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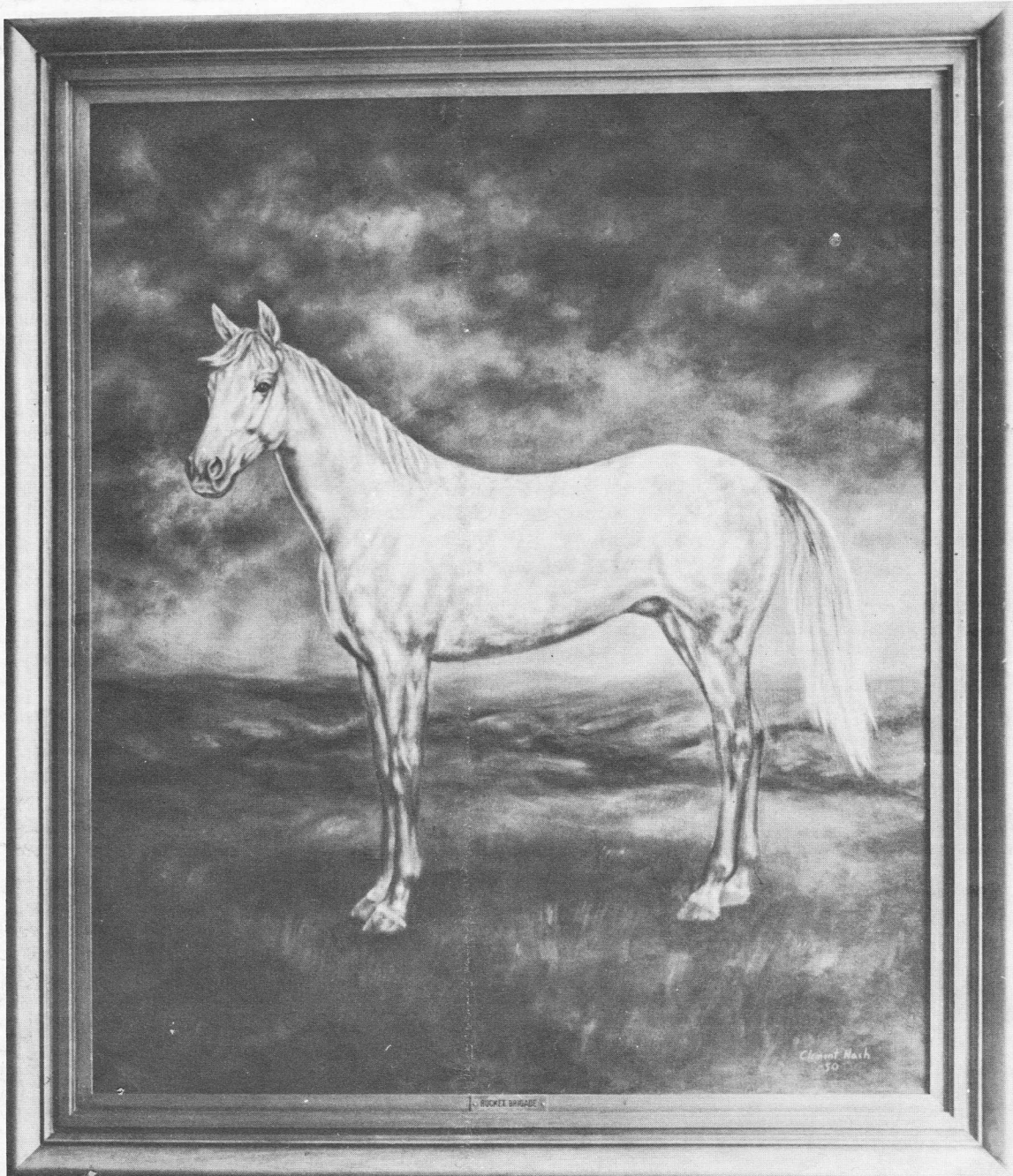
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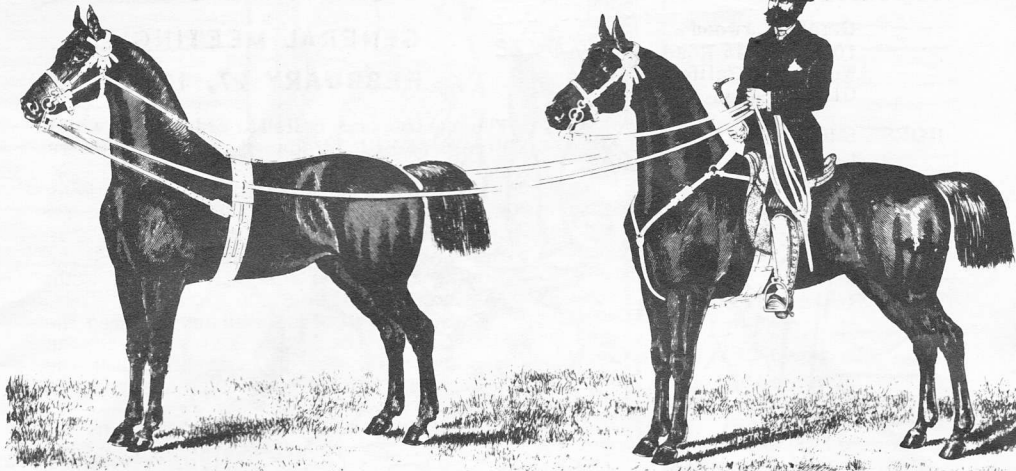


