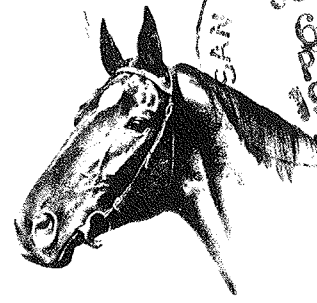


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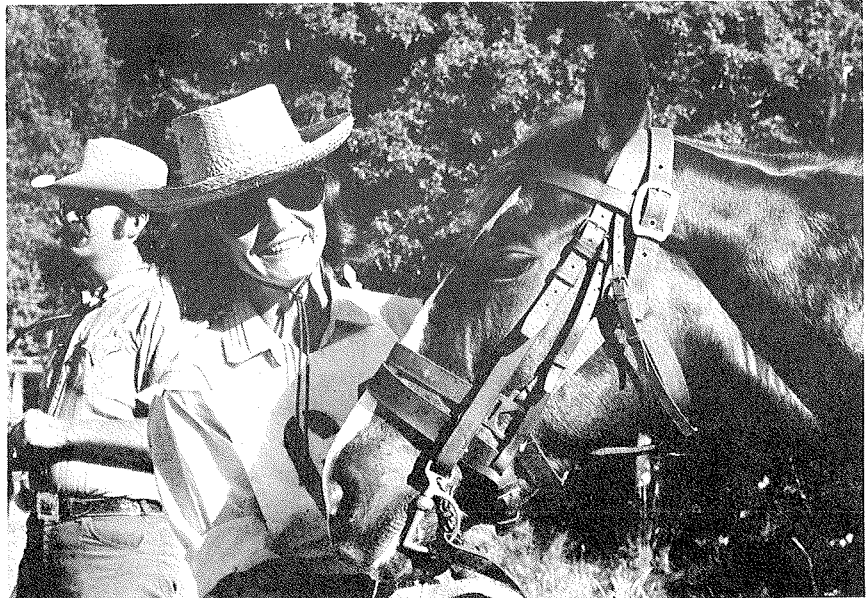
HASH clinics

The Horsemen's Association of Sleepy Hollow will hold two English and two Western schooling clinics at their arena above Hidden Vally School this month.

The English clinics, conducted by Bitsy Shields and Francie Gross will take place on June 2 (9 a.m.) and June 16 (1 p.m.).

The Western Clinics, conducted by Maryanne Healy will be held on June 23 (9 a.m.) and June 30 (9 a.m.).

Fees are \$2 for HASH members and \$4 for non-members. Entries may be made by calling Lynn Lewis at 456-6099.



Drakes Bay pre-rides

Marin's own 50 miler, the Drakes Bay Ride, will be held on September 22 this year. Stan urges those riders who are planning to compete to sign up for one of two "pre-rides" which have been arranged by the California Endurance Team. Accommodations will be available for both rides, August 4-5 and August 25-26, at Five Brooks (just south of the Stewart Ranch). A barbeque will be served on both Saturdays, Stan says, asking those who think they might want to join the ride to call him at 456-1786 to make reservations.

Connie Berto of San Anselmo and her Morgan mare, Nuchief's Misschief, are pictured here just after crossing the finish line at last weekend's North American Trail Conference ride that started from the San Geronimo Valley Horsemen's Arena for two days of competitive trail riding around Mt. Tamalpais and the water district. Fifty-three horses and riders entered the competition which was organized and sponsored by the California Horsemen's Association, Region I. Connie and her mare placed third in the novice lightweight division and first in the Morgan horse division. Contestants were judged on their horsemanship and condition of their animals. Other Marin riders out over Memorial Day included: Rosalie Kessler, Maria Stock, Peggy Wilson, Beverly Sarjeant, Maude Roche, Sophia Drumm and Kurt Foell.

(Photo by Jon North)

VET'S CORNER

BY ROBERT A. FISHER, D.V.M

RATTLESNAKE BITE

Although Marin County does not have a large number of rattlesnakes, the warm summer weather brings sightings of them on the dry hills and and rocky outcroppings.

Various surveys indicate that several hundred horses are bitten by poisonous snakes each year in the United States, with mortality rates from 10% to 30%.

Riders taking their horses to other areas of California for summer activities may be exposed to a much higher population density of rattlesnakes and will want to be aware of first aid and medical treatment.

The rattlesnake (Genus Crotalus) is a pit viper. Its venom is hemotoxic (destroys red blood cells) and proteolytic (breaks down tissues) causing extensive local swelling and pain at the puncture site, fast and weakening heart rate and shock.

