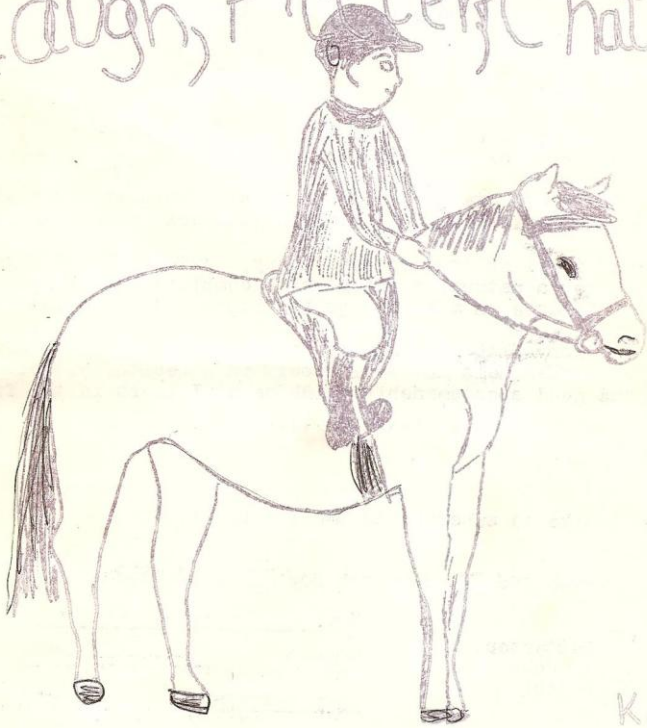


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TWO HORSES LEAVE HOLLEY HILL

Right after the Holley Hill Show, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Bettles left with the Burters to spend the winter in Pennsylvania. She didn't care much for the trailer they had brought with them but finally went in. Mrs. Burter called that night to tell me that the trip down was O.K. and Bettles was all right, but she refused to get out of the trailer, probably because she couldn't see what was behind her in the dark. I made several suggestions as to how to get her out and presume they managed as I have heard nothing further. Anyway we hope she isn't still standing in these cramped quarters.

A week ago Thursday, Star left for her new home in Stafford Springs. We rather dreaded the trip as she never knew what a young one will do in the van and in new surroundings. After much feed and pleading, she finally went in the van. When tied in the stall she started to put up a fight, but as soon as the van was in motion and all the way there she was very quiet and arrived with not a wet hair on her. She did a lot of looking around when we got there before she would come off the van but finally made up her mind that it was not too scary. She was turned out with her new stablemates which consist of three lovely draft mares, a buckskin jumper and a donkey. She made friends with all of them but when we left she seemed to prefer the donkey.

HOLLEY HILL HAS ANOTHER MYSTERY

A week ago Tuesday, when the Mothers rode, Mrs. Bennett rode Queenie. After they were through riding, the tack was cleaned and I particularly noticed her nice Queenie's bridle locked with the bits shining etc. as it hadn't been cleaned in quite some time. Wednesday nobody rode. Thursday John and I took Star to Stafford Springs. Friday the Mothers rode again and this time Mrs. Patterson decided to ride Queenie. As it was cold that morning so they decided to ride indoors. While Mrs. Patterson hosed down the ring Mrs. Bennett decided to tack up the horses. When she came to doing Queenie she asked me who had ridden her last. When I told her she had she was rather annoyed and inferred me she certainly hadn't left her bridle like that. When I saw the bridle, I had to agree with her. It was filthy and the curb rein was broken. I have asked a great many if they knew anything about this but so far have been unable to find the guilty one. I hope that whoever it was enjoyed their ride at my expense.

A CRAZY WINTER IS THIS

Last Sunday, Mr. Patterson decided to walk down to the swamp and see if there were any big bass in the one part that still has fairly deep water in it. Imagine his astonishment to see six enormous snapping turtles staring at him through the ice. They should have been buried in the mud long since. He went down and borrowed Mr. Jones gun and shot all six. He was able to dig three out. It must be that Nancy Davis had never seen a snapper as I hear she turned as white as a sheet. There were also painted turtles and lizards around who also should have gone to bed for the winter long ago.

Herse Show a Success.