The Painting of Sam Kriegers Horse "Bucket Brigade--a Dapple Gray--by Clem Nash who is the father of our Junior member Patricia. Now on Exhibit at The Chukker on 20th & El Camino in San Mateo along with other paintings of his.



## AN OPEN GATE IS A CLOSED GATE

*Together we ride*



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members:

It is indeed encouraging to note the fine attendance and the new members present at all of our meetings thus far this year. Roughly, I would say the attendance was about 85% at the meetings and almost 100% at the Directors meeting. This is an excellent indication that our horsemen - beginners and old timers - young and old - are becoming more acutely conscious of the part we must all play in a strong, harmonious County Association if we wish to continue to enjoy our horses.

The Legislative Committee appointed on February 15th at the suggestion of Rich Delucchi may prove to be one of our most important committees. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rich, Creed Haberlin and Pete Towne for their interest and the fine job they have already started. These active fellows, along with Pitt Winchell when he returns to the fold, will do everything they can to maintain cooperation between our horse group and the various County Legislative bodies.

Thanks to Ed Zwierlein, Creed Haberlin and a few others who have worked very hard on the project, our county-wide trails are shaping up very nicely - but we still have a long ways to go.

We, of the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association, are indeed fortunate in having so many fine people among us who are willing to devote so much time and effort to help our common cause - horses.

We are not all able to do this.

All of us however are able to support those people and help ourselves in many other ways.

All of us can make an all-out effort to secure active members for our Association. This is not just another plug for memberships. It is a sincere attempt to get everyone interested in horses together in a friendly group, so that we may have a common understanding of the problems, courtesies and laws - written and unwritten - which the ownership of a horse involves.

We can all maintain a constant vigil against thoughtless acts which would antagonize people against our horses.

**OPENED GATES, SMOKING IN HAZARDOUS SPOTS, BROKEN FENCES, LOOSE HORSES, DIRTY NEGLECTED BARN AND PADDOCKS - ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE JUST ASKING FOR UNFAVORABLE LEGISLATION AND CLOSED RIGHTS OF WAY.**

Maybe you are tired of hearing me preach. This did not start out to be a sermon, really, but this subject is so close to me it is hard to get away from it. I have been a resident of San Mateo County for over fifteen years and have seen so many changes come about that I cannot help feeling concerned over the future of any outdoor activity, such as ours, which requires as its very backbone, trails and open country.

On reading back over this letter I feel that I sound rather pessimistic. I really am not. On the contrary, I am very hopeful of the future of our County as a real horsemen's paradise, but am realistic enough to realize that we "the horsemen of today" have to think and plan for our future. San Mateo County is rapidly changing from a rural ranching and farming county into a suburban, residential county. We cannot halt this "progress" but we can plan to live with it.