Horses are frequently bitten on the muzzle and head. These bites are far more serious than bites on the legs. Nose bites lead to rapid tissue swelling, obstructed nasal passages and difficult breathing.

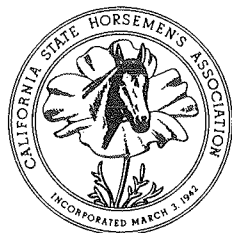
Bloody foam may drain from the nose and the eyes swell shut. Many of these horses are candidates for a tracheotomy or surgical opening of the windpipe to ease respiration.

Snake bites make their victims very susceptible to serious bacterial infections. The size of the snake, the amount of venom injected, the weight of the horse, the location of the bite

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all influence the seriousness of the illness and recovery rate. Most untreated horses will not die, but the length of time they are ill and in recovery is an important factor.

If you did not see the horse bitten, which is possible during rest stops or overnight grazing, you will want to carefully examine an acutely swollen area for the fang puncture marks. They may be hidden in the hair and spread apart as the area enlarges.

Fractures could possibly be confused with the acute swelling and pain of a snake bite. Severe bee stings could initially be difficult to tell from a snake bite.

The time between the bite and the start of treatment is most important in reducing the severity of the illness and shortening the recovery period.

Preferably, the horse should not be moved after being bitten. The veterinarian should go to the horse if it is at all possible. On leg bites, standing in cold streams or the application of ice packs are beneficial in reducing the progress of the venom.

A party out in the hills with no hope of veterinarian assistance for a day or

two will obviously have to do everything within their skill and first aid training to help the horse.

Wide tourniquets, not restricting arterial flow, placed two inches above the fang marks on the leg and released every 20 minutes for one to two minutes. Administration of anti-venin by a skilled person if carried. Incisions 1/4 inch deep over the punctures and suction applied immediately after the snake bite. These first aid treatments should not be undertaken while near a road, trailhead, camp ground where professional help could be obtained.

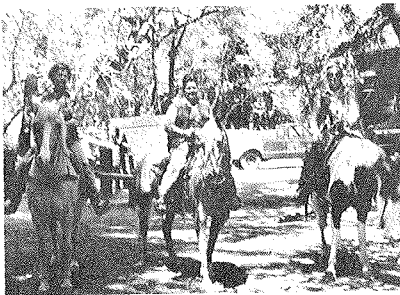
If help is coming, keep the horse at rest plus the ice or cold water treatments are all that should be done.

Treatments the veterinarian may use, depending on the time since the bite and the amount of tissue damage are: steroid hormones, antibiotics, anti-venin, antitoxins, fluids, electrolytes, enzymes and surgical procedures.

Use care on rocky ledges, narrow brushy trails and when moving over fallen logs. Remember, they don't always rattle before they strike.



Actor John Forsyth gets some last minute instructions on the set of "Lisa, Bright and Dark" filmed just below Phoenix Lake. Francie Brennan's horse Rey Blanton, seems unimpressed by the whole thing. The movie will be shown November 29 on the Hallmark Hall of Fame.



Gertrude Pollock on Pawny, Maxine Ernst on Amber and Margaret Burmeister on Chico also made their debuts as TV stars last month. Lisa Murphy's Poco was ridden by Forsyth's leading lady.

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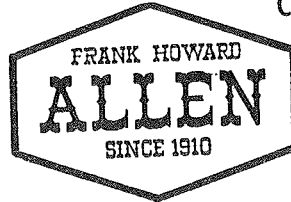
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Marin Mounted 4-H

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This well established club centers its activities on veterinary science,

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TRAINING TIPS

BY EDIE LEHMAN

TOO MUCH IS TOO MUCH...

Horse trainers have known for many years that the best trainer of all is a "case of wet saddle blankets." A few years back when horses were still an integral part of the day's work or transit, this was no problem. Now, in a world of maxi-trucks and mini-bikes and the frantic pace of everyday life, only a small percentage of all horses in the United States do anything resembling real work.

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A horse is like a child; his concentration span is usually short. He may be patient for days or weeks of daily drill, but eventually he looks for something else to think about. He may begin to see "spooks" behind every tree or want to take a "tule stampede," or worse yet, just retire into his own world and try to ignore the inevitable discipline and correction.

The wet blankets of old included hours of concentrated work, but also hours of leisurely travel and new places to see and a whole lot of peace and quiet when the day ended.

Today we play with horses by the hour and expect them to go to school seven days a week and be happy about it, while we want more vacations and less pressure.

