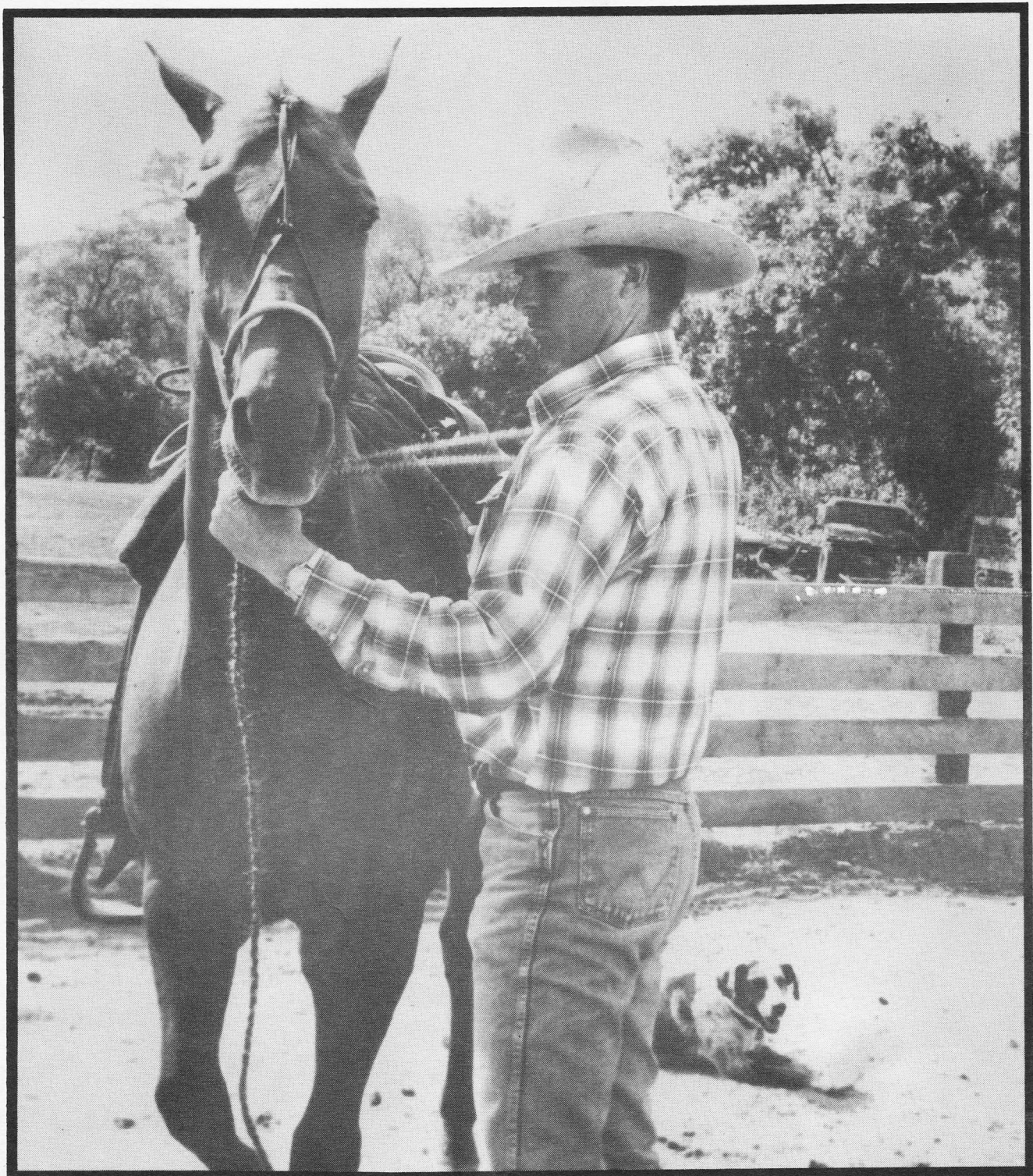


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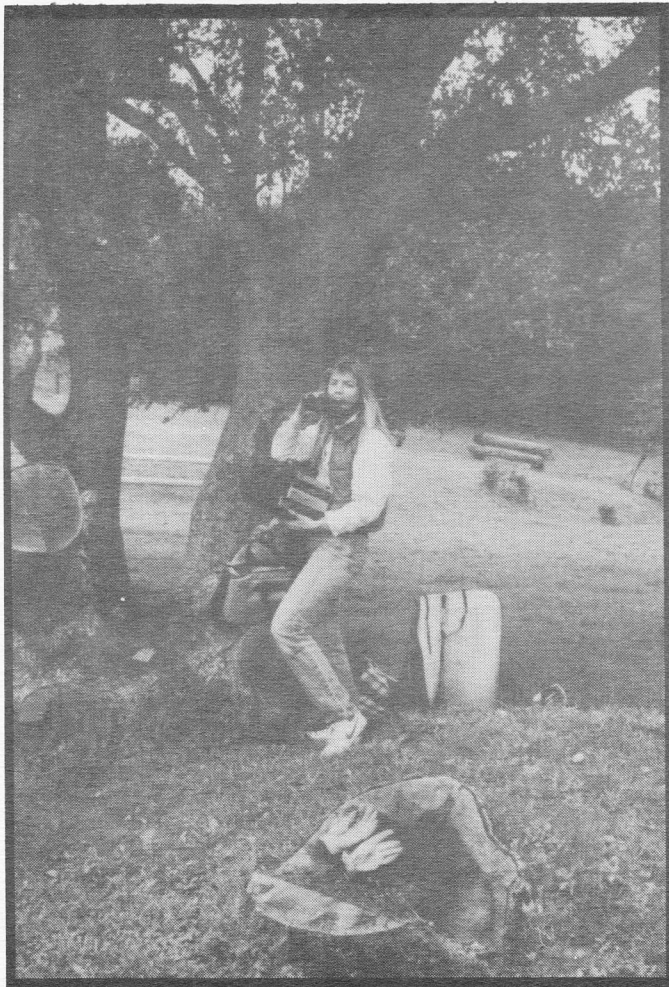
oops!

In keeping with tradition, we featured the current president of the San Mateo County Horsemen's Association on the cover of our Spring issue. Not in keeping with tradition, we neglected to identify him! Many of you, however, recognized our current president, Ron Harris. Our apologies to all who spent time fruitlessly searching the magazine for this information. Our most sincere apologies to Ron Harris for this inexcusable oversight. Many thanks to all who noticed our error and brought it to our attention!



COVER:

Lee Racicot of CROSS RANCH, site for a fundraising rodeo to build rodeos grounds on the coast. See inside story.



design a cover

CONTEST

Grab your cameras!

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We're looking for a cover for an upcoming issue. We know the talent is out there. Be creative! The rules are simple: entries must be horse-related and arrive no later than August 10, 1988. One winner will be chosen and featured on the cover. Two second place entries will be featured inside the magazine. All entries will be displayed at the August 14th show at the Woodside Mounted Patrol Grounds.

Send all entries to:

San Mateo Horseman
c/o Doug Reed
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The first half of 1988 is now history. I know the last half will be just as successful as the first, because of my great program directors and the many S.M.C.H.A. members who have been taking part in the activities. As you will read in the magazine, the participation has been at record highs in all of the activities so far this year.

The SMCHA sent a work group of 15 members to the Jack Brook Horse Camp in April and installed 12 new pipe corrals, making a total of 24 corrals at the Camp. This should really help the large groups using the facility.

Membership is on the rise. I am receiving letters every week from people

who have heard of our Association and want information on how to join. If you know of anyone wishing information on the Association, or wants an application, please have them call me at 365-0704.

