

'Problem more serious than we thought'

Homeowners side with horsemen in land dispute

By KAREN SMITH

The Milton Horsemen's Association has found an ally in its battle with the Halton Agricultural Society.

Several area residents have banded together in favour of the horsemen, who last month received notices evicting them from the fairgrounds.

"Everyone enjoys the horsemen being here," said Sherry Johnson of Robert Street.

"They're creating no problems for us. In fact, they have gone out of their way to be nice to us."

Mrs. Johnson believes the horsemen are getting the short end of the stick in the land dispute between the two organizations. Both parties are

claiming ownership of a strip of land in the centre of the track.

Two truck loads of dirt dumped on the track at the fairgrounds Tuesday prompted the residents to come forward, said Mrs. Johnson.

'Very childish'

"We felt it was very childish. And when we saw that, we realized that the problem was more serious than we thought."

The heaps of dirt stop the horsemen from training standardbred horses on the track, which they have done there for more than 100 years. The horsemen also board their animals in barns they rent from the fair board.

A handful of concerned residents interested in keeping the horsemen at the fairgrounds met there Wednesday evening to discuss their feelings on the issue.

Chris Caputo, a horse trainer and member of the horsemen's group, told the residents the organization appreciates their support.

Earlier that day, about 100 flyers inviting area residents to the gathering were delivered to homes surrounding the fairgrounds.

Several people who couldn't attend the last-minute meeting communicated their support for the horsemen through correspondence.

Petitions are being circulated around the neighbourhood and residents plan to set up a booth at the Farmer's Market on Main Street tomorrow (Saturday).

Mrs. Johnson said many people fear the society will sell the fairgrounds to developers if the horsemen are forced off the property.

Denied rumours

"We want to keep the fair here," she said. "We don't want big development. We moved in this area because the fairgrounds were here."

The fair board, as the agricultural society is known, has denied rumours that it has plans to sell the property. There were no fair board representatives at the meeting.

Meanwhile, the land dispute between the society and the horsemen is escalating.

Tempers have flared since the electricity was cut and the piles of dirt were dumped on the track. The horsemen have only cold water to bathe the animals.

"We're trying to teach our children not to play petty games," said Mrs. Johnson. "It isn't hurting the men, it's hurting the horses."

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said he will serve as a mediator for the two organizations in the dispute if both sides make such a request.

More than 400 expected for Bruce Street reunion

A crowd of 400 former students and staff of Bruce Street School is expected at a reunion Saturday, Aug 25.

With the August 20 registration deadline approaching, organizers have had 130 alumni confirm they'll attend the one-day event. There will be an afternoon of reminiscing at

John Tonelli Sports Centre, followed by a buffet dinner and dance. Tickets for the dance only will be available at the door.

The dance will feature entertainment by Gerry Arpa and the Flashbacks. Tickets cost \$40 each and are available at Bruce Hood Milton Travel and North End Nissan.

Top cyclists coming

The Tour du Canada bicycle race roars through downtown Milton next Wednesday (Aug. 15) with a 10-lap circuit, finishing on Main Street near Martin Street.

Perhaps the best part is that viewing is free.

World-class cyclists from the national teams of Canada, the United States, New Zealand, the Soviet Union and West Germany will hit town after climbing Rattlesnake Point, at about 6:30 p.m. The 10 laps of the urban core are expected to take about 45 minutes.

The race ends with the eighth stage four days later at Toronto's Exhibition Place.

Campbellville corn roast

The Campbellville Business Association will be raising money to make their picturesque village even prettier with a corn roast tonight (Friday) by the village pond.

The event features all you can eat corn for a \$5 admission fee. Sausage on a bun will also be served and music will be provided.

Proceeds from the event will go for village beautification projects. Festivities get underway at 6 p.m. For more information contact Sylvia Bursley at 854-2294 or Irene Jensen at 854-0775.