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Dressage society clinic

The Sonoma-Marin chapter of the California Dressage Society will host a "what-to-look-for-when-buying-a-horse-clinic" on Sunday, June 24 in the stable area of the Gordon Williams' ranch at 2170 Vineyard Rd., Novato.

Dr. D.H. Marioni of Santa Rosa will conduct the clinic using honest-to-

goodness live horses in his talk which sure beats diagrams and pictures.

Charge for the clinic which will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon is \$3 for dressage society members and \$4 for non-members. Those wishing to pay in advance may send a check to Ginny Rivers, 1533 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 3, San Rafael.

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Horses Limited are good neighbors

Horses Limited is the name of a club of young horsemen in the Lucas Valley area.

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"The kids see to it that fences get repaired and, for instance, make sure that manure gets cleaned up off the street after the blacksmith leaves," Mary Jane said proudly.

There is a bit of resentment among members of the Lucas Valley Homeowners Association that the group tries hard to combat. Some has built up since residents of the area voted to tax themselves (about \$40 a year) to purchase 300 acres of surrounding hills that was destined for development.

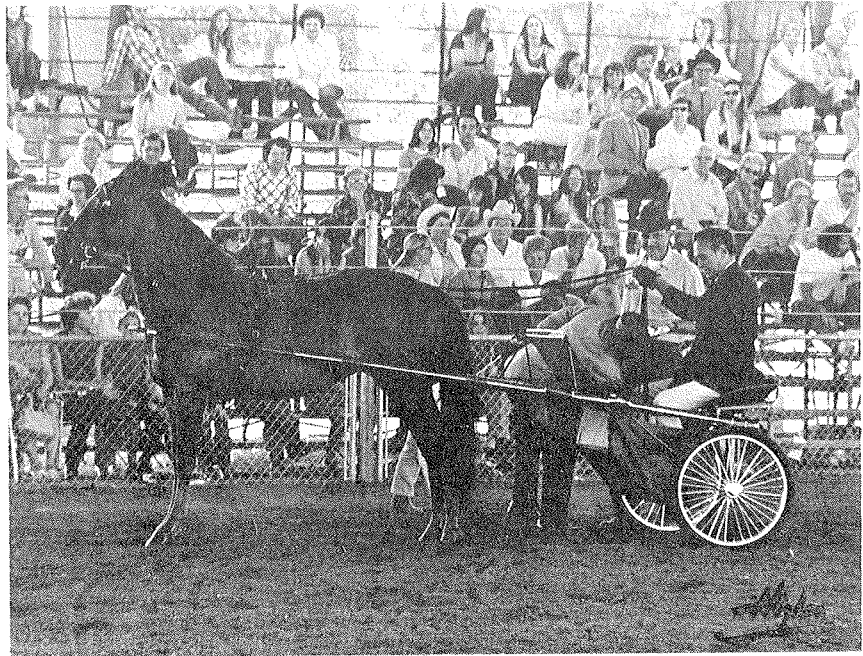
The homeowners' group has since put a moratorium on additional horses in the valley though Horses Limited is now at work with cameras and maps to show that more can be accommodated without offending Lucas Valley residents.

All is not work for the club's members, however, Mary Jane was quick to add. An informal Mother's Day horse show held at the Neal McNamaras' proved to be a resounding success with 63 entries in English and Western classes. Pat Corwin of Novato donated her services as judge for the day (after all, Pat's a mother!) and non-riders manned the popular refreshment stand.

Horses Limited is planning other activities for the summer while at the same time setting a good example for other horsemen to be thoughtful about neighbors who might like to see your horse grazing from the living room window, but get understandably grouchy when he chomps up their prize roses.

Tack swap

Boots too small? Saddle too big? Redwood Stables in Novato invites all horsemen to bring their outgrown tack and attire to a first annual Tack Swap which will be held at the stables (way at the end of Vineyard Rd.) on Sunday June 24.



Dr. Delman D. Smith of Sausalito pauses long enough to pick up a trophy and blue ribbon at the conclusion of a Novice Pleasure Driving class at the Northern California Morgan Horse Association Open and Morgan Classic Horse Show held last month in the Lyttle Cow Palace at Santa Rosa. (Photo by Melinda McEntyre and Paul Hughes)



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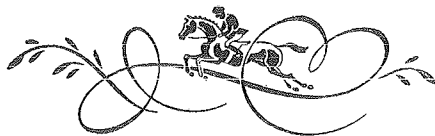
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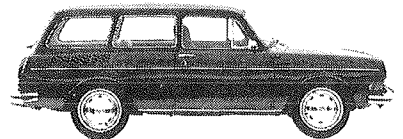
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THE BLACKSMITH SAYS

BY JACK HEALY

One of the most difficult jobs in horseshoeing is working on the horse that likes to kick, strike, pull away his foot, rear or fall on you. There are two solutions: either use your brains or your back. As I much prefer the first choice, here is how to solve the problem at hand.

