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"Girl Next Door"

Worships horses

By JIM THOMAS

STOUFFVILLE — Ribbons decorate the room. They belong to 15 year old Cathy Holmes, Tenth Line South, R.R. 1, Stouffville. She's won them over the past 2½ years as a member of the Cape Breton Equestrian Club at Locust Hill. One of these is a second prize achieved in the Pleasure Pony Class at the C.N.E. this fall.

Cathy's our "Girl Next Door". For this pretty Grade 11 student, horses are everything. She looks after two of her own, "Spudnick" and "Dusty", getting up each morning around 6:30 a.m., then hurrying home from school to complete other chores. She takes riding lessons, two and three times a week, but more than that, she learns how to properly care for her animals.

That's why it's called a "training centre", she points out.

Cathy participated in three classes, Friday, at Markham Fair, plus a special category for showmanship.

Born in England, she came to Canada at the age of 2½ years. Although she remembers nothing of her birthplace, she'd like to return some day if only for a vacation. She moved to the Stouffville area from Willowdale. She has three brothers and three foster sisters.

Cathy plans to complete her secondary school education through Grade 13 and then, perhaps, go on to



Fifteen year old Cathy Holmes, Tenth Line South, Stouffville, is a skilled equestrienne. She has two horses of her own and trains regularly at the Cape Breton Equestrian Club, Locust Hill. Cathy's a student in Grade 11 at Stouffville High.

college or university. Art and architectural rendering are her favorite subjects. Mrs. Warne and Mr. Roberts are favorite teachers. While horses are her "first love", Cathy takes more than a casual interest in the family's two dogs, five cats, five rabbits, fifty chickens, several cows and a guinea pig.

Top student-tops again

By JIM IRVING
MARKHAM —

Among the great variety of exhibits at Markham Fair last week, was a gentle giant of a draft horse, called "Big Sid".

Sid, standing 19.2 hands high, weighed 2,700 pounds. He stood around munching hay much of the day, but very definitely for real.

A little further west, in the General Exhibits Building, was a minute Dalmatian dog, equally serene and easily recognizable by its long white, black-spotted body. Only, he wasn't for real.

Instead, he was just one of the many creations from the ingenious young mind of Heather Hoover, RR 2, Markham, a modest 12-year-old, who captured just about every prize in sight with her Dalmatian dog and other equally colorful and imaginative entries in the public school exhibits.

As a result, Heather, a pupil at Dickson's Hill, wound up as top over-all student for the second time in the past three years.

She also collected \$38 in prize money, her highest total since first entering the Fair when she was in Grade 2. At that time, she took home \$11, a not inconsiderable amount for a then seven-year-old. She's won something every year since.

Besides her dog, a ingenious combination of empty spoons, painted and set to resemble the animal, Heather showed her wide range of skills with everything from a plasticine model of a comely young woman, to a tiny hump chest, sculptured from soap.

Heather also won a plaque for her work, to go along with the trophy she captured last time as top exhibitor.

She started working on her entries in June to have them ready in plenty

of time. Even without the latter, however, she'd probably be doing them, or something similar, because, as Heather says,

"I just like doing it."

She also likes mathematics and history and "every kind of sport". Obviously, a

mature young lady, she emphasized that fact once more when The Tribune reporter thanked her for her time.

"Thank you very much," she replied. Lesser artists take note.

Roy H. Crosby

Super school

MARKHAM — Twenty-nine schools were represented in the Children's Section of Markham Fair this year.

The over-all winner was Roy H. Crosby of Markham. Their 56 entries totalled 196 points and \$118 in prize money. The beautiful Howard Cosburn Memorial Trophy was presented for a first time to Principal Gerald Fisher of Crosby.

Mary Cosburn made the presentation. The runner-up was Unionville Public School with fifty entries and 180 points. Their prize money also totalled \$118.

The top student exhibitor was Heather Hoover of Dickson's Hill. Her entries resulted in a

financial return of \$38. She scored 68 points. The Travelways Company award was presented by George Hooper.

Jenny Pascal of Roy H. Crosby School won the Sutherland Special and Janet Clarry of Franklin School, Markham, perfected the No. 1 scarecrow.

Best in Show for students Kindergarten to Grade 4 was won by Paul Donkersley of Reesor's Park School. In the category, Grades 5 to 8, Kelly Baker of Roy H. Crosby was the winner.

The chairperson of this class is Mary Cosburn. Muriel Hoover announced the judge's decisions at a presentation ceremony, Friday.

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Fair speller brilliant

MARKHAM — Kenneth Shorely, 11, of 23 Southdale Drive, Markham, is the new champion speller at Markham Fair.

The Grade six student at Roy H. Crosby School, won over 36 other competitors, from Grades five to eight.

Although he didn't quite say it was a snap, Kenneth acknowledged that none of the words, such as acknowledge, for example, gave him any trouble. He's always been a good speller, and, just to make sure he maintained his skill, he studied the Grade nine text before the contest, he said.

Kenneth received a couple of red ribbons for mastering all 22 words.

Just a letter or two behind him was Jim Lam of Richmond Hill, who was named reserve champion.

Show super spuds

MARKHAM — When it comes to quantity and quality in potatoes, Smalley's Produce at R. R. 3, Mount Albert is hard to beat. At Markham Fair, nine year old Michael and 6½ year old Jennifer won first and second respectively in the Big Potato Contest, sponsored by The Tribune. Michael's entry weighed 3 lbs., 2 ounces. Jennifer's tipped the scales at 2 lbs., 11 ounces. Brian Rose, O'Brien Avenue, Stouffville, took third place. His potato weighed 2 lbs., 8 ounces. Each was grown from Kennebec seed.

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