**Bill Louw, President**

### BUT WHY DO THEY HATE HORSES?

Nobody admires scientists more than we do. They're usually a likeable crowd, and most of this country's abundant necessities, near-necessities and just plain deluxe goodies came into being because some smart American scientist thought them up.

But why do they hate horses so?

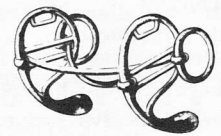
Everybody remembers the old story of the early scientist-farmer who put green glasses on his old plug and led him up to a sawdust pile. Might have taught him to enjoy sawdust, too, if the nag hadn't keeled over and died of starvation just as he was getting used to the new flavor.

Now, in the otherwise fine The Poor laboratories of the General Nag Died Electric Co., a scientist named Dr. M. Dexter Bellamy is busily squirting electrons on sawdust. Thinks that'll do something to the tough lignin part of wood, so horses or anyway cows will eat it.

But why any of these sawdust blue-plates when there's still lots of crispy-crunchy hay and oats around? Has any scientist ever been courteous enough to ask a horse how he feels about it?

As we say, we think most scientists are valuable and pleasant gents. But as to these grim test-tubers who work year after year, trying stubbornly to make horses eat sawdust: if the horse kingdom all of a sudden rebels and starts kicking the bejabbers out of these characters, we won't be surprised and we doubt if we'll even feel sympathetic.

Sunday News - New York



### HORSE LAFFS

Man leading a sad looking horse down the street. Meets a stranger, asks his help to lead the horse into a house. Right in and upstairs and into a bathroom. Then he gets a gun and shoots the horse.

"Mind telling me why you shot this poor horse?" asked the stranger.

"Well, friend, it's this way. I have a brother-in-law and every time I tell him something he always says, 'I know it. I know it!' I'm getting darn sick and tired of hearing him say 'I know it.' So you know what's gonna happen? My brother-in-law is coming over to dinner tonight. He will go upstairs to wash his hands. Then he's coming down with a smug look on his face. And he's gonna say, 'There's a dead horse in the bathroom.' And do you know what I'm gonna say? I KNOW IT!'"

Nowadays a girl has to work like a horse to get a groom.

*The X-change*

"Why did the foreman fire you?"

"Well, the foreman is the man who stands around and watches others work."

"Yes. But why did he fire you?"

"He got jealous. A lot of fellows thought that I was the foreman."

*Patuxent River Tester*

## JUNIOR HORSE TALES

by Nancy Babb

This is a new year for the Junior Horsemen with lots of new stories and ideas for me to write about. I'll mention at this point, for the benefit of those of you who didn't show your bright faces at our first meeting of the year, that our new advisors are Mr. and Mrs. Orval Burris. In case you don't recall the name you may remember Mr. Burris as one of the chaperons on our overnight ride.

We've gotten off to a great start with eight new members present at our first meeting. The names of these fine horsemen are: Lyndia Shine, Debby Wallace, Bill Ralston, Sally Guild, Sharon Defty, Tony Babb, Denis Dal Don, and last but not least Sharrel Hales. This turn-out should make you "oldies" sit up and take notice. The three guests of the evening were Ruby Akers, Timmy Hindman, and Patty Henderson.

During Christmas vacation Sharon Defty acquired two calves and a horse, which at the moment are in Arizona on her uncles ranch. She hopes to have them here very soon. I also understand that "Big Brother" Pete has two calves, also in Arizona.

Audrey Vitale is all smiles now. Her dad has given her a brown white-faced mare, which she calls Bonny. We are all expecting Audrey to show her stuff on her new mare in the coming horse shows.

Did you hear Phyllis Porter humming the "Hawaiian War Chant" at our last meeting? It's very likely you did as she spent the Xmas holidays dancing under the stars at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. I didn't know they had horses in Hawaii-or was that the attraction?

Two fellas who also went traveling during the holidays were Dick and Charles Knowdell. They went to Canada to visit relatives.

It seems nobody stays home these days. Marna Ward, Mary Browne, and myself are going to Mills College February 16th for English riding instructions.

