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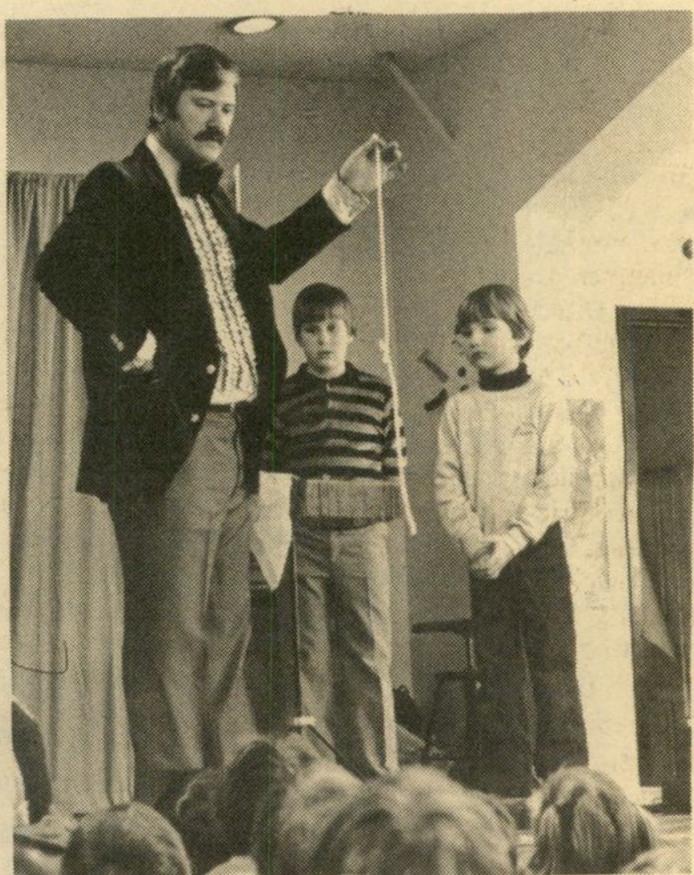
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The First Annual Russell Winter Carnival Fishing a 3-pound pike), Stephen Scharf (second, with a Derby-on-the-Castor went over big. Winners were 5-pound pike), and Loretta Rombough (first, with a (from left to right): Ron Scharf (third, with a 5-1/2-pound pickerel). Don't be misled by the 4-1/2-pound pickerel), Dorothy Scharf (fourth, with weights, the scale was one-half pound off.





Horse Bits

Winter's great for riding

By Lola Wood

At least once a day, I am asked, "Do you really ride in winter?" Of course we do! There is nothing in the world like taking a frisky horse out for a trail ride or a work-out on a brisk winter day. You'll notice the horse-flies are very scarce. The apres-riding cup of cocoa or whatever tastes twice as good, too.

The trick is dressing for it. Don't worry about the horse. He grows his own. I have accumulated a wardrobe of winter riding and teaching clothes.

Did you know that 60 per cent of your body heat can be lost through your head? So, wear a woolen ear band over your ears, under your riding hat.

Cheap rubber riding boots can be bought large enough to add sheepskin inner soles, and wollen socks. No synthetics! Make sure that the inserts on your stirrup

irons cover the metal. The cold stirrup iron can draw the heat from your feet.

Long-johns of wool/cotton mix are a necessity. You can also try jeans with chaps over them, but they are much more expensive. If you wear breeches, cross-country type long-johns will be more comfortable, since they end at the knees; or you can cut them off.

The upper body needs a layered system. Starting with wool, and cotton undervest and then a quality cotton turtleneck. Add to this a wool shirt and/or sweater. On warmer days you can shed a layer. Just make sure that they are long enough to cover the small of your back.

The outer layer should be a down jacket or vest. They're light, extremely warm, and also help to keep you dry; both from perspiration and the odd shower.

I have always worn ski gloves. If you shop around, you can find some that are quite flexible. Cross-country ski gloves with liners are considered the best.

So there you are; "Let's go Riding in the Snow!"

Note to members of the Shelo Club who would like to hear news of your club: After trying vainly to pry loose some information, my answer now is - "You do it!"



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