

Bequest aids students

The generosity of a rural Ontario woman will benefit agricultural education and research in Canada through a half million dollar bequest to the University of Guelph. Three annual fellowships of \$12,000 each will be awarded for Ph.D. (Doctoral) studies in agriculture at the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, as the result of a bequest by Edythe P. Soden, a woman who managed her 360-acre farm in Durham Region, until she was nearly 90.

The first Soden Memorial Fellowships will be awarded in the fall of 1978, a little more than a year after Mrs. Soden died at 92 years of age. They will go to graduate students with high academic proficiency and a demonstrated ability in independent study.

"Requests such as these are of great significance to the development of the University's programs," University of Guelph President Donald F. Forster commented in announcing the bequest. "Mrs. Soden's foresight will enable many promising graduate students to undertake advanced studies and research."

At present the number of Ph.D. graduates in agriculture are insufficient for positions in government and agricultural research at universities in Canada. The situation is expected to get worse, rather than better, in the near future.

Mrs. Soden continued to operate the 360-acre farm near Greenwood for almost 30 years after the death of her husband, John, in 1945. In 1974, the last year she farmed, she had 60 head of cattle, as well as chickens, ducks and free flying geese.

Edythe Soden was an active supporter of the Women's Institute and a member of the Claremont Co-operative. Earlier in her life she was a music teacher at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. She had no close living relatives, and chose "to benefit society by giving the bulk of her estate to endow scholarships in agriculture."

Bird show

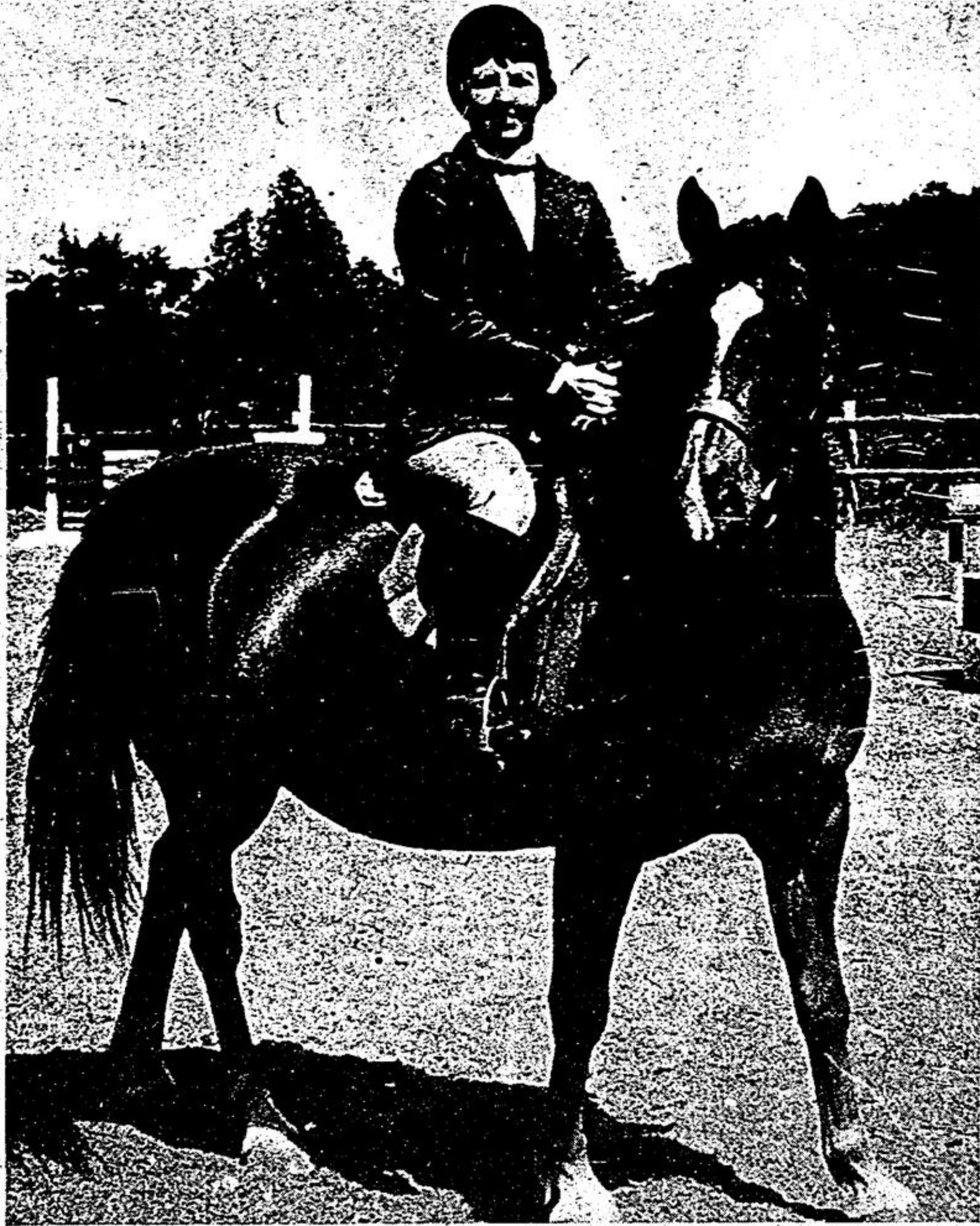
The Budgie and Foreign Bird Society of Canada is holding its annual show, Sept. 16 and 17 at Edwards Gardens, Toronto.

