

Racing vet "gainfully employed at hobby"

By Bob Burt

A long time ago a friend advised Russ Furness, a native Prince Edward Islander, that to be happy "one must be gainfully employed at his hobby". The advice was well taken and now Dr. Russ Furness is one of the best trainers and racers of standard bred horses in the Golden Horseshoe Circuit today. For Dr. Furness learning about horses came almost as instinctively as learning to walk. "When you're in Prince Edward Island almost everybody is interested in horses." For as long as he remembers

the veterinarian-horse racer has been affiliated with horses. As a boy he raced as a hobby at fairs and community events.

After a stint in the Air Force Dr. Furness attended and graduated from Veterinarian College in P.E.I. and went to Pennsylvania where he got good general experience and then returned to his native P.E.I. to open a practice. He left to move to Ontario where he managed a veterinary-pharmaceutical business in Guelph.

Little did he know it at the time but his next stop was to

take him back to where he began, and to the work that his heart really never left. Searches for a nice place to live brought him to Milton where he had three choices to make a living.

His choices included opening a practice, seeking employment with another company or working and racing horses. Had the home he chose been anywhere in town but opposite the fairgrounds where men train their horses each and every morning, the move may not have been significant. "As soon as I

saw that, I was gone" Furness admitted.

His interest obviously has rubbed off on both sons David and Don. The oldest of the two boys, Don is in his final year of veterinarian studies at Wellington College in the University of Guelph.

According to his father David, 19, is interested in nothing but working with and racing horses. "We opened stables and Dave is learning the business," Dr. Furness explained. Dave along with six men run the Furness stables at Mohawk Raceway and Dr. Furness, with the help of three men operates the stables on the Third Line Esquing.

The stables there are on the Don Joyce farm and have an outdoor track handy. In their

first year Furness stables brought in a meagre income which boomed the second year and has continued to grow ever since.

Horses in the Furness Stables brought in \$15,000 in 1966, \$55,000 in 1967, \$100,000 in 1968 and \$130,000 in 1969. Expectations for 1970 exceed the \$130,000 mark.

Furness can give you a running off-the-cuff history of the parentage, speeds and records of each of the horses in his stable. He is looking for great things from California Smog. Owned by Vern Barber of Milton the horse's parentage is traced to Tar Heel and a member of the Adios family. Tar Heel is one of North America's most famous horses. Most of the 21 horses in the

Furness stables are owned by people in the Halton-Peel area. Furness is obviously proud of Ambro Knox who brought in \$8,200 last year but still is no match for the earnings of Wee Symbol who at 10 years of age grossed \$60,000 at the track in the past two years.

Horses can begin to race after their second birthday but not after their 14th. There were high hopes for Little Lard in 1968 when he won six out of eight races he took part in. Injured in 1968, Little Lard missed all of 1969 and is still not ready to race in 1970.

Virus infections are perennial nightmares for trainers. Last year was a bad year for that according to Furness, who notes it is hard to get a horse up for a race after he has been suffering from the virus.

The role of a horse racer is a busy one. In Furness' case, time off amounted to 10 days at a Christmas break. Right now the action is at Greenwood and if you don't want to race there they are also running at Windsor and London.

Commenting on crowds at the various tracks, Furness suggested crowds would be better at the Mohawk loop if they had better dates. As it happens, Garden City has summer dates and in Furness' opinion there would be a better crowd at Mohawk than Garden City during the summer months. But the Jockey Club wants to keep the standard bred horses as far away from the thoroughbreds as they can. Thoroughbred races are held at Greenwood in the summer months.

Crash at new lights

Milton's newest set of traffic lights saw their first accident Monday and an Oakville driver has been charged with going through a red light by Milton police as a result of the accident. Police say a total of \$2,500 damage was done to the two cars involved.

Hotel is opened again this time unofficially

The Charles Hotel officially opened its two new rooms Thursday night but someone decided to have their own official opening early Sunday morning and carted off an estimated \$500 worth of beer and liquor from the basement of the hotel to celebrate with.