You need a lead shank one and a half feet long with an eight foot half inch cotton rope attached to it. Thread the chain (the small link, flat type) shank through one side of the halter, over across the horse's nose and snap it to the other side of the halter. Then, peeling the animal's upper lip back, quickly lay the chain across the gum

above the teeth and take up the slack through the side of the halter by tightening the rope.

Now you have the whole world in your hands. Always have the lead chain coming from the side of the horse's head you are working on; this is important. This gets his attention and his body weight in your favor and he will be less likely to stampede over the top of you.

The principle of this method is reward and punishment. If the animal does what you want, that's fine. If he misbehaves, then he is punished according to the amount necessary. When shoeing the hind feet, you can tuck the lead rope in your belt and have it instantly at hand if needed.

If a horse kicks or moves violently, give him a good jerk, decreasing the tugs as the session progresses. A word of caution: the horse may react to the first jerk by pulling back quickly or jumping forward. Make sure you are in the clear.

If the chain is used for medical work, little force is needed with just a constant, light pressure as the controlling factor. A horse can also be

loaded in a trailer using the chain to guide his head and a butt rope or buggy whip to urge him forward.

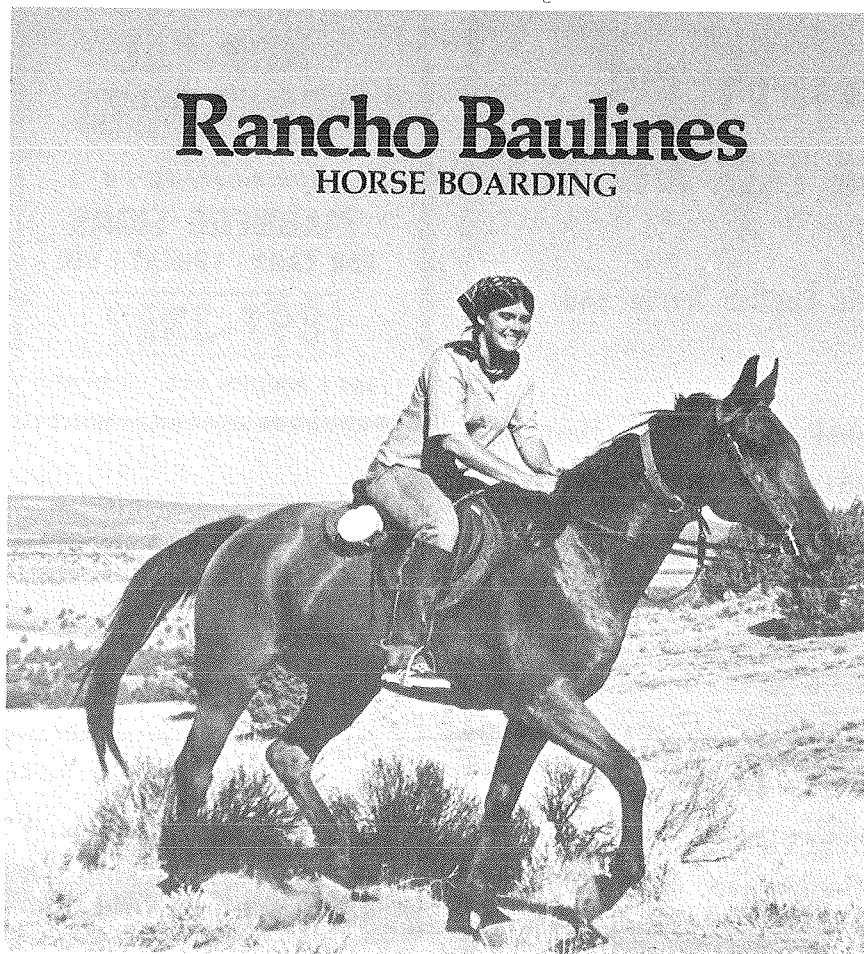
Another word of caution: if the chain is used to control a horse when clipping, don't touch the chain with the clippers or the clippers may ground out and shock the horse.

The chain is a humane method for controlling an unruly horse because it gets the job done quickly with less fuss than other restraining devices and the better a horse behaves, the less he is punished.