A special thanks to Libby Armanino and Doug Reed, co-editors of the Horseman magazine for their excellent committee. It takes a lot of work to put this magazine together and they are doing a great job.

I am looking forward to the remaining months of my term. If you haven't taken part in an activity yet this year, please try to do so. I would like to meet you, and would invite any suggestions you may have on improving our Association.

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First issue. That's the tough one, they say. A lot of changes were made. The look was brand new. So, out it went. We worried and wondered. How will it go over? Well, the verdict is in. Based on the overwhelming number of comments, you loved it! For this, we offer our thanks and our promise to continue to try to produce a magazine that will elicit such praise as we have received. Many, many thanks to all for your faith in us and your wonderful comments.

With the coming of summer, a lot of us will be spending much of our free time outdoors. Much of that time will be spent training and riding our horses. Let's talk for a bit about our responsibilities. While working with our animals, it is most likely that more friends than usual will drop by to chat. Whether we are that worker or friend, we should all try and use our common sense. Don't let the conversation get so carried away that we forget what it is we are doing. If we are the friend dropping by, try to stay out of the way. Ask or wait to be asked before rushing in to help. Are you planning a vacation? If so, why not designate someone (if you haven't already) to be your substitute if an emergency should arise. If this person is unfamiliar with your horse, spend some time getting them used to one another. Whether you board or keep your horse on your property, let anyone who may be around (including neighbors) be aware that you have designated someone to represent you while you are away. It is amazing, the amount of well-intentioned neighbors that feel (because they may see your horse daily) that they can come into the paddock at will. Let's be good neighbors or boarders. Set up your emergency backup crew and give telephone numbers to those necessary.