We never expected to have an outdoor herse show the week end of Thanksgiving, but that we did. It was cold early in the morning but then warmed up and couldn't have been better. I think the Pony Club got the biggest kick out of it when they saw Pink dump our D. C. It showed them that even our best riders land on the ground. (Incidentally she paid her ten cents.) Temmy Schneider had a close run as Jimmy, who had refused the same jump with Test Jones and dumped her, did it again with Temmy. He had his feet caught in the stirrup and he being so light, the safety catch didn't let go when he went off. Luckily Jimmy didn't get too nervous and run and Temmy finally got his feet loose and dropped to the ground without being hurt. Results are as follows:

Hunt Seat under 10 on the flat-1. Test Jones
2. Emmy Cole 3. Irene Bayer 4. Danny Hager 5. Temmy
Schneider 6. Jan Patterson.

Pony Hunters over Jumps- 1. The Flying Scotchman
2. Abu Mr. Pink 4. Little Mister.

Three Gaited Saddle Horse- 1. Perfidia, Helly
Simpson 2. Crystal Clear 3. Bronze Commande, Eilleen
Jones. 4. Queen's Highway.

Open Jumpers- 1. Carry the Ball 2. Peteen
3. The Duke, Eilleen Jones 4. Abu, Helly Thompson

Obedience Class- 1. Annette Jones on Gimlet
2. Eilleen Jones on Crystal 3. Sally Bayer on Queenie
4. Helly Simpson on Perfidia.

Beginners, Walk, Trot Canter- 1. Danny Hager
2. Mark Bennett 3. Carolyn Thompson 4. Heather England
5. Katryn Creckett 6. Linda Bushnell.

Pleasure Horse, Saddle type- 1. Perfidia, Helly
Simpson 2. My Prince Charming, Luanne Bayer 3. Bronze
Commande, Eilleen Jones 4. Queen's Highway

Working Hunters over jumps- 1. Peteen 2. Simple Simon,
Sally Nuese 3. Royal Flush 4. Carry the Ball

Pony Hunters under Saddle- 1. Abu, Helly Thompson
2. Gimlet 3. Mr. Pink 4. Little Mister

Kneek Down and Out- 1. Carry the Ball 2. Playmate,
David Creckett 3. The Duke, Eilleen Jones

Handy Working Hunter- 1. Peteen 2. Carry the Ball
3. Merry Miss 4. Victoria

Walk, Trot Horsemanship- 1. Cory Kaiser 2. Pam Patterson 3. Alyce Jane Senior 4. Patty Bushnell
Saddle Seat- 1. Eileen Jones 2. Helly Simpson
3. Sally Bayer 4. Luane Bayer 5. Cheryl Rennie
6. George Crockett.

Walk, Trot, center under 10. 1. Nancy Burten
2. Carel Nichols 3. Dennis Crockett 4. Janet Bennett
5. Kathryn Crockett 6. Kit Garovey.

Handy Pony Hunter- 1. The Flying Scotchman
2. Gimlet 3. Abu

Hunter Seat over jumps under 12.- 1. Nancy Burten 2. Don Patterson 3. Annette Jones 4. Carel Nichols
5. David Crockett 6. Irene Bayer.

Hunter Seat over Jumps 12-18-1. George Crockett
2. Pelly Simonsen 3. Diane Dodge 4. Anita Dedge 5. Kathy Coons
6. Helen Jackson

Open Jumpers- 1. Victoria 2. Playmate, David Crockett
3. Carry the Ball

Read Hack- 1. Petee 2. Perfidia 3. Merry Miss
4. My Gallant Lady

Working Hunter under saddle- 1. Simple Simon
2. Carry the Ball 3. Petee 4. Victoria.

Bridle Path Hacks, saddle type- 1. Crystal Clear
2. Perfidia, 3. Prince Charming 4. My Gallant Lady

Hunter Seat on flat 12-18 1. Kathy Coons
2. Sally Nuess 3. Diane Dodge 4. Anita Dedge
5. Barbara Burton 6. Nancy Davis.

Pleasure Horse, Hunter Type- 1. Carry the Ball
2. The Archbishop, Barbara Scovil 3. Royal Flush
4. Simple Simon

Pony Read Hacks- 1. Cherokee, Irene Bayer
2. Mr. Pink 3. Gimlet 4. The Flying Scotchman

Jumper Championship- 1. Carry the Ball ridden by
Kathy Coons 2. Playmate owned and ridden by David Crockett

Hunter Championship- 1. Pettee ridden by Marc
Carlson 2. Simple Simon owned and ridden by Sally Nuess.

Pony Hunter Championship- 1. The Flying Scotch-
man ridden by Nancy Davis 2. Abu ridden by Helen Jackson.