Harold Wadhams of the hotel staff discovered the break-in and immediately alerted Nick Chuchmach, one of the owners of the hotel, who called in police.

Charged with breaking, entering and theft are four Milton men, while a fifth has been charged with possession of stolen goods.

Part of the stolen goods have been recovered by police.

Another break-in was reported to have taken place at the Milton Hydro garage on Commercial St. some time between 5 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. Sunday. Thieves apparently entered through a door but nothing was taken except some keys.

Visit Texas

Mrs. Pat Gunn of Milton and Mrs. Georgina Jordan of Acton returned home Monday from Dallas, Texas, where they visited former area residents Mr. and Mrs. Fowke.

Always forgive your enemies Nothing annoys them more!



SHOWN WITH ONE OF several horses he trains and races is Dr. Russ Furness. The horse is expected to be one of the best in the stables but it is too soon to tell yet. Owned by Miltonian Vern Barber, the horse's parentage is traced to Tar Heel and one of the Adios family, both famous horses in their own right.—(Staff Photo)

Game & Fish News

by arn coulson

Ice fishing is very much in the news again this week. Eleven members of the Halton Sportsmen's Association went Pottows got three and Jim Smith had two. In hut number two was Ron Marshall with one smelt, Don Kearney 0, Jim Sales 0 and Pottows got three and Jim Smith had two. In hut number two was Ron Marshall with one smelt, Don Kearney 0, Jim Sales 0 and Ship Taylor 0. In hut number three was the prize fisherman of the day Joe Marshal, with a lake trout that weighed 7 pounds 10 oz. dressed. Joe won the \$5.00 pool with that one. In the same hut was Don Marshall with one and Primo Rigo 0. Jacques Paquette and Gord Marshal were up the following Monday and caught 14 whitefish. Old Simcoe is sure producing this year. Henry Neeves from Campbellville was at Pefferlaw on Monday and caught 16 whitefish.

Jim Coulson of Lowville, Joe Winder, Ian Grant, Stan Baturensky and Arn Coulson were all up to Lake of Bays on Saturday and caught an eight pound lake trout and one speckled.

We never seem to get finished talking and preaching gun safety. According to the latest hunting statistics just released, self-inflicted injuries are high on the black list. Most come from loading and unloading guns around other hunters and climbing fences which are still high on the hunter's casualty list. Please put your gun through the fence, lay it on the ground and then climb over, believe it or not there are still people hunting with the safety catch off. Then a branch catches the trigger and bang! Another accident. Keep the safety on until you are ready to pull the trigger, whether you are on the trap range or in the field. Another foolish habit is running with a loaded gun.

All these small things to a seasoned hunter seem foolish but they happen. So the Halton Sportsmen's Association urges you to think, talk, and act safely.

Fords top Georgetown

Trafalgar Fords have a win and a tie to their record in a consolation round with Georgetown. Milton won 7-3 Thursday in Georgetown and tied 1-1 here in Milton Monday.

Dave Marshall and Eric Ellison both scored two each in the first game while Jim Pearson, Dwayne Hamilton and Kevin Howden all scored singles. Steve Blair had three assists and strong efforts were put forth by Bill Lyons on the forward line and Jim Cartwright on defense.

In the second game of the series Eric Ellison scored a third period goal to earn a 1-1 tie for the Fords. They were put out of Tri-County action in the first round but are working hard to do better in the consolation round.

Mixed doubles competition for youths Valentine's Day

The bantams' high singles for are Marlene Schultz 189 and 1, Greg Rusk 188 and 167, Chris Conner 180 and 165, Jim Conner 170, Dean Ward 167, James Baird 161, Sharon Gray 154 and 142, Shawn Goulding 141, John Vander Vleit 140 and 135, Mary Fay 139 and 131 and Paul Kubinec 138.