There may be gum bruising and some cutting which may cause minor bleeding, but better it be his blood and not yours.

Never tie a horse up with the shank in his mouth or serious injury could result. After using the chain for three successive shoeings and obtaining no improvement, cease using it and see if the horse stands. Even just the simple placement of the chain across the gums is enough to settle many animals so they can be worked on.

Avoid using the chain on a green colt because he doesn't know any better.

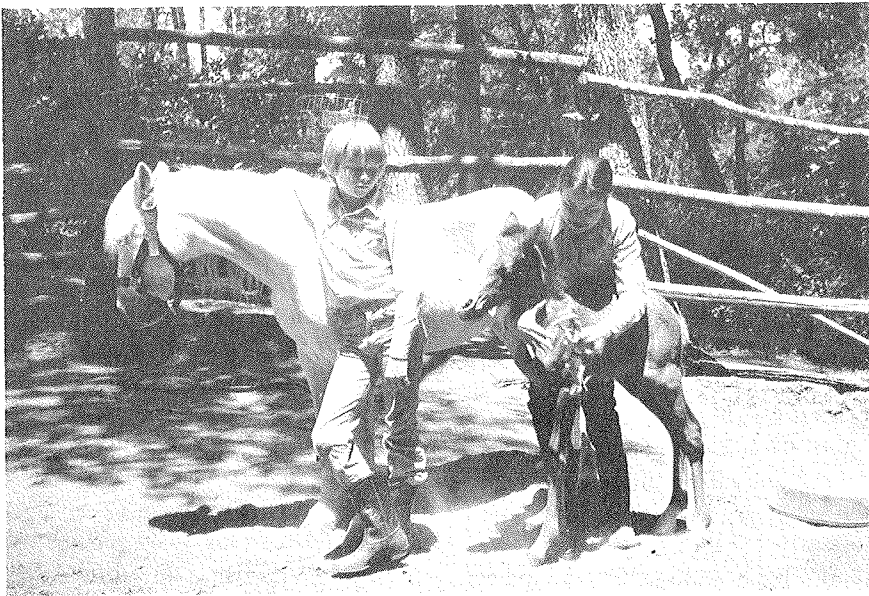


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"Now, now it's just a halter," Carolyn Starr seems to be telling Fayre's Moonlight's two-day old colt as she tries to get hold of him for picture taking. Carolyn's son, Obie, a member of the Ross Saddlebreds 4-H Club and Moonlight don't appear to be impressed by the colt's antics. Though the mare is an import from Wales, the colt is a native American. His sire is the well-know Welsh pony Wickenden Osprey owned by the Roy Stradans of Elk Grove.

BEST OF LUCK

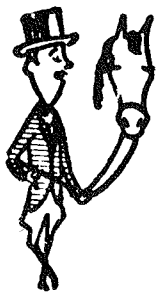
Barbara
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Golden Gate Arab Show

This year's Golden Gate Arabian Horse Show will be held on June 15, 16 and 17 at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

So far, 510 entries have been received, says Golden Gate Arabian Horse Association secretary, Joan Carson, Horses may still be entered, she says, but at double entry fees.

Judges include the well-known veterinarian Dr. Richard Barsaleau from Loomis, Doyle Stanfill from Hood River, Oregon and Johnny Blincoe from Clements.



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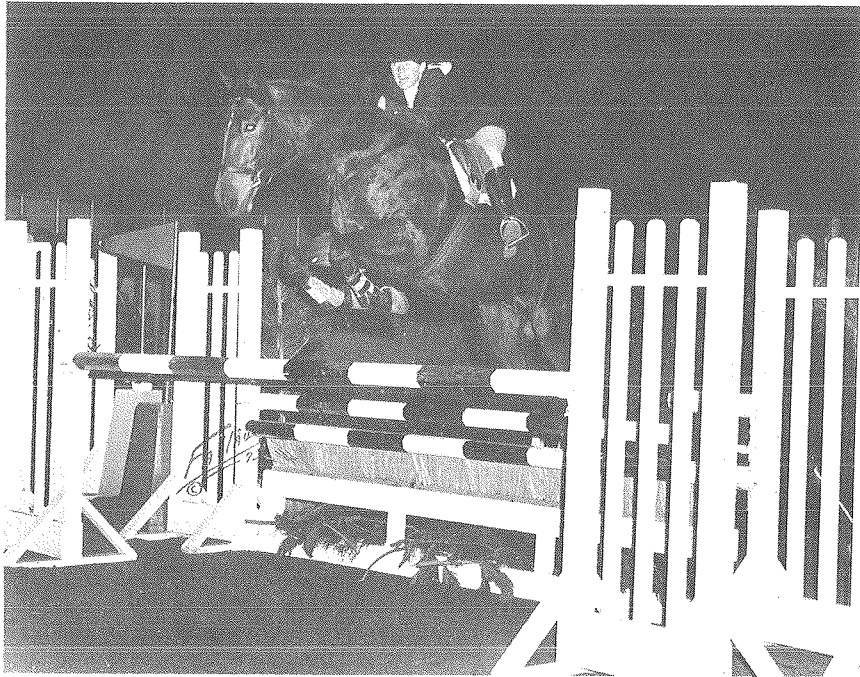
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ATHERTON CLUB STABLES