We are all becoming aware that bicycles on certain trails have become a fact of life. Whether this will grow or continue remains yet to be seen. Whether we agree with it or not, let us take the initiative to make the trails safe for all users. Make it your responsibility to be aware of your surroundings when riding. Watch for the unexpected. If you witness an unsafe situation, report it to the proper authorities. Don't look for a confrontation. Let's be the group that all other trail user groups set as their example.

One bit of trail responsibility that we feel needs special mentioning is that of smoking on the trail. We are bombarded daily with news of drought conditions. It wouldn't take much in any year to start a disastrous fire. This year it is even more true. No time is a good time to smoke while riding. Please leave the cigarettes and cigars at home. Let's make responsibility our top priority.

See you on the trails,

Doug & Libby

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note:

Although the following is not an actual letter to the editor, we felt it was well worth repeating this excerpt from the Spring Down Low Down Newsletter:

If you are not already a member of the SMCHA, you might want to consider joining this organization. Their sole purpose is to promote horses and good horsemanship in our area, and they are, in large part, responsible for the wonderful trail system that is still available to us in San Mateo County. Without an organization such as this, the equestrian trails would no doubt be a thing of the past. If you interested in membership (which includes various social activities) drop them a line and someone will be in touch with you!

Our thanks to the fine people at Spring Down Equestrian Center for some very nice compliments.

Dear Editors:

I am writing you on behalf of the Friends of the San Francisco Police Department. As you may be aware, because of San Francisco's current budget crisis, the police department's historic mounted patrol is in danger of extinction. This elite unit is the second oldest mounted patrol in the United States. It was found in 1874 and has patrolled our city for the past 114 years.

These mounted officers patrol our parks and beach systems, downtown business districts, major sporting events, police all types of crowd control situations, and lead all of our civic parades. The mounted police are a great source of pride for our citizens and police officers alike. They are a living memorial to our heritage and deserve our support.

The mounted police unit's budget has been reduced by half for this coming fiscal year, 1988-1989. We are attempting to raise private funds through our tax exempt committee to fund the \$128,000 short fall for this fiscal year.

Any contribution you could provide in continuing this unique form of policing would be greatly appreciated. Checks made payable to the Friends of the San Francisco Police Department/Mounted Unit can be sent to the Office of the Chief of Police, 850 Bryant Streets, Room 525, San Francisco, Ca 94103.

The Friends of the San Francisco Police Department is a tax exempt charitable corporation registered with the State of California and the Internal Revenue Service, number 94-2738058.

Sincerely,

Joyce Farrow
Secretary

1988 EVENT CALENDAR

July

- 2-4 CTETA Combined Driving Event
- 4 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE in Redwood City.
- 7 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info: Karen Rowley 415-365-2229.
- 8 SMCHA GENERAL MEETING. Outdoor BBQ. Call Dick Convery at 415-851-2911 for more information or watch for your flyer in the mail.
- 9 WEBB RANCH: English Schooling horse show.
- 9-10 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL Jack Brook overnight. Info: 415-363-4020
- 10 Western schooling show. Joan McLaren at Webb Ranch.
- STANFORD DRESSAGE. Info: Fifi Holbrook 415-346-2600
- CTETA Schooling Show. Dressage, Show Jumping & Horse Trials.
- LOS VIAJEROS Ride at Fort Chronkite. Box lunch social. Info: 415-368-8785.
- 14 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info: Karen Rowley at 415-365-2229.
- 16-19 CTETA Brian Sabo Comprehensive Combined Training Clinic. Four days.
- 17 PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER English schooling show. Info: 415-854-4880
- HIDDEN VILLA CSHA Region 6 Horse Show. Western, English and jumping. High point for each division. Entry fee \$7.00.
- 21 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info: Karen Rowley at 415-365-2229.
- 23 SMCHA English horse show at Webb Ranch. Info: Noel Moody 415-322-6545.
- 24 SMCHA Western schooling show at Webb Ranch. Info: Noel Moody 415-322-6545.
- 28 SMCHA Western Riding Clinic at Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info: Karen Rowley 415-365-2229