The bantams' high doubles for Jan. 31 are Greg Rusk 355, Chris Conner 345, Marlene Schultz 320, Sharon Gray 296, Jim Conner 262 and James Baird 279.

The junior-senior high singles are Lynn Coulson 209, 193 and 177, Gary Sutton 198 and 167, Kathy Rusk 192, 177 and 159, Marilyn Waters 192 and 144, Anna Willats 185, Brent Wilson 180 and 159, Brenda Schultz 173 and 166, Karen Smith 167, Brian Thomson 154, Craig Brown 151 and Louise Davis 147.

The junior-senior high triples are Lynn Coulson 579, Kathy Rusk 528, Gary Sutton 502 and Marilyn Waters 475.

Did you know there's an Indian version of Russian Roulette? The Hindu flutist serenades six cobras—but one is deaf.

There once was a young couple so poor they couldn't afford a crib for their baby—so they put it in the box in which their color television came.

Welders in full flight win against Orangeville

Hopes for an all-Ontario Championship are focussed on Ed's Welding Pee Wees, the only team not eliminated from competition after the weekend.

The Pee Wees boasted an 8-0 win over Orangeville in the first game of that series after finishing Hespeler off Wednesday night. Milton eliminated Hespeler by virtue of a 5-0 victory in the last game of the series. Both Milton's Snow Jets in the Midget series and the Legion Bantams bowed out of action Friday night losing to Hespeler, but the Pee Wees are still going strong.

Bruce Ellison is the big gun in the Pee Wee line-up, scoring a hat trick in each of the last two games. Ron Rowley and John Tonelli both added singles in the game against Hespeler to beat them 5-0. Assists went to Rod Gooding (2), Dave Turner and Paul Sproat.

John Tonelli, Paul Stover, Doug Strath, Steve McCutcheon and Dave Turner all scored single goals to round out the scoring with Ellison's hat trick in the Orangeville game.

Milton outlasted Orangeville in the first game of that series and looked like the better club from the opening whistle. Other action this week saw them hand Gallinger Cougars a 6-1 defeat in exhibition action.

Brian Wilson played net in the Hespeler game to earn the

shutout and Wilson combined with Craig Jubb, each playing half the game in the Orangeville contest.

Pee Wees travel to Orangeville for the second game of the series Thursday and in the event of a

Ask board meet merchant over sporting goods service

A meeting of the Milton Arena Board with Bruce Brown of Brownie's Sports Shop was recommended by Milton Council following a letter from Mr. Brown registering further complaints to the sale of sporting goods at the arena.

"The arena, as you say, is only offering a service to the public; what I would like to know is where does this service end. I do not think it right that the Arena should be supplying hockey pants, gloves, goal pads, sweaters, socks and skates, where there are merchants in town capable of the service. Also Gentlemen, most of the items in question are not kept in stock at the Arena and quite often take anywhere from one week to six weeks to obtain", the merchant wrote.

Disputing suggestions it was only a small service, the merchant noted his account in

third game if it is necessary they'll play in Milton Saturday at 4.45.

The winner of the Orangeville-Milton series will play a representative from either Paris, Ingersol or Tillsonburg in the next round.

supplying materials had averaged approximately \$1,000 per month for three months. The inclusion of 30 pairs of skates, he suggested, indicated it was not a small service.

"I think with a little investigation you will find that the amount of sporting goods business done through the Arena is quite substantial".

Mixed doubles competition for youths Valentine's Day

On Saturday Feb. 14, Milton's Youth Bowlers will be bowling the annual Valentine's Day Mixed Doubles. The boys pair off with a girl and they bowl together. The boy and girl with top scores win the tournament and are awarded a special crest.



THE PRESSURE IS ON. Milton forwards rush Orangeville goalie. The Milton rushes were effective as Ed's Welding Pee Wees defeated

Orangeville 8-0 in the first game of the O.M.H.A. series.—(Staff Photo)

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