Catto replied the Jockey Club would benefit because the youngsters competing in the events could go on in the equestrian world and the club would benefit by having knowledgeable riders and horsemen working for them in the future who have come out of the Pony Club.



PONY CLUB MEMBERS from Kitchener Susan Riehl, left and Colleen Moskal are preparing their team's saddles and harness before they move out to take part in the rally. All phases of horsemanship, including the care of equipment was being judged by Pony Club officials so extra care had to be used by the girls in this preparation.—(Staff Photo)

Serving the south too...

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to the Oakville Parks Board for development.

O—Detailed plans for channel improvements on Joshua Creek have been completed.

P—Two damsites in North Oakville are currently on the priority list, one at Drumquin and one at Agerton. Both will preserve water for market gardeners in the area, and provide a good flow of water to the south all summer. Engineering is completed.

Q—The Hager-Rambo Creek diversion channel is the next major flood control project and the Authority and the town of Burlington are presently awaiting approval on federal grants before starting. This is phase one of Burlington's overall flood control project.

R—The Authority is considering acquisition of a piece of land in the village of Waterdown, for use as a local recreation park.

S—Flood plain mapping is underway on the Grindstone Creek

south of Waterdown. T—Engineering plans have been drawn for seven other small streams in the town of Burlington.

U—The Carlisle Community Pond, a recreation and water control project, is located in East Flamborough township not far from Burlington's west boundary.

V—Need anyone be reminded that Mount Nemo conservation area, Rattlesnake Point Park and Crawford's Lake are all located within the boundaries of the town of Burlington?

If Oakville wants more parks along the lines of Kelso and Rattlesnake right at their front door, they should look to their local parks board for the answers. If Oakville's harbors are a disgrace the fault must lie with the council that has been avoiding the problem for the past century. If South Halton editorialists feel "neglected" they should look for a few facts before popping off about how its conservation dollars are providing luxurious parks and dams in the north.



Report from Ottawa

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What do the words The Just Society mean to you? It was a phrase heard much during the last year's election campaign. They are words in which the people of Canada placed high hopes that now we were going to be given an opportunity to work for better things for all of us. These are words that raised in the minds of some a vision of Utopia and because it hasn't arrived we hear in some quarters that the Government has not lived up to its promises and expectations.

Well just what has happened? Much has taken place and we have taken great steps forward. It must be remembered that governments alone do not create a just society but rather the part of government is to try to create conditions that make it possible. Much depends upon the people themselves.

As we come to the end of this first session of Canada's 28th Parliament, perhaps we should ask—has the government moved in this direction? I think it can be said that real progress had been made but, in my opinion, based on my own observations on what has been achieved, the greatest strides will be made and the actual results will be seen during the next year and the year following.

The legislation which was presented this session covered a wide range of public interest and it became evident as the session progressed that a number of priorities were involved. It was essential that many matters be cleared away before real progress towards the Just Society could be made and its effects felt by the people.

The first involved the need for unity in Canada and a major step in this direction was a Bill to help correct disparities in economic and social development between regions in Canada. It will take time before the full benefits of this legislation are felt but at least we know it is now in operation and we are working towards a goal. The official Languages Bill was passed. The purpose of this Bill was not to regulate the language which citizens must speak but rather to permit a citizen to use the official language of his choice where feasible and to do so when dealing with the Federal Government. Parliamentary reform was another priority. It is necessary to streamline the Rules of the House and modernize procedures if Parliament is to

complete its work. The need for such correction was shown when the Creditistes, who constitute a group of eighteen Members, were able to prolong discussion on a Bill for twenty-three days. Recognizing that a revision of the Canadian Constitution is essential to the future of Canada, plans were laid for frequent Federal and Provincial conferences. Two such conferences were held this year.

Housing, inflation, the continued prosperity throughout Canada were also high on the list of priorities which needed to be dealt with.

In total 65 Bills were passed by the House during this first session. There is still one to go—the legislation on the Rule changes mentioned above. When it is passed perhaps the road ahead in Government will be a little smoother as we travel towards the Just Society.

3,980 pets at rabies clinic

The Health of Animals Branch of the Canada Department of Agriculture has released the figures for the recent rabies vaccination clinics held in Halton County June 9 to June 13. Under the two categories 2,736 dogs were vaccinated and 1,244 cats were given protection.

In Nassagaweya Township, 102 dogs and 29 cats were done; 199 dogs and 93 cats in Milton; 74 dogs and 40 cats at Kilbride; 606 dogs and 331 cats in Burlington; 96 dogs and 49 cats in Hornby; 349 dogs and 162 cats in Georgetown; 179 dogs and 60 cats in Palmer; 877 dogs and 416 cats at Trafalgar and 254 dogs and 64 cats in Acton.

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