August

- 6 SMCHA Junior Play Day at Webb Ranch.
- WEBB RANCH: English Schooling show
- 7 Western Schooling show. Joan McLaren at Webb Ranch.
- LOS VIAJEROS Ride in Woodside ending at Doris Lantz' house for swimming and fun. Info: 415-368-8785.
- HIDDEN VILLA Summer Show. Western, English, jumping and cross-country. Entry fee \$6.50
- 12-14 CTETA Horse Park SUMMER HORSE TRIALS.
- 14 SMCHA Western Schooling show at Mounted Patrol Grounds. Info: Noel Moody 415-322-6545.
- 19-21 CTETA United States Pony Club Regional "C-A" Rally.
- 20 CTETA Arabian Horse Exhibition.
- 21 STANFORD DRESSAGE. Info: Cathy Moran 415-328-5094.
- PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER English schooling show. Info: 415-854-4880.
- 27-30 CTETA Jim Wofford Comprehensive Combined Training Clinic 1-4 days.
- 27-28 SMCHA Overnight Ride at Jack Brook Horse Camp.

September

- 3-5 CTETA Horse Park COMBINED DRIVING EVENT
- 3-5 LOS VIAJEROS Three-day ride. Jack Brook Horse Camp. Full catering. Info: 415-368-8785.
- 4 HIDDEN VILLA 51st Annual Hidden Villa Horseplay. English, Western and cross-country. Info: 415-941-3086.
- 10-11 CTETA Brian Sabo Combined Training Clinic
- 16 SMCHA "Night at the Races". Bay Meadows Turf Club.
- 17 VOLUNTEER HORSE PATROL Fall Barbecue 1pm. Info: 415-363-4020.
- 18 STANFORD DRESSAGE. Info: Sara Saxe 408-736-9540.

- 18 PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER English schooling show. Info: 415-854-4880.
- CTETA Schooling Show. Dressage, Show Jumping & Horse Trials.
- HIDDEN VILLA Point to Point. Using a map, partners ride over a 2-3 mile course and pick up objects at designated points. Bring a backpack or saddle bags. Entry fee \$15.00
- 24 TALLY HO
- 25 SMCHA Senior Play Day.
- CTETA Woodside Pony Club FALL HORSE SHOW.

October

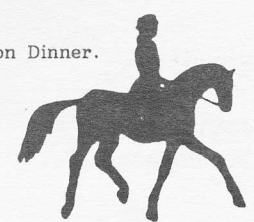
- 1-2 CTETA Jim Wofford Combined Training Clinic.
- 2 PORTOLA VALLEY TRAINING CENTER Sport Horse Show. Noon. Wine/Cheese/Tour/Demonstration. Info: 415-854-4880.
- 7 CTETA Fall Dressage Show I.
- 8 CTETA Fall Dressage Show II
- 14-16 CTETA Fall Horse Trials.
- 16 SMCHA Presidents Ride
- 23 STANFORD DRESSAGE: Info: Bonnie Hong 408-996-0577.
- 30 CTETA Schooling Show. Dressage, Show Jumping & Horse Trials.

November

- 6 LOS VIAJEROS Portola Valley famous "Carl Burgers". Everyone invited. Info: 415-368-8785
- 13 CTETA Schooling Show. Dressage, Show Jumping & Horse Trials.
- 16 SMCHA General Meeting. Election of new board members.

December

- 10 SMCHA Installation Dinner.



Noel Moody

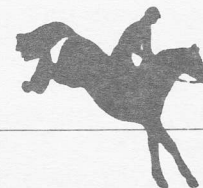


SMCHA HORSE SHOW BEGINS SEASON

The SMCHA-Webb Ranch five show series got off to a winning start June 12th as Marilyn Silva judged the twenty classes. The points earned count towards the high-point awards for the five show series which include silver buckles, monogrammed sheets, saddle blankets and bridle bags. The program is supported through the annual donation letter so please send in your response! A new added twist was the "used" tack sale which was held under the beautiful oak trees by the ring. We hope to have a repeat of the sale at our August 14th show at Mounted Patrol.

The next SMCHA western show will be at Webb Ranch July 24th with Darlene Bingham as judge. A SMCHA walk-jog class for members only will be featured so saddle up! The Webb show will be July 10th and will be the second show of the series. The SMCHA 39th Annual Open Western Horse Show will be held August 14th at the Mounted Patrol Grounds. It will be a NOR-CAL and Cal Grand recognized show and will feature a full halter division as well as pleasure, trail, and equitation divisions. A tiny tots class will be part of the program as well as beginning, green, and novice classes and a trail stake and a pleasure stake. We will also have a used tack sale so if you would like to sell something, call Dorothy Myers 368-4332 or Ron Harris 365-0704. This is our big show of the year so mark your calendar!

