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Bill he would have raced out of his office, jumped into one of his high powered cars, and chased the catering truck. I bet he would have come back with a flea.

When I left his office, got back into my car, shakily drove away. I had the distinct feeling I'd just come from a job interview. I hadn't got the job.

Final notes

I should add that Bill Innes Racing Enterprises is in the business of rebuilding cars where, according to Bill, "we'll put a fan belt on your Cadillac or build you a race car."

The plan is to make enough money from the shop — which he hopes will become many shops across the country — to support the racing.

Junior ball team

Hey, how about this? A Richmond Hill junior ball club has slipped quietly onto the scene.

Silf Steffan called to say, yes, there's going to be a junior club this season and he's on the lookout for bodies to fill the roster.

Any of you junior-ball types out there are asked to give Sil a call at 884-2516 for further information. . . Sil figures there are a number of good players out there who might want to locate on a local junior team rather than going far afield. . . now that such a team will be available.

The juniors, sponsored as of yet, are an offshoot of the Richmond Hill Ball Association. More on this later.

By Denise Romberg

The demands placed upon a quality show horse today are innumerable.

Not only must the animal be agile, trainable and good looking, but it must perform well in many different activities.

About 500 horse owners and breeders collected Friday on the opening day of the Richmond Hill Spring Fair, to display the horse they unanimously believe has all the qualities desirable — the Quarter Horse.

Most of the day's performance and halter classes took place in the centre ring. Here, some of the finest Quarter Horse stallions, mares and geldings were put through their paces.

Halter events
The halter events, which took most of the morning, can be deceptive.

Quarter horse parade at Hill Spring Fair

It takes a while to teach the horse to stand properly while being judged.

Months are spent slowly inching the horse back against a fence so his hind hooves are parallel.

Then the horse has to learn to stand still while its trainer "squares up" the front ones. Sticking his tongue out and yawning may look cute, but often doesn't impress the judge.

Rather the judge's concern is for a well shaped head, a uniform body, and well developed hind quarters.

It's the well-developed hind quarters that permit the animal to pick up speed quickly — hence the name Quarter Horse.

This horse is reputed to run the quarter mile track faster than any other breed.

Saddle performance
Following the halter classes, the horses are saddled to compete in performance.

No other breed or group of horses in the program competed in as many events.

In the 29 Performance classes, which actually became 30 because a youth class was so large it was impossible to judge as one class, the Quarter Horse performed under both English and Western tack.

There were over 200 entrants in these activities who competed in pleasure riding, reining, Western riding, English pleasure, hunter and jumper, trail riding and barrel racing.

Brampton judge

According to Dr. W.C. Bovaird, a Brampton veterinarian who was judging at Friday's events, "The Quarter Horse is one of the most improved breeds in Canada at the present time".

When asked about judging different horses, he agreed judges may differ in attributing importance to particular qualities, but his attitude was "I assume that I'm going to take one of those

horses home with me, the question is which one".

As the competition in Quarter Horse events becomes stiffer, the demand for quality stock rises and naturally, so does the price.

Horses costlier

As one owner-breeder said "The day has long gone when a \$1,500 horse can go in the show ring and win. A horse that can win can cost up to \$10,000 or \$20,000 and sometimes a great deal more than that".

The answer to the high price lies in supply.

Consequently, there are a great many more Quarter Horse breeders today than ever before.

Breeding and raising their own stock provides a hedge against inflation as well as an affordable yearling that may just become a Grand Champion.

Quarter Horse results

Results from Friday's Quarter Horse show in order of first, second and third, are listed below.

Grand Champion Mare — Gay Magnolia, owned by G.T. Wallace, Ottawa;

Reserve Champion Mare — Donna Cash, owned by David Laidlaw, Blenheim;

Grand Champion Stallion — Wonder Seeker, Brian Corbett, Grimsby;

Reserve Champion Stallion — Connie's Dude, J. Earl McEwen, Collins Bay.

Performance classes

Youth Activity Western Pleasure (ages 14-18) — Miss Watts Berry, Allan Watt, Queensville; Tic Tac Miss, Shelley Godden, Uxbridge; Mr. Blue Rock, Marsha Galbraith, Newmarket.