With Cinnamon Spice it's the case of the country girl who has gone to the big city and made a name for herself. Spice, who is owned by Cindy Yearsly and shown being ridden here by Stephanie Johnston, first showed she liked big jumps when a man knocked on the Yearslys door one night to say he'd found the mare strolling down the road after she jumped her four foot paddock fence. She also managed to clear her stall door from a standstill. First used for gymkhana competition, Spice is a whirlwind on a jump course. Her 31:4 seconds winning time got Stephanie a first in jumpers 14-15 at Cow Palace last month. The horse gets most of her exercise roaming the hills on the Yearslys ranch. Training is non-existent, says Stephanie, "You just head her for the jumps and away she goes!"

Drugging law amendment

Pat Austin, the helping hand at California State Horsemen's Association headquarters in Santa Rosa, has her ear to the ground where politics concern horses.

She has passed on a plea from George Cardinet, chairman of CSHA's Equine Coordination Committee, to encourage horsemen to write their state senators and assemblymen and urge them to vote against Assembly Bill 1645 which seeks to exempt horses sold at Thoroughbred sales from California's Drugging Act.

"The honesty and integrity of the market is at stake," Cardinet said in his statement released through the CSHA.

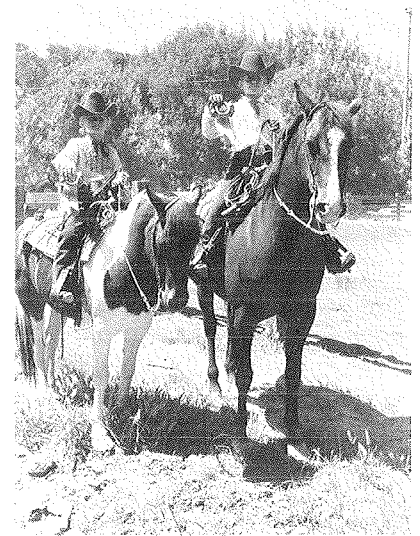
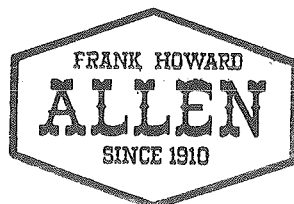
It would be interesting to learn what prompted the authors of the bill, Assemblymen Ray Ceeley and Leon Ralph, to promote legislation which, in effect, would not make it illegal to use drugs on horses which are offered for sale. They can be reached by mail at the State Capitol, Sacramento, Ca. 95814.

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Double trouble! Karen Koepke, left, on Wink and Kathy Koepke on Scooter took first and second place in the 10and Under Youth Class at a recent schooling show at Redwood Stables