GIRLS--Here's a new trick to try in your spare time, "rounding-up nineteen head of horses in a tight skirt!" Jackie Burris should be able to give you a few pointers on how this is done. A couple of weeks ago, when the horses broke through the fence and started running up and down the Alameda, Jackie saw that this was a situation which must be remedied immediately. Jackie came to the rescue. However, she found that riding in a tight skirt was difficult if not impossible--so--the heck with the skirt. Two hours and forty-five police calls later the horses were back behind the fences.

It was decided at the last meeting that the Junior Horsemen would publish a "year book" at the end of this year. The book will consist of pictures and articles about the different events of the year. A "year book" committee has been formed, those on the committee are: Charles Knowdell, Sharon Werner, Phyllis Porter, Jane Jarvis, Joan Sanders, Margarie Robins, Ruby Akers, Jackie Hunt, Caroline Hindt, Sylvia Henderson, Sally Guild, and Bruce Howard. In order for the "year book" to be a success it will need the full support of every member.

Another committee that formed was the "Planning Committee". Its purpose is to plan the meetings and the different events of the year. From this group will come the various other committees, such as, rodeo, horseshow, dance, and etc. Besides the officers some of the volunteers are: Sharon Greer, Bruce Howard, Nancy Pennington, Jackie Burris, Carl Benz, Dick Obrien, Ed Ward, Chuck Pennington, Jan Larsen, Joan Sanders, Margarie Robins, Sylvia Henderson, Tony Babb, Bill Ralston, Sally Guild, and Ruby Akers. The February meeting was on the 18th.

I see by my notes that I've reached

THE END OF THIS TALE



SAD SAM SAYS 'IT'S SHORE GONNA TAKE A HEAP O' DIGGIN' TO GET THA OLDRHOSS OUTA THER'

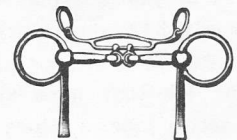
## ARE YOU A GOOD HOUSEKEEPER?

This heading may sound like silly talk to a horseman, but good housekeeping, when applied to horsemanship, does make good sense and a good neighbor, too. The present emphasis on local and county ordinances to prohibit livestock in certain areas is alarming many owners and fanciers of the equestrian world. Actually, it should come as no surprise. If a human being damages your property, it's most irritating and most of us offer them big threats of bodily injury in retaliation.

The fact that a horse is on the loose and tramping over other peoples' property is not viewed with sufficient seriousness on the part of the owner. And he, too often, doesn't realize he's making himself a very unwelcome neighbor in his community. Then, too, is the subject of unsightly stables, sheds, corrals, and other structures that go with keeping horses. No one wants to own property near a dilapidated, stinky, horseman's hangout. So, folks, it's up to all of us. If you want a good neighbor, be a good neighbor. We are a minority group in any community and can easily be ordinances out of the picture.

If you don't think it's a serious situation, go to your county seat or city hall and ask them to give you a copy of the ordinance covering the ownership of horses in your community. If you can live up to the law to the letter, you will be a good neighbor, and also surprised at how hard it would be to comply with the law. In most communities, the mere fact that you have flies on your property is enough to put you out of business if one of your neighbors chooses to complain.

So, folks, let's start at home and do a little house-cleaning and gate closing so that our neighbors will greet us with a smile and not a scowl when we ride our hobby.



## YOUR ASSOCIATION

by Bobby Haberin

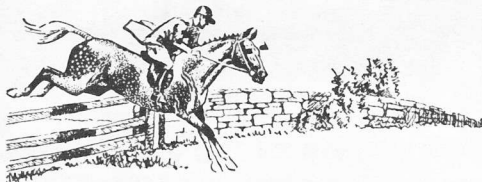
The San Mateo County Horseman's Association was originally formed to serve the interests of horse people in the County and to heighten their interest and pleasure in owning and riding horses, and of course for the educational and social enjoyment of its members.

Looking at our present day organization and the progress over the years we can surely feel a justification for its existence. But right now the need for a strong central unit is more necessary than formerly just to insure us of a place to ride our horses in the near future, now that new subdivisions and buildings are closing up areas which were formerly free for trails. Even feeder trails to the State Trail will become more of a problem as subdivisions develop. The County Officials can and are cooperating to help as much as possible with problems that arise.