Noel Moody



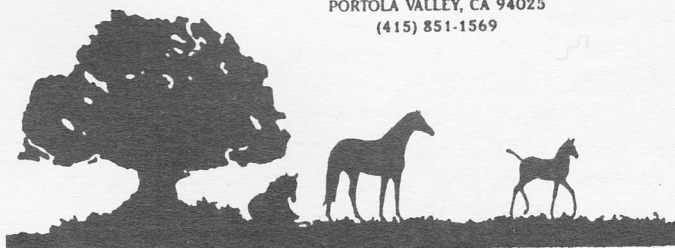
ENGLISH SHOW and ENGLISH CLINIC

English Show July 23rd! Yes, you heard correctly! With the help of Nancy Van Zwol, SMCHA will have a wonderful show featuring low jump classes, a pony division, and many beginning and novice classes. It will be at Webb Ranch. Twelve flat classes will be held in the morning beginning at nine, so please mark your calendar, Saturday July 23rd!

The first SMCHA English Riding Clinic was held at Webb Ranch on June 11th. Nancy Van Zwol worked everyone into a sweat with a good workout on flat riding and a second session on beginning jumping. It was such a success that three more clinics will be held on Wednesday evenings. Call Sue Sheehan 851-0296 for information or Ron Harris 365-0704.

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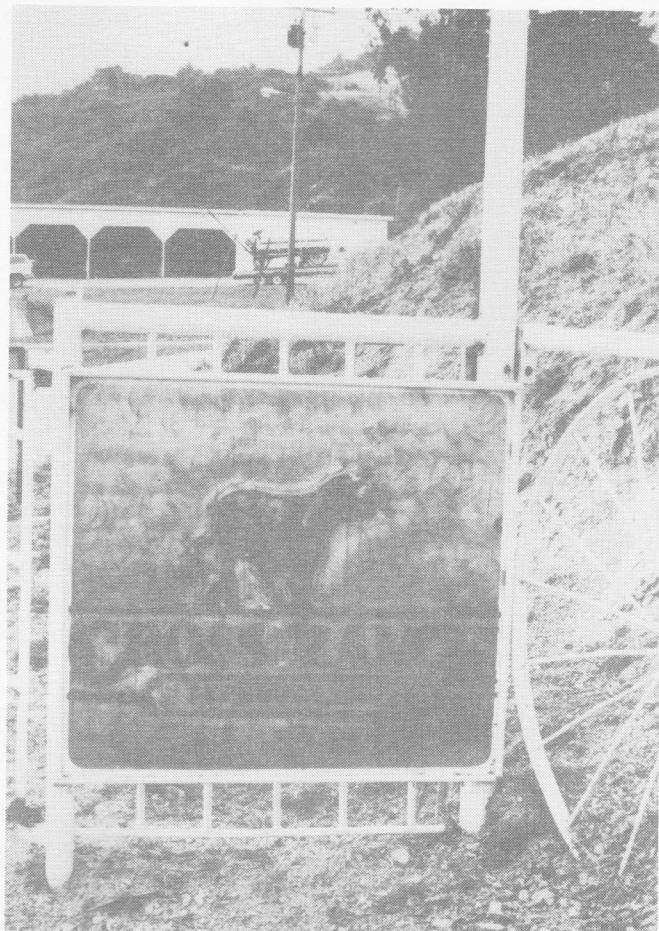
Libby Armanino

It's hard to imagine a working cattle ranch in San Mateo County. None-the-less, there is one and it's located in Pescadero. Not only that, but it's owned and operated by one of the most honest and nicest people there is. That may well be just the opinion of this one writer but ask Joan McLaren. She'll tell you the same thing. The name of this cattle operation is CROSS RANCH and it's owned and operated by Lee Racicot.

CROSS RANCH's headquarters are on 3,000 acres of grazing lands and at full capacity, run four to five hundred head of cattle at all times (on a dry year such as this one, they run a little less). Lee also runs cattle down at UC Santa Cruz and has several 1,000 acre leases locally in San Mateo County. His cow/calf operation is vertically integrated and he raises his own brood cows and calves. To keep the stock at normal capacity he purchases yearlings to add to the herd. He's been at his present location for 3 years now.

CROSS RANCH custom feeds and custom slaughters and retails their own product. A large percentage of this meat goes into a line of meat called "Clean and Lean" which is chemically free. They service over 475 commercial as well as individual accounts. They recently signed on with the Price Club in Redwood City and so you should be seeing the "Clean and Lean" label shortly! They sell both fresh and frozen meats.