Western Pleasure (13 and under) — Copper Vannie, Tammie Braicken, Erin; Bonbon Berry, Shelley Tai, Zephyr; Miss Straw Power, Patricia Evans, New Hamburg.

Senior Western Pleasure — Joanna Bar, Barbara Turner, Burlington; Copper Vannie, Tommy Braidon, Erin; Wonder Seeker, Brian Corbett, Beamsville.

Reining — Gay Magnolia, J.T. Wallace, Ottawa; Wimpy B-Good, Ron Mascangelo, Hanmer; Zipper Hancock, Ken Ramey, Brantford.

Junior Western Pleasure — Miss Watts Berry, Alan Watt, Queensville; Donny's Brite Hope, Karen Babcock.

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Hill Arena Bd. to face critics Thursday night

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council representatives have never actually taken out a paid membership. Maybe we should."

No one hazarded a guess as to whether such membership fees should be retroactive?

The association added the new arena addition to the old one in Richmond Hill in 1967 and the Bond Lake Arena in 1972.

Since late 1971 the arena association's portion of the municipality's five year capital forecast has included a provision for the construction of an arena in the Richvale area.

Ice-time

The association provides ice time equitably to local organized groups at special discount rates and rents the remaining hours available to outside groups at rates competitive with those prevailing elsewhere in the general area.

The local groups have first priority on available arena ice time.

Each of these groups is entitled to the same allotment of hours it had in the year previous and the same specified times.

In cases where a local group requests a change in its allotment or time that affects another local group, the two groups involved negotiate a compromise.

The association runs its own business but is responsible to the town, which actually owns the buildings.

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Current rental rates for the three arenas are: Lowest hourly rate, \$16, at town park arena; \$18, Arena 67; \$17, Bond Lake Arena 72; highest hourly rate, \$33, town park

arena; \$37, Arena 67; and \$34, Bond Lake Arena 72.

It was noted the association's function is "solely to provide the ice and other required facilities."

"The local organized groups set their own rates for registration, season tickets and admissions and raise other funds through special projects.

"This provides the revenue they require for ice rentals and to pay for referees, time keepers, ticket takers, professional instructors and other functions required to support their own programs.

The Town of Richmond Hill has arranged three debentures for the arena association since 1963 on the understanding that "every effort would be made by the association to pay the cost of such debentures at no cost on the town mill rate."

A \$30,000 debenture over 10 years at a 5 1/2 percent interest rate was taken out in 1963 and paid off in 1973 with a total repayment of \$39,955 including \$9,955 cost of borrowing.

In 1968, the town arranged for a \$355,000 debenture over 20 years at 7 3/4 percent interest.

Payments to date total \$213,690 including \$154,690 cost of borrowing and \$59,000 in capital repayment.

In 1973, the town arranged for \$242,655 20 year debenture at 7 percent interest.

Payments to date total \$31,900.85 including \$25,245.85 cost of borrowing and \$6,655 in capital repayment.

The arena association operated at a loss of \$11,337.97 for its fiscal year which ended last April 30, 1974.

Revenue totalled \$224,374.03, operating expenses \$235,374.03.

Jersey show fair results

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Jersey Show Results

Junior Champion Bull — Echo Aimers Reflection, owner James Mortonson, Queensville.

Reserve Junior Champion Bull — Glenmore Emperor, owner Lionel McKewen and Sons, Caledon East.

Junior Champion Female — Starbelle M.M. Sugar, Mrs. S.L. Eva Harper, Georgetown.

Reserve Junior Champion Female — Echobrook Aimer's Gentle Ann, James Mortonson, Queensville.

Senior and Grand Champion Female — Echobrook Milad Ann, James Mortonson, Queensville.

Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Champion Female — Swisswell Tango Virginia, Chris Richardson, Milton.

Premier Breeder Award — James Mortonson, Queensville.

Premier Exhibitor — James Mortonson, Queensville.

Alfred S. Lanning Trophy — Echobrook Milad Ann, James Mortonson, Queensville.

Cecil Mortonson Trophy — James Mortonson, Queensville.