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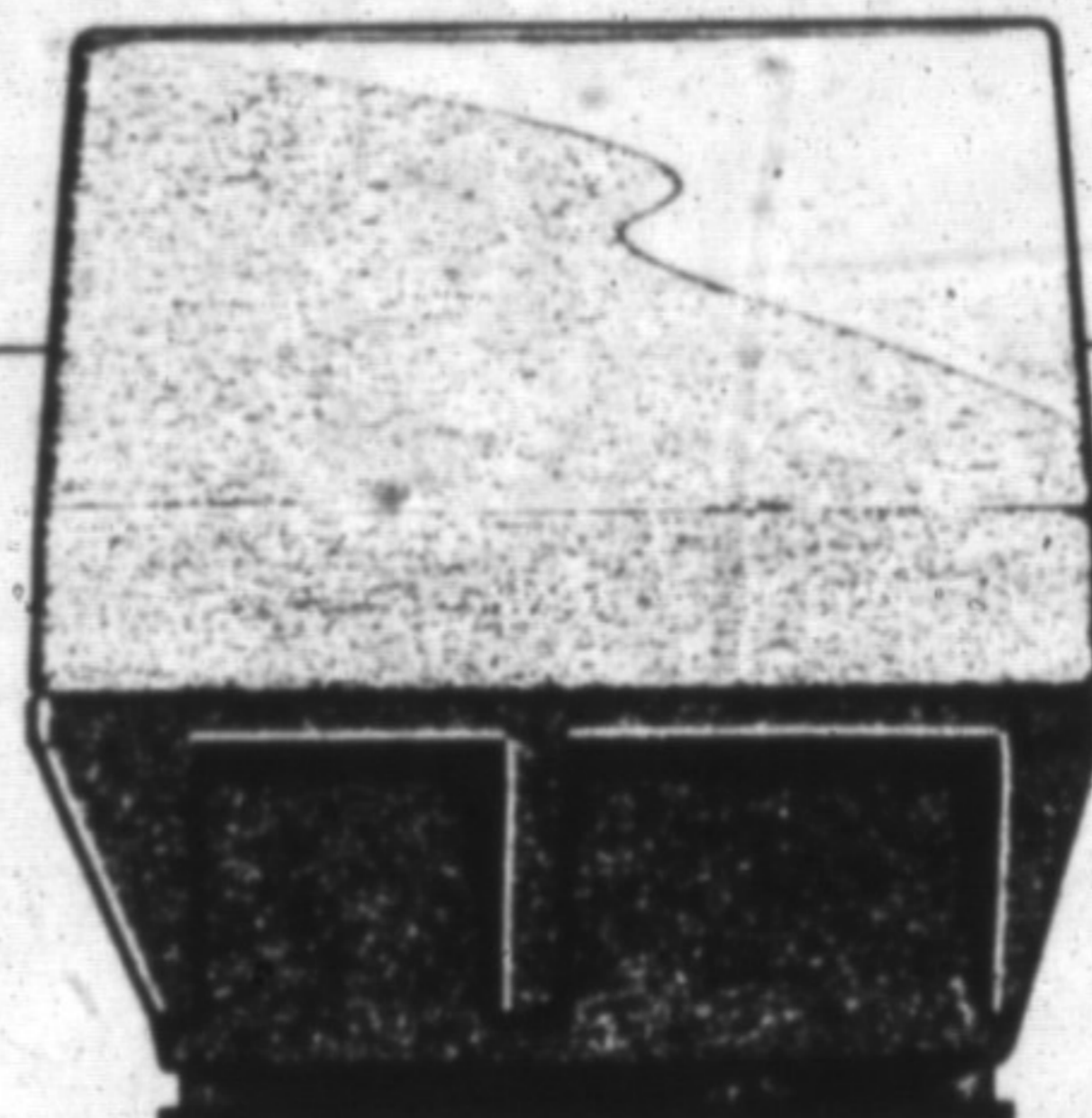
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