As for their horse operation, they keep 45 to 50 head of horses on the place. Five to seven are outside horses that are in training by CROSS RANCH. Fifteen to twenty of the lot are colts that they are breaking to sell or use around the ranch, and the balance are broke, performance horses that are in the finishing stage of training. They place an emphasis on training quarter horses but do take all kinds. Lee's training philosophy consists of working with the horse and attaining the highest and most direct potential out of the horse. In other words, using the horse's natural ability to it's fullest



extent. He looks at each horse as an individual. He's been earning money and breaking horses for a living for close to 10 years and has worked with and under some of the best "spade bit" men during the 70's in Oregon and Nevada. He doesn't agree with the new methods of horsebreaking. He knows that a solid foundation takes time and concentrates on building that foundation so that it can be added to later on. While I was there the other day, he was re-training a horse and I noticed the double rein set-up. He says it takes him three to three and a half years to "finish off" a horse properly. One of the biggest problems today is pushing a horse too fast in training just to get a quicker result. Lee doesn't agree with that philosophy. A horse that has a solid foundation will always perform well, for many years to come.

Two new additions to the CROSS RANCH operation are his two little girls, Jessica (they call her Jessie) who is 6 1/2 months old and Kerrie who is 20 months old. Lee says he's looking for a boy the next time around just so he can call him "Bronco"! Jessie and Kerrie are both experienced riders, Jessica was on horseback within 10 days and Kerrie was on in 6 days of being born. Each have their own herd of cattle started. Dad gave them each a cow when they were born and are given another one for their birthdays, graduations and other special events in their lives. That way when they are 21 they can sell their herd for college tuition or to support a husband! (Dad wants me to believe that either choice would be fine but I'm not so sure...)

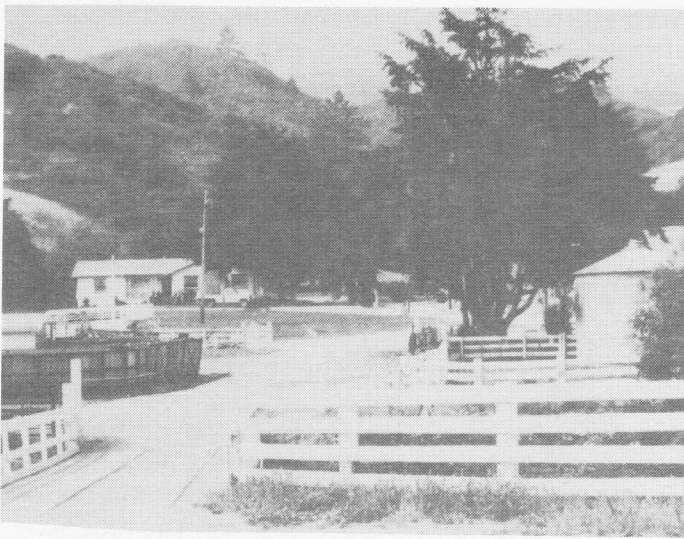
Jessie and Kerrie's mom, Anita, is not only a wife and mother but runs a full time catering business as well. She's also no stranger to ranch life having grown up on a dairy farm. We decided that it wasn't new, just "different"! Lee says they even have her roping now. Everyone takes turns showing her how and apparently she's quite good! Her catering business specializes in Santa Marie style B-B-Q's but can do anything and everything that requires a western atmosphere! Sometimes Lee gets into the action by providing hay rides at the parties. He has a team of draft mules that they use for feeding on the ranch as well as parties and parades.

I asked Lee if he was satisfied with everything that he had accomplished and

without a moment's hesitation, said he's always looking for good grazing grounds but for the most part is satisfied the way his horse/cattle/meat operation is going. I had to start prompting him to tell me what else goes on at CROSS RANCH (as if there needed to be more...) But I had heard of several other things that he was doing and wanted to know more. So I asked him outright to tell me what things he provides for the community. We then started talking about the biggest event coming up. Lee feels that the coastside has lost much of it's enthusiasm and facilities and has taken on the challenge by financing and putting on a 2-day rodeo to build new rodeo grounds on the coast. All proceeds from the Wild West Rodeo will be donated to this task of providing these grounds. And what an event it will be! Lee is planning national newspaper and television coverage of the event and hoping also for coverage from KSAN and KNEW.