To this organization every horse owner who wants to continue to enjoy riding the trails and horse activities should belong first. It's like a form of insurance. From there he can branch into any other group he feels can offer even more for his special needs, such as the various breed organizations, patrols, or posse groups. Our Association should never be looked on as competitive with these groups, but more as a representative body which encompasses and supports all the horse interests and activities.

Of necessity the nature of the County Organization must be cosmopolitan; it represents every breed of horse and nearly as many different styles of riding. The very area it represents is so scattered that it calls for a flexible, but at the same time, strongly knit group.

The fun, the rides, meetings and good fellowship are signs of a healthy organization with a place in it for every person that is interested. Unity, friendliness, and tolerance are the ingredients that will keep it whole--after all, it won't matter very much a few years hence which type of horse we think is best, or whether a certain policy of the organization met entirely with our personal approval, but look at the broader picture and do some part to help in establishing the horse in the permanent structure of the County as it will be a few years from now. That's what counts.



## SAN CARLOS ROUND-UP

by Puna

Believe it or not, this column made its appearance in the first issue of the "San Mateo Horseman" published over seven years ago. For the benefit of the new members, I would like to reminisce a little upon past history. Before the introduction of our present magazine, the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association published a mimeographed sheet traditionally printed on pink paper and known as the "Pink Shirt". When it was decided by the membership that it would like to have a magazine, a contest was held to decide the name of this new publication and I was the lucky winner. I still have the prize which was awarded - a beautiful oil painting done by our friend Harry Tyrell - hanging above my mantel. At this time I was Associate Editor of the magazine writing an article concerning our local Carlosians under the heading "San Carlos Round-Up".

The hills in back of San Carlos and Belmont have never received as much publicity as horse centers as some of the other sections of our county, but we really have quite an active little horse group right in back of our hills. There are many horses stabled back here and we are fortunate in having many miles of trails. We do not claim to compete with the Woodside area, but we are still rather proud of the fact that we have some very fine riding in our own back yard.

Just a few hundred yards from our own Sammy's barn, is Bob and Beulah Ferranti. These hard working people are making a real show place out of their newly purchased home and they are keeping their two horses in a beautiful barn in the midst of a very large paddock.

A little further up the canyon are the McDuffies who have two very fine horses - a palomino and a pinto.

Just up the hill from Beulah and Bob are the Penningtons with their three horses. Nancy, the daughter, one of our active little Juniors, has been showing her new Palomino colt in the Futurity and we hope to see her again this year.

Back-tracking a little and going south, are the Montgomerys who have many beautiful acres of pasture in a completely hidden valley that one would have difficulty finding unless one knew where to start looking for it. I believe they have three horses at the present time. Incidentally, Jack, their son was one of our first Junior Presidents.

Over the hill from the Montgomerys is the Three Sisters Ranch where our good Editor, Karl Hoffman, and Stan Schlichting stable their horses. This ranch is also so well hidden from the road that few people realize that it covers many acres of beautiful rolling pasture land dotted with native oaks.

West of the Montgomerys we ride into the pasture of Orval and Mrs. Burris, our worthy Junior Advisors, who we understand are pasturing some eighteen horses in addition to their own. While the Burris' home is located in Redwood City, we like to think of them as Carlosians since the biggest part of their pasture is probably closer to San Carlos than it is to Redwood City.

Continuing on the top of the hill and riding north of the Burris, we come to the ranch formerly owned by Hillis Hubbard and operated as the H H Ranch. Many years have gone by since Hillis operated his dude ranch and during the war the K-9 core took over this property as a dog training center. After this was abandoned it reverted back to Hillis and after several changes we now find George Wing in the driver's seat operating a fine boarding stable under the name of the J G Stables. The top of Portola Mesa where the J G Stables are located, can boast of many miles of riding in both directions. It joins the Spring Valley lands, so those fortunate enough to have passes have some of the most beautiful riding in the entire state practically at the back door of these stables.

My apologies to any horse-loving Carlosians I may have missed, but I have tried to tell you now about the horses I know of immediately in back of San Carlos. There is our neighboring community "Belmont" who probably can boast of just as many, if not more, horsemen than San Carlos but if I were to start talking about these people I would make my article entirely too long, so I will have to postpone that for a future date.