News from next door

STROUD: Stroud Curling Club has agreed to give Innisfil Township \$60,000 cash now and another \$120,000 towards the estimated cost of the curling facility proposed as part of the Stroud Recreation complex in exchange for exclusive license for its use. Estimated cost of the project was \$817,000 but the lowest tender came in at \$890,000.

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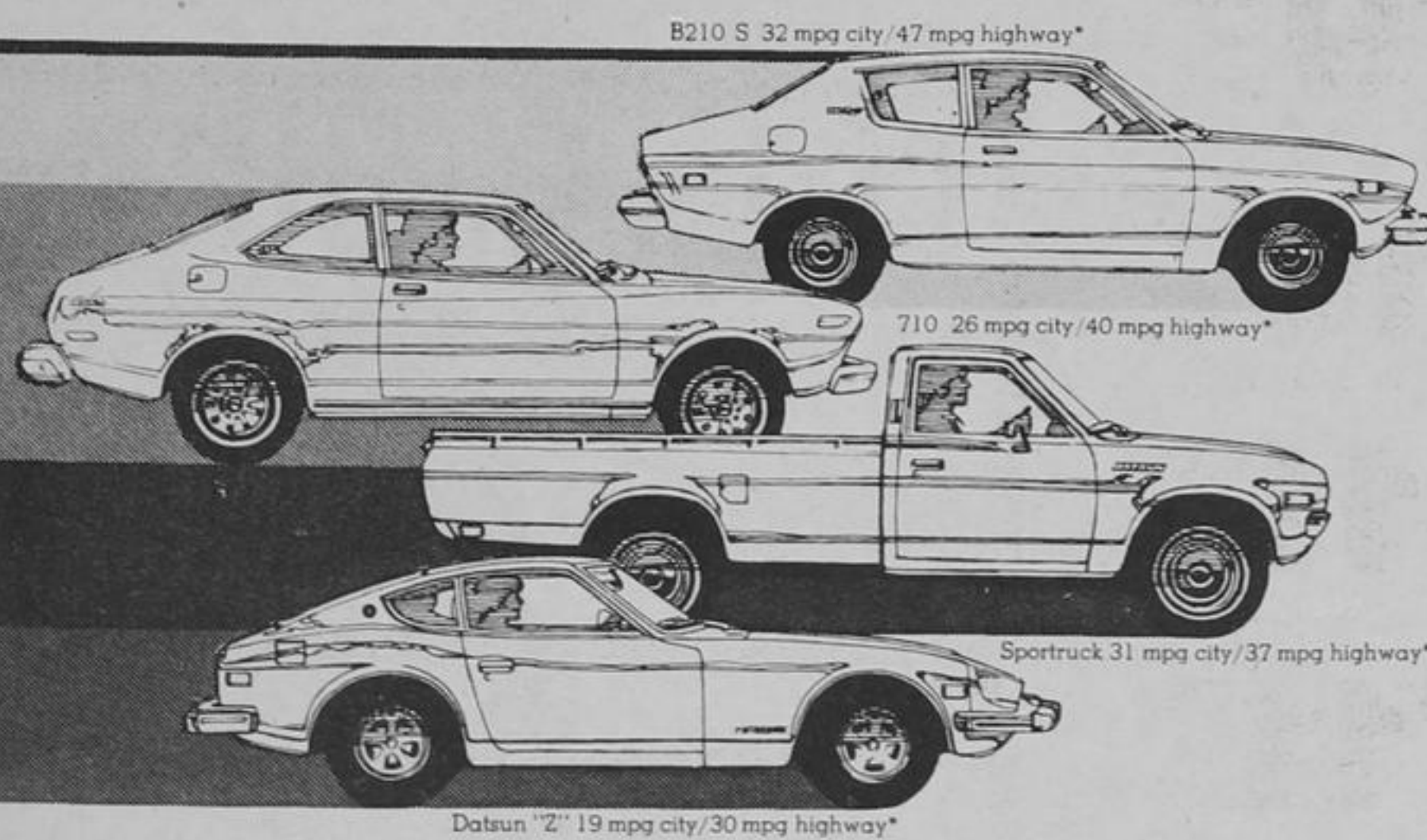
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