In addition to the fundraising rodeo, CROSS RANCH provides tours of the ranch for community groups, the FHA and 4H groups. They provide roping demonstrations, calf branding and team roping demonstrations as well. Just the day before, they had a branding session at the ranch. One of the most familiar event to some of you, is the opportunity he gives the Woodside Cow Cutters by providing monthly cuttings and practice sessions. They have a team roping school that meets on Tuesdays and Thursday nights and on occasion, hosts "jack-pot" roping contests. As soon as we finished the interview, Lee himself was on his way

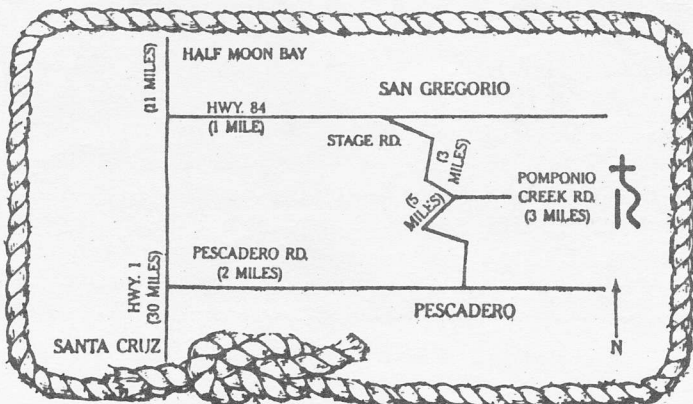




to a 4H auction of livestock because "he promised the kids he'd be there to buy their stock!"

As if that was not enough, CROSS RANCH extends a big "thank-you" to the community, business associates and neighbors by throwing a huge party at the end of the summer! Anita puts on a Santa Marie style BBQ and there's teambranding and cutting contests, a live western band, plenty of drinks, wagon rides, horse shoes, and horseback rides. ALL FREE! This writer made sure SHE was on the invitation list!

Now you ask, let's hear the down side! Unfortunately, the only down side is getting there. Although it's simple if you're on the coast, it's a bit of a drive if you're coming from the Woodside area. You have to go up HWY 84, past LaHonda and almost to HWY 1. You take a left on Stage Road and a left again on Pomponio Creek Road. Then it's still a couple of miles but once you'r there, you can't miss it! It's at the very end of Pomponio Creek Road. I'm sure that once you get there, you'll agree that it's worth the effort! Hope to see you at the rodeo! Remember it's for a good cause and certain to be a good time!



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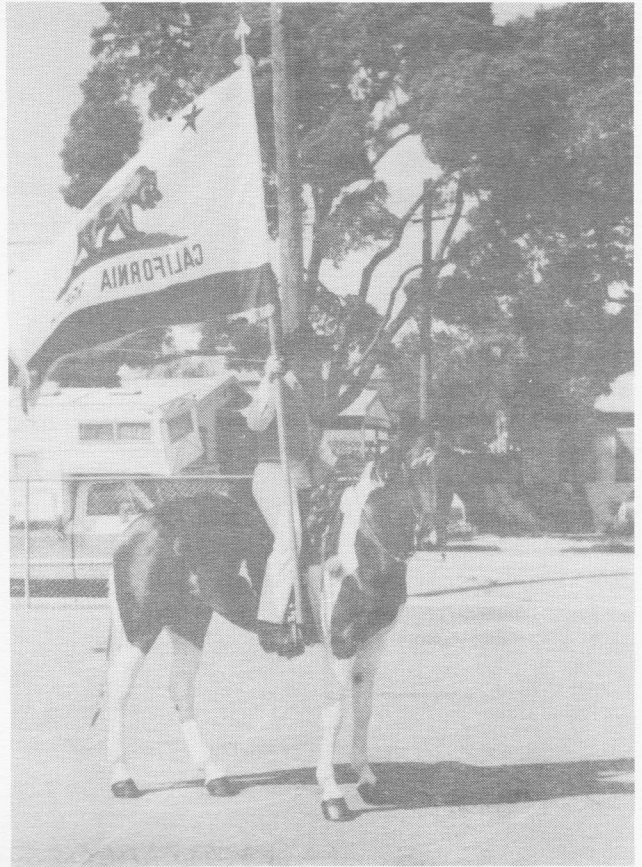
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So you want to be in a parade? Doug Reed

Thinking of riding in a parade? Most every parade has a mounted unit. Everyone gets dressed up. You bring out your best tack. Horses are so clean that they gleam in the sun. You ride your horse down the city streets in unison with several others. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? It is! However, it can also be one of the greatest tests of both horse and rider's skill and confidence.