Close to 700 birds of different species will be on display. The hours on Saturday are 2 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$1 for adults; high school students, 50 cents and public school students 25 cents. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Graham Hudson is on vacation and will not be entering any birds in the show this year. He operates the florist shop in Main Street, Stouffville. Hazel Smith plans to take along "Bud", a talking Mynah-Bird.

It's the Society's 40th anniversary.



Rode for crippled kids

Doreen Deacon, R.R. 4, Stouffville, was one of 244 participants in a Rideathon, Sunday, for the C.A.R.D. Association. She and "Danny", a handsome chestnut gelding, raised \$158 through pledges. The route was through Vivian Forest. At the same time, a similar ride was being held at Palgrave, with

total combined receipts anticipated at \$44,000. On Sunday, Sept. 17, the C.A.R.D. organization is sponsoring a horse and buggy pleasure drive through the Forest. Anyone with a horse and rig and interested in taking part is asked to call 640-3216.

Christian lady

STOUFFVILLE — Sara Jane Shields, a devout Christian lady, passed away, Sept. 8 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital following a brief illness.

The late Mrs. Shields was an ambitious lady who often took long walks downtown from Parkview

Home. She was an excellent writer and had many stories printed in religious publications. She often distributed Bible stories among the children she met.

Service was held Monday from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville with interment, Pine Hills Cemetery.

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Cedar Beach Campers keep coming back

MUSS. LAKE — Cedar Beach Campground "all started by accident," according to Audrey Davies, explaining how some friends had asked permission to set up camp on their property. "Before they moved off, four more had arrived," she recalled.

Verne and Audrey Davies, along with their son George, are the proprietors of Cedar Beach Park. They started the campground in 1963 with 19 sites, although the dance hall has been in the family since 1929.

Now the park has about 380 campsites, booked solid from May to October. "It just keeps growing," explained Mrs. Davies.

It's people like Jack Wilson, 69 years of age, who keep coming back that swelled the numbers of campers. He came 11 years ago with his wife, and liked it so much he kept coming back. "I

work part-time for the Davies now," he said.

Other people are also obviously impressed with the Davies' management. Bill and Vi Whyte from Scarborough said they were going to give up camping because there were no decent family campgrounds. Then they found Cedar Beach. "You couldn't ask for a nicer place," they commented. Mr. and Mrs. Wittmann, Glasboro, New Jersey, and sons Kevin and Eric, being from out of the area, were more impressed with Canadians in general. "I think the people here are a lot more polite," Mrs. Wittmann said.

Stéve and Linda Kammeraad and their daughters Lori and Kristi, and son Kevin, from Michigan, were more impressed "with all the grass," and the many activities for the children.

People flee the city for many reasons. Phyllis and Frank Merritt of

Toronto think of their children, feeling the little ones "are freer and safer" here than downtown. They have four of their own; Laurie, Tracey, Scott, and Frankie.

Another avid camper, Sharon Beattie, explained, "We're up here from the time the kids, Glen and Lorne, get out of school." Her husband Bob commutes back and forth to work every day for the summer.

Of course, different people like to do different things. Bob Sawrie, for example, likes to play golf. Carol Holworth likes to play bridge. But Bob and Kathy Sawrie and Phil and Carol Holworth all agreed they "just come up to relax and loaf."

That's probably the most common reason for spending time at Cedar Beach, and possibly the most enjoyable pastime.

Valuable bull

VIC. SQUARE — A special at the 1978 Centennial C.N.E. was the Holstein Sale of Stars managed by Hays Farms International Limited of Oakville. Twenty-seven lots were sold, grossing \$289,700 with an average of \$10,730.00.

One bull, Romandale Count Ebony, consigned

by Romandale Farms Ltd., and Russell Best of Hampton, was a 1977 All-Canadian Yearling. It was sold to Brazil for \$16,000. A stable-mate to "Ebony", Romandale Symbol, brought \$15,000. It's been shipped to Giuseppe De Poli, Cremona, Italy.

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