### ADDITIONAL

#### JUNIOR MEMBERS AS OF

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Akers, Ruby  
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Dollase, Wally  
Elkus, Gene  
Elkus, Howard  
Ernst, Paul D.  
Gartee, Gary  
Lind, Sharon  
Maschio, Luana  
Montgomery, Jan  
Olson, Sandra  
Porter, Phyllis  
Ralston, Janet  
Robins, Marjorie  
Sawyer, Jeanette  
Seaver, Sally Ann  
Terhune, Judy  
Warren, Carol Sue  
Whitaker, Sally



### ADDITIONAL SENIOR MEMBERS AS OF

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Beeck, Kisa  
Bettencourt, Berneice  
Bettencourt, Enos  
Bradley, Esther Galyean  
Bradley, John Rupert  
Castleman, Eddie  
Castleman, Flo  
Clarke, L. E.  
Elkus, Jr., Eugene  
Fischer, Sylvia  
Fischer, Sylvia "Skid"  
Friedel, Natalia L.  
Goldsmith, Walter  
Hartley, John  
Hebert, Dr. Ben  
Hollister, Ann  
Holvick, Carl A.  
Humphries, Fay  
Johnson, Robert L.  
Krieger, Sam  
Krieger, Mrs. Sam  
Larsen, John  
Lopez, John "Toots"  
Mak, Jud  
Mak, Vera W.  
Montgomery, Violet  
Musch, Jackie  
Olson, Doris C.  
Poulsen, Bert B.  
Priger, Lillian  
Priger, Milton J.  
Real, Prof. Linton M.  
Rodriguez, Joe  
Rohn, M. F.  
Ross, Jack S.  
Schromm, Muriel K.  
Smith, L. C.  
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## HORSE TRAIL ETIQUET

There are certain definite points of etiquet to be observed by all considerate riders of the horse trails and bridle paths, I have learned by actual experience since I began taking instruction from Elmer J. Holdorf. I quote a few of them below, substantially as they were given to me:

Be considerate to your mount always, or good riders will condemn you, perhaps even to your face.

If you're to ride in company with some one else, don't start out until your companions are mounted, or you will make their steeds restless.

It's best not to cluck at your horse to start him or urge him on faster. Other mounts nearby may respond to it. Anyhow, it isn't necessary.

Keep your horse under control at all times, and especially when others are about you; most saddle horses are spirited creatures, easily excited.

### *Some Horses Kick*

Don't ride less than half a length away from the horse in front, which may kick no matter how well behaved he is considered.

Scold your horse if he shows signs of biting another. Usually a sharp word from you is enough to remind him of his manners.

Never run your horse past other mounted riders. Horses are very susceptible to the example of others of their kind, and you might start a small stampede.

Pass approaching horses to the right. Keep to the right side of the trail for other riders who are overtaking you

It's a good rule to speak a word of greeting to other riders you meet, whether you know them or not. Equestrians, unlike motorists, make a point of being pleasant to each other.

When riding with other equestrians, group the horses rather than the riders. It's a form of cruelty to compel a spirited horse to stay behind a plodder.

### *Don't Let Horse Browse*

Keep your mount from browsing along the trail. It's not only impolite on the horse's part (and a well-mannered horse knows this), but it's also destructive of park and forest preserve plant life, that should be saved for every one's enjoyment.

While fording a stream, don't run your horse or he may fall. And it's best not to halt him in the water. He might shy and give you an unexpected bath.

Don't let your horse drink at a ford unless you're going to exercise him considerably right away. Even then, he should drink sparingly. And never let an overheated horse drink at the end of a ride; it may injure him permanently.

Keep to the established trails. A horse's hooves quickly destroy grass, wild flowers, and young trees.

### *And Avoid Mudholes*

Steer your horse around mudholes if possible. Getting him muddy is not only unsightly, but it makes extra work for the stable hands.

Be careful of fire. Be sure your cigarettes and matches are extinguished before you throw them away. Report suspicious smoke at the nearest telephone.

Stop and look both ways before crossing a highway.

Don't lose your temper with your horse. Set him a good example by being calm at all times. Never betray any fear you might feel. A horse is quick to take its cue from its rider.

