

Windrush Farm

Rare brood mare arrives by DC-8

LEMONVILLE - An Air-Canada D.C. 8 flight from Frankfurt, Germany, carried a valuable passenger when it arrived at Toronto International Airport, Dec. 27.

It was a 13 year old Lipizzaner brood mare, purchased eight weeks ago by Mr. and Mrs. Ian Munro, Windrush Farm, Lemonville. The sleek, white animal, in foal, is named 'Distinta' and her pedigree goes back more than 100 years.

Following an airport reception from her new owners, the news media and about 100 Air-Canada employees, 'Distinta' was bundled up in three coats by trainer Ben Ewen and transported to her new home at R.R. 4, Stouffville.

The flight itself presented no problems but the shipping arrangements caused some concern. A portable stall was first borrowed from the Ontario Jockey Club and flown to Vienna but it proved too small. A double stall was then flown from the British Jockey Club to Austria, but it was too large. Mr. and Mrs. Munro then tried to obtain one in Los Angeles, but this was impossible. Finally, one was built in Austria and the new stall and horse were shipped to Frankfurt for the flight to Canada.

'Distinta' joins a second Lipizzaner at Windrush, brought over by boat six months ago. A stallion will join the two mares in May.

Mr. Munro plans to breed them and then train them for dressage and carriage.

When 'Distinta' gives birth in the spring, her foal will be the first Lipizzaner born in Canada. The young are black but change to pure white by the time they're eight. The Lipizzaner was originally the imperial horse of Austria.

'Distinta' comes from the federal stud farm outside Vienna which breeds the horses for the Spanish Riding School. The Austrian Lipizzaner has rarely been sold outside the country and Mrs. Munro believes her horses are the only ones of their kind in Canada.

The animals have an excellent trainer. Ben Ewen was a staff trainer for 14 years with the R.C.M.P. Musical Ride.

'Distinta' seemed unimpressed with the 'red carpet reception' accorded her at Malton. But she perked up considerably when she felt the nip of ten degree temperatures at Stouffville.



Mrs. Ian Munro of Lemonville holds the only two purebred Lipizzan horses in Canada. 'Distinta' is in foal and a stallion will arrive here from Austria this summer. —Peter Harris.

Community Club

Elect executive

By Pat McClennan
CEDAR GROVE - The members of the recently elected Cedar Grove Community Club executive are: President, Austin Reesor; Vice President, Phyllis Hollinger; Secretary, Shirley Beare; Treasurer, Don McClennan; Special Interests and Press, Pat McClennan; Euchres, Arch Little; Work Committee, David Ritchie; Rink, Peter McCowan; Flowers, Helen Little; Lunches for Bees, Merna Burkholder; Lunches for Euchres, Libby McCowan, Marg Milroy, Mabel Reesor.

This weeks euchre winners were Margaret Oldham, Grant Weidmark, Rhea Third and Bea Thompson.

A birthday party, held in the school on Sunday for Maitland Ryan was attended by many relatives and friends who wish him many more.

Meredith Lapp and Barbara Crichton sang a beautiful duet for the Zion congregation last Sunday morning.

Gordie Milroy has returned from a motor trip to Florida where he enjoyed a brief winter holiday.

Smoked turkey was such popular fare over Christmas that Barkey Brothers Butchers sold all they had and worked overtime to prepare for New Years.

Pedestrian struck

CEDAR VALLEY - A 76 year old R.R. 3 Newmarket man sustained cuts and bruises when he was struck by a car while walking near his home, January 4.

James Colthin was taken by ambulance to York County Hospital, Newmarket.

The driver of the car, Lewis Pinkerton, also of R.R. 3 Newmarket, told police that he was northbound near the St. John's Sideroad when he saw Mr. Colthin walking almost in the centre of the road. He said he ap-



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plied his brakes but surface, striking the pedestrian.

Service successful

By Wm. Hodgson, M.P.P., York North

Highways Minister George Gomme reports a steady growth in commuter use of GO Transit bus introduced last September. As a result officials of GO and Gray Coach are planning changes in scheduling for the eastern and northern corridors.

Passengers carried in the western corridor were "impressive", but not on the level of the other two and no schedule adjustment is necessary.

Combined GO Transit-Gray Coach service from Newmarket, Aurora, Oak Ridges and Richmond Hill to downtown Toronto provided a fifty per cent increase in bus service and the number of users has risen from 1,600 weekday passenger trips to a daily weekday average of more than 2,300 trips during the last week of October. Extra peak-hour buses had to be put into service to handle passengers originating at Aurora and Richmond Hill.

The Oshawa-Pickering service connecting with trains showed an increase from 580 weekday passengers at the start to a daily weekday average of 900 during the last week of October.

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