Horsemanship Championship- 1. Sally Nuess
2. Nancy Burton.



Last Tuesday it was raining so we rode inside of course. Most of us rode hunters but Ruby chose a saddle horse. We had an awful time with stirrups that kept sliding off our feet.

The corners came around too fast and in an hour we were beat.

Friday the sun was shining, but the air was mighty chill.

So once again we rode indoors - that is we did until Pat and Mrs. Sedgewick thought they'd ride out thru the field.

The rest of stayed where we were - so cold we had congealed.

I was riding Queenie - which was something new for me. I'd never ridden a saddle horse - I had myself a spree. Alice surely has improved, she's done it by leaps and bounds.

Next summer you'll see her in the field, following the hounds.

We rode again this Tuesday, the day was warm and clear. The weather has been marvelous for this time of year. Before we rode we had to take the horses out to drink. Ruby used baling twine for Archie while I went to get a halter for Pink.

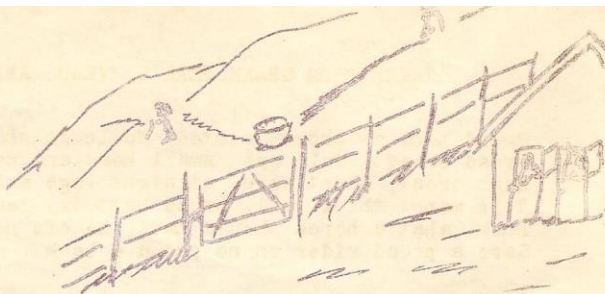
She almost got him to the gate when Archie took off in a cloud of dust.

Leaving Ruby with the baling twine and a look of utter disgust.

But she quickly grabbed a halter, filled her pocket full of grain.

Walked way down to the end of the meadow and caught her horse again.

UNCLE JOHN'S
CORNER



I guess the P.C.s think we never are kind to them. Even though they see horses heads sticking over stall doors on a Sunday, they would rather walk all over the pasture looking for a horse, rather than look in the barn first. This has been going on for years. Another thing that has gone on for a long time is the great desire to feed the cats. It is very nice of you to provide all this extra feed for them while you go without lunch but it is not at all necessary as Miss Drummond has always provided enough for them. They are not starving.

Letters from Lucy

Never the rail this week as I decided both you kids and I need a vacation from that. I would like to make a few comments on some of our teachers. As far as I am concerned Maggie Hines is the best of the lot. I would say Kathie is second. If you all were as good as these two, I would have time to teach some of the others some things around the stable, but as it is, you start off fine and the first thing I know you are feeling around, jumping jumps or talking with the five or six others who are in the ring with you and have no business there. As part of your pony club rating consists of being able to teach I could certainly not tell our D.C. that you are good even though you do know how. We have also discovered that certain ones should never teach together as you seem to concentrate on yourselves instead of your pupils.

TAKEN FROM SHAKESPEARE'S "VENUS AND ADONIS"

Round hoof'd, short-jointed, fetlocks shag and long,
Broad breast, full eye, small head and nostril wide,
High crest, short ears, straight legs and passing strong,
Thin mane, thick tail, broad buttock, tender hide:
Look, what a horse should have, he did not lack,
Save a proud rider on so proud a back.

And he describes a stallion;

His ears up-prick'd; his braided hanging mane
Upon his compass'd crest now stand on end;
His nostrils drink the air, and forth again,
As from a furnace, vapours doth he send:
His eye which scornfully glistens like fire,
Shows his hot courage and his high desire.

Sometimes he trots, as if he told the steps,
With gentle majesty and modest pride;
Anon he rears upright, curvets and leaps,
As who should say "Lo! thus my strenght is tried;
And this I do to captivate the eye
Of the fair breeder standing by."

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Sometimes he sounds far off, and there he stares;
Anon he starts at stirring of a feather;
To bid the wind a base he now prepares,
An wher he run or fly they know not whether;
For though his mane and tail the high wind singe,
Fanning the hairs, who waxe like feathered wings.

Capped Elbow

This is an enlargement of the tissues covering and surrounding the elbow joint, caused from bruises from the floor, but but more often bruises from the heel of the shoe; also known as shoe boils; sometimes becomes quite large, but does not cause lameness. May contain serum which, if it becomes infected, will result in an abscess.