EVE'S DROPPINGS

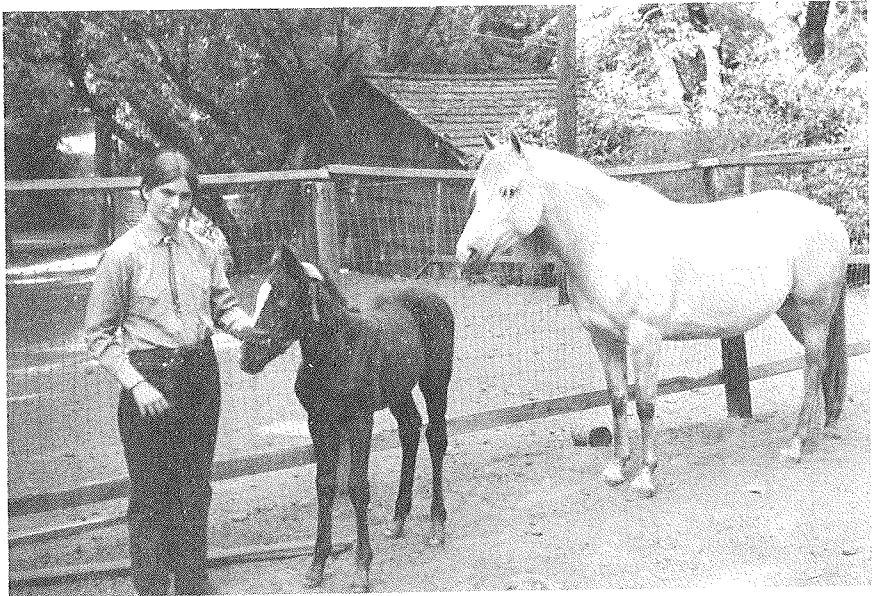
You had to laugh recently, when at a local schooling show, a German Shepherd considered himself a qualified contestant and absolutely would not leave the ring. Even the threat of the dog-catcher would not get rid of him but when the announcer offered a fifty-cent reward for the first on-looker who could lay his hands on the problem pooch, there were swarms of helpful hands!

Seriously, though, unleashed dogs at horse shows are a danger not only to horses and riders but especially to themselves.

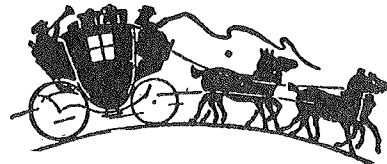
At a recent Novato Horse Show, a hunt seat rider made her debut as a poor sport. Angered by her horse's refusals over a jump course, she exited using four letter words. To add to the spectacle, she took her horse behind the grandstands and beat him. Many observers thought the whip would have found a better mark on the young lady's backside!

Juli Frick was having a beautiful round in one of her medal classes at Cow Palace when one member of the ring crew got carried away with a handful of dirt. Unfortunately, Juli's horse swerved and the class was lost. Juli is much admired and well liked by everyone. It was a disappointment to all.

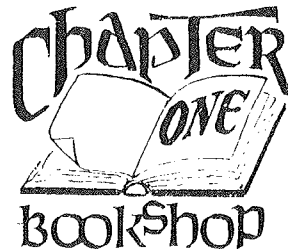
Sometimes you wonder whether some judges have poor eyesight or just bad memories. At one show recently, it seemed that you had to take a wrong lead, refuse a fence or trip over the tire obstacles to win a blue ribbon.



Nancy Stafford of Ross rushes home from school every afternoon to see how Narvana and her filly, Natara de Alborak (Terry for short) are doing. Narvana, whom Nancy bought from Jack Nunn, was bred to Mel Bridges' Mon-Ghari. From the looks of the filly, there's a lot of Arab in the family.



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Wilderness issue at Pt. Reyes

CSHA's Nancy McCall would like to call horsemen's attention to a potential threat to Pt. Reyes National Seashore before it becomes an accomplished fact.

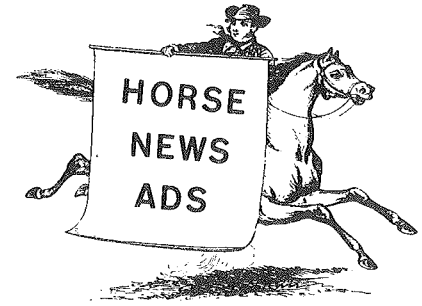
When the park was first bought, it was agreed that about 5,000 acres would remain as a wilderness area with the rest remaining open to horsemen, hikers and bicyclists.

Recently, however, there has been pressure brought by conservationists to add 10,000 additional acres to the wilderness preserve.

According to Nancy, the park management is not in agreement with

the proposal agreeing with the CSHA that prohibiting firefighting vehicles and emergency vehicles from gaining access to the area (because no fire roads would be permitted) would be a risk to the area which could fall prey to an uncontrolled fire and to hikers who might, for one reason or another, need an ambulance or resuscitator unit.

"I'm all for keeping things wild and natural," Nancy said, but urges Marin horsemen to sign the CSHA petitions which have been distributed to saddle and feed stores.



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Red Bluff Arab Show

Edie and Harry Lehman, Shelly Franklyn, Marie Franklyn and Joan and Sally Carson did well by Marin's Arabs at the Northern California Arabian Horse Show in Red Bluff last month.

Harry and Joan placed fifth and second in the Jack Benny Class while Sally rode to a fifth in Western Pleasure Amature to Ride.

Marie showed J. Stimson's Lucky Storm at halter for a reserve in Geldings over Seven.