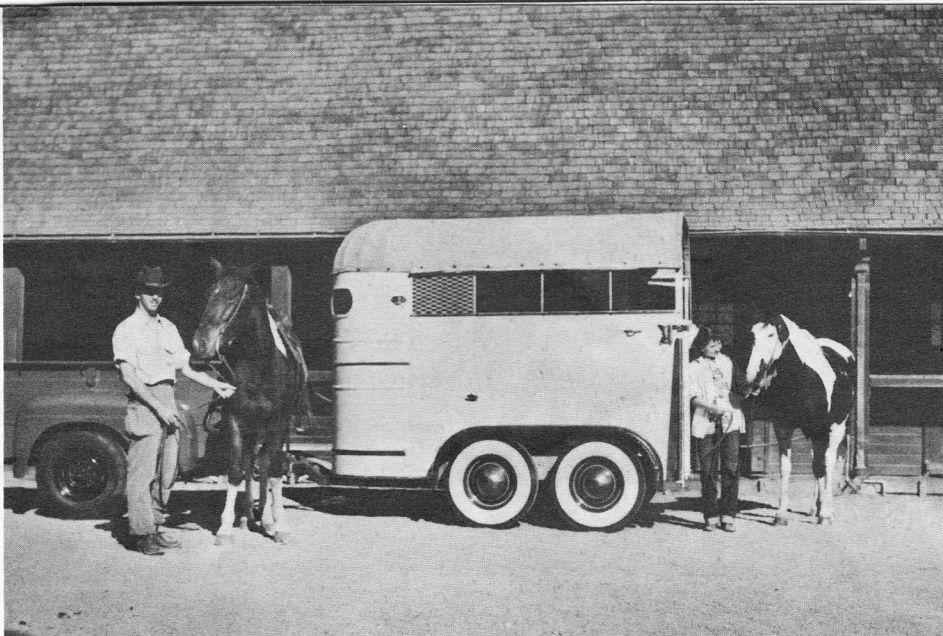
Don't be a drug store cowboy, the name horsemen contemptuously apply to wild riders.

Disregard of the simple rules of good horsemanship stamps you as being either ignorant or boorish.

### **An Open Gate is a Closed Gate**

## COMING EVENTS

|                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| March 26:       | Entertainment Meeting        |
| March 30:       | Day Ride                     |
| April:          | Open                         |
| May 4:          | Open Horse Show              |
| June 1:         | Day Ride                     |
| June 25:        | Outdoor Meeting-M.P. Grounds |
| July:           | Parade and Rodeo             |
| August 9:       | Moonlight Ride               |
| August 16:      | Dinner Dance                 |
| August 31:      | Futurity and Play Day        |
| September 13-14 | Overnight Ride               |
| September 24:   | Outdoor Meeting              |



Horse taxi service with all the trimmings by one of our members Tad Somers, and he's shown here at the Grandview Stables.

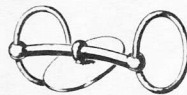
### THE BILL BYRNE FUTURITY

by Bobby Haberlin

We have a rather unique activity, for our type of organization, held each year in connection with our Play Day and that is the Annual Futurity. It was thought out and planned by a quiet little man who, because of his health could no longer actively work with horses, but in the three years before his death, found an outlet for his love and knowledge of well-bred horses and in so doing contributed something of great value to the Association.

Bill Byrne was a quiet, soft spoken, man in his fifties, who had formerly worked with thoroughbreds. He never spoke too much of his own personal preference in breeds, but after knowing him you could surmise that his first love was the thoroughbred. But his one unyielding and firm conviction was for good breeding in colts, no matter what type of horse you preferred. His big idea was; don't just breed your mare to raise a colt; breed your mare so you'll raise a good colt with the good reason that it costs just as much to feed a good one as a poor one. So Bill Byrne, a man with a strong desire to encourage the interest in and practice of high standards of horse breeding, conceived, and put into effect, The San Mateo County Horseman's Futurity. In his honor it is now officially known as, The Bill Byrne Futurity.

It is an interesting and educational feature of our Organization and should be supported wholeheartedly by us, as it can well be listed as one of our major and enduring projects. . .to promote the interest in well bred horses in our County.



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