Splint

This is a bony growth on the inner side of the cannon bone, just below the knee, known as high or low splint, according to whether it is close to the joint or farther away. They do not often cause lameness but when they do, it is usually persistent and the animal will not warm out of it. As this condition is the result of the tearing of a very small ligament that holds the long splint bone to the cannon bone, splints do not occur after the animal is six years of age, as by this age their bones have united firmly thus obliterating this ligament. Splints occurring quite near the joint frequently produce lameness in the animal. If a small pea-like enlargement is found upon both front legs where a splint normally occurs, it is well to suspect these as being natural to the horse.

Thrash

Thrash is an affection of the frog of the foot and is no doubt due to an infection of some kind. It is characterized by a dark, tarry discharge and a very foul odor. In ordinary cases, it does not harm but in aggravated cases, it produces lameness. Owing to the difficulty of keeping the bottom of the foot dry, it is frequently difficult to receive good results during the treatment of this condition. Found in all four feet.

(Taken from George H. Conn's The Practical Horse Keeper)

Quiz Questions

Do you know the answers to these questions?

1. Do horses have good memories?
2. How much may the largest horse weigh?
3. How much may the smallest horse weigh?
4. At what age do most horses reach full weight and height?
5. What is meant by "hand" in measuring a horse?
6. What are the horse's three natural gaits?
7. To what kind of a horse is each of these names given?
(a.) mare (b.) stallion (c.) filly (d.) foal
8. Why should horses be watered before they eat?
9. What is the difference between a purebred and a Thoroughbred horse?
10. On what side do you mount a horse?
11. On what side did the Indians mount?
12. Can you tell how some the Indians used a different side?

Quiz Answers

1. Yes, horses do have good memories.
2. The largest horse may weigh as much as 2,500. This would be a draft horse.
3. A Shetland pony may weigh as little as 300 pounds.
4. Most horses reach their full weight and height at 5 years.
5. A horse is measured by "hands", the distance across the palm, which is approximately 4 inches. Therefore each "hand" is equal to 4 inches.
6. The three natural gaits of a horse are walk, trot, and gallop. A slow gallop is a canter.
7. (a.) A mare is a female horse of any age. (b.) A stallion is an uncastrated male. (c.) A filly is a young female up to 3 years of age. (d.) The young at birth is a foal.
8. A horse that drinks after eating may become bloated.
9. A purebred horse is one whose ancestors are all of the same breed. A Thoroughbred is a breed. Some other breeds are Shetlands, Arabs, and Welsh.
10. We mount on the "near side" or the left side of the horse.
11. The Indians mounted on the "far side" or right side.
12. The Indians held their bows in their left hand so that made it easier to use the right side of a horse to mount. Soldiers mount as we do now because their swords which they wore on their left sides would have been on the way when swinging into the saddle.

Quiz Kormer ~ by Jane Duxton

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW
ABOUT YOUR PAIS?

ACROSS

2. She is quite an artist.
7. She has a great pal who likes to iron shirts.
13. Must have been her TRAINING that gave her this nickname.
21. There are five (opp's) members of the P.C. who had a man with the same name.
30. She is new and her name is spelled with a y instead of an i.
43. She is Denny Patterson's Aunt.
48. She has a sister who has her own wee stirrups.
56. How about inviting her to dinner and having lamb stew.

DOWN

1. The original member of the track team.
3. No wonder his Father needs a rest in the hospital.
9. The boots he is wearing used to be mine.
20. Could be anyone of three. Ask King or General.
21. We have a Tommy, Denny and ---ny in this P.C.
23. She was born a sweet southern belle.
24. Her middle name is Amelia.
33. She has the same color hair as our D.C.
46. She has the law on her side.

THANKS!!

I want to thank all of you who have done such a nice job on your covers. It is your paper and the more you put in it the more you will enjoy it. Lucy and I would like to have other articles, drawings, poems or anything you might like to share with the rest of the group, as well. Please hand anything in to Lucy or me and we will see that it gets in the paper. The covers are being run in the order they are received and if two have been turned in from one person, one will be run and one held back until all that the others have turned in have been run. Keep up the good work!!

R.K.Bennett

James C

A doctor fell into a well, and broke his collarbone;
A doctor should attend the sick, and leave the well alone.

This is the story of Johnny McGuire
Who ran through the town with trousers on fire.
He went to the doctor's and fainted with fright
When the doctor told him his end was in sight.

I'm a little Hindoo; I do all I kindoo,
Where my pants and shirt don't meet, I make my little skindoo.