Daughter Shelly took him to second in English Pleasure Open, sixth in Pleasure Amature Stake, second in English Pleasure Amatures to Ride, third in Arabian Side Saddle Open,



fourth in English Pleasure 13-17 and sixth in English Pleasure Amature stake.

Shelly also rode the Carson's Tegula for a first in Hunt Seat Equitation 17 and under and a third in Saddle Seat Equitation.

Harry took his Namun to a reserve in Trail, while Edie showed Turiff for a fifth and sixth in halter and rode him to two second place wins in Novice Pleasure and Maiden Pleasure.

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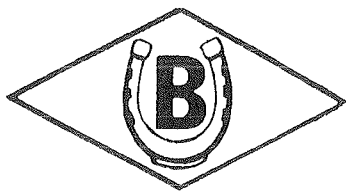
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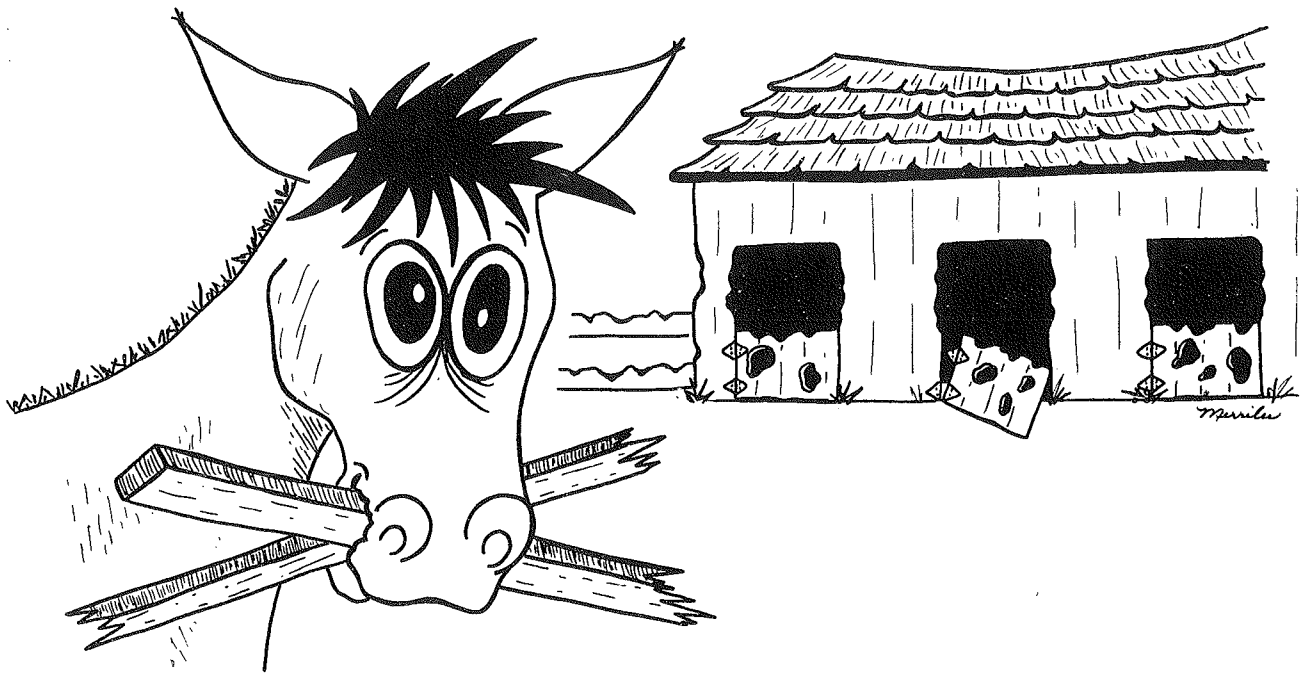
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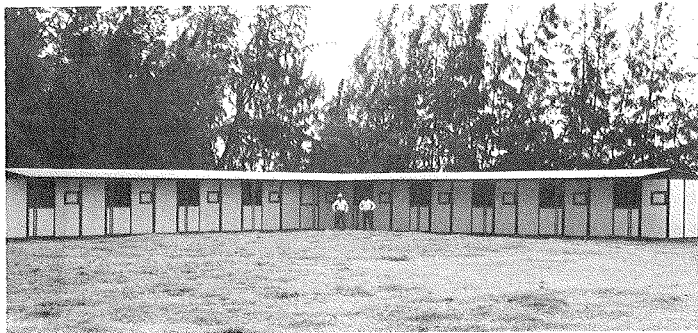
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