



Castor Earl Here I is!

Spring has sprung,
the grass has ris'
I bet you're wonderin'
where ol' Earl is.

Here I is, right up here. See the ol' mug lookin' out at ya. That's me, alrightee.

Lord knows I tried to keep writin' durin' the winter but it was awful dang hard. There was just nothin' I could do. I was like a big ol' bear that just curled up and went to sleep for the cold spell.

But just as sure as the little blue S.H.I.T. house will be back with the ice on the Castor, I come to life with the first breath of spring.

And ain't she breathin', though. It's enough to make a body leap for Joy — or any other little lady who strays too close.

The sun is firin' up and warmin' the beejabbers out of the earth so that the green grass has just got to poke up along with all the early flowers like your crocusses. I just love those little cusses.

The Castor is a silver thread — well, maybe she ain't quite silver — pullin' Metcalfe, Russell, and Embrun together in one big happy package.

Speakin' of your Castor and your S.H.I.T. house, weren't that one dang of an idea them fund raisers had. Lordy! That would have kept us goin' all winter if the dang river hadn't gone and broke up so quick.

My only complaint is that the blue house wasn't equipped for service and there was one night on my way back from the hotel when I sure could of used 'er. I had to rush back to home likety-split and use my own privy.

The next thing that gang is doin' is holdin' a Lil' Abner and Daisy Mae look-alike contest next month. I ain't goin' to enter it because it would be no contest — unless I go into the Daisy Mae part.

Watch out world. Ol' Earl is reborn.

HORSE BITS

With Lola Wood



Since spring is the traditional time to go horse-hunting, I have devoted several columns to facts needed to indulge in this wonderful quest.

In the past, there have been many articles on health and soundness. These, of course, are of prime importance. "No Foot, no Horse" is a saying that can't be ignored. (Except by yours truly; who has an irreplaceable horse-friend who has lousy feet).

Below are the basic horse colors so that you can at least appear knowledgeable.

Black: rarer than you think because many can be bays or browns.

Bay: any shade of brown with black points (ie. mane, tail, and lower limbs)

Brown: dark brown or nearly black with brown points.

Chestnut: shades of brown with similar mane and tail (light, dark, liver)

Grey: white and black hairs intermixed. "Iron grey" — black hairs predominate. "light grey" — more white hairs. "flea bitten grey" — dark hairs occur in tufts.

Dun, Buckskin grulla—vary from mouse color to golden with black points or zebra markings on legs. Buckskin may have a dorsal strip-black line down back.

Roan: strawberry, bay or blue are some variations — mixture of white hairs with chestnut, bay or black.

Palomino: color of newly minted penny — only allowed markings on lower limbs.

Pinto or Paint (overo- or tobiano) large irregular patches of color and white. Piebald: black and white. Skewbald: any other color except black with white.

Appaloosa: spotted in many variations (ie. blanket, leopard, snowflake). It must have striped hooves, mottled muzzle, and white sclera around eye.

Albino: has no pigmentation in true form.

Next Month — Conformation



Metcalfe Figure Skating recently held their annual ice show. Awards were presented to the most improved skaters after "Underwater Fantasy" finished. The winners (from left): Linda Hind, senior; Cathy Sheldrick, junior; and Jennifer Jackson, intermediate. (Garey Ris Photo)

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Organizers for Russell's Old Home Weekend, June 27-28 are confidently predicting an inflow of some 500-600 visitors for the occasion.

Chairman Glen Millar reports that interest is building up and letters have come in from as far away as Florida, British Columbia, North West Territories and California as well as points closer to home.

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FOR SALE — Amana Microwave oven — \$250.00. Call 445-2018.

Friday, May 1, 1981 — A mixed party will be held in honour of Christina Weatherall and Ian Matthews, 8:30 p.m., at Dr. F. Kinnaird Community Centre, Russell. Everyone welcome.

CLASSES — Ceramic classes starting soon. Call 445-3421.

PREGNANCY TEST — In total confidence. Metcalfe Pharmacy Ltd. Metcalfe, Ont. 821-1224.

BABYSITTING — Bilingual mother will babysit my home. Call 445-2870.

NOTICE — Counterweight New Location. Classes meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Metcalfe United Church Library. Come join us and learn a new way of eating and staying slim. For information contact Ruby at 821-2500.

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