When you arrive at the scene on parade day, a lot of activity will be taking place. Some things your horse has never seen or heard before. He will need a calm, cool and collected handler. Remember the trust you have worked so hard to develop. Now comes the time where that trust will be tested. So, what can you do to make this day a success? Practice! Get together well in advance of parade day with all the other riders. Get to know the other riders and their horses. Have your horses get used to being in close proximity to one another. Horses have distinct personalities just like people do. It is much better to find the incompatible horses under practice conditions, rather than in the middle of a crowded intersection.



Elise Brownfield on PRECIOUS DIAMOND
1987 July 4th parade, Redwood City, CA

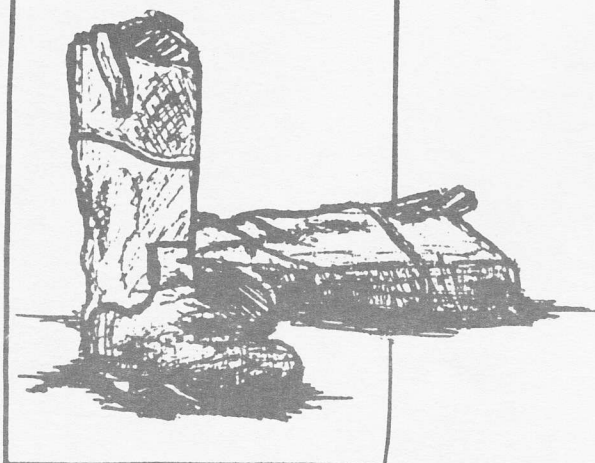
Most likely you will have at least one experienced parade horse and rider in your group. Let that pair take the lead in your practice runs. The others will gain confidence more quickly. While you practice your routines, introduce your horse (s-l-o-w-l-y) to the thing he is most likely to see and hear. Shouting, whistles, sirens, backfiring cars, firecrackers just to name a few. All these sounds can be simulated. Do it! you need to know where you need to work the hardest. Be Objective! Don't assume that you or your horse is capable of doing something just because it sounds simple. A popping balloon may be all it takes to cause a bad spill. Will you be carrying a flag? Many horses are frightened by things which flap in the wind. To get your horse used to a flag flapping around him, use a grain sack or towel and first lay it against various parts of his body. Then, slowly at first, begin flapping it around and against him. Even if not riding, in a parade, this is good practice for trail riding, as well.

Now, what about you rider? You are the one in control, the one your horse will be looking to for guidance and reassurance. You must be aware of not only what you are doing but everything that is going on around you. Be prepared for the unexpected. Know your limitations. If someone darts in front of you, how will you respond? If you want to learn more about horses in city conditions, you can read about or talk to someone in the mounted patrol units. They invest, literally, hundreds of hours of training in both horse and rider. Many horse publication feature articles on their training methods. Remember, your greatest assests will be patience and the use of good "horse sense". If you or your group is interested in parade riding, write to us and let us know. Keep watching our calendar updates for the upcoming parades.

CLEM'S

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Clementine Carroll



We certainly never know about horses! Bev Ryman, while riding her well trained Dressage horse, had a freak accident in the ring, causing her many broken bones. All because someone let their dogs out of a car. I hope you are healing quickly, Bev, and get up on a horse as soon as you can. I should know. Glad to hear that John Olivier has recovered successfully from heart surgery. Here is one tough fellow. See you on the trails soon, John!

Jo Egnas has a story to tell: One of her mares foaled a beautiful filly. A very easy birth, everything seemed fine, but within four and a half hours, after walking around the paddock in circles, the mare came to the center and dropped dead. The Vets said that in her attempt to expel the placenta, she burst an artery. Now something had to be done quickly for the orphan! Dr. Duncan Peters contacted the Neo Natal Care Unit at Davis, and yes, there were several mares who had lost their babies. A friend drove the trailer to the hospital with Jo and the baby standing the whole while. A crew of Vets and assistants were waiting for their arrival. From that moment on, the filly had 24 hour surveillance. She was placed in a large padded room with several mares, but before that she was rubbed down all over

her body with vanilla extract. Soon, one of the mares became interested and the baby had a new mother. This system was copied from someone in the East, who had done the above with gaited horses. The mare who died also foaled Jo's Grand Prix jumper, CATCH. ORPHAN ANNE's father is LARGO and a Grand Prix jumper. Lisa, Jesper Petersen's grand-daughter, who just graduated from Davis, was on the crew watching. Surrogate mother and baby are at home in Woodside.

My tour through the horse country of Lexington, Kentucky, and many other points of interest, was an experience I wish all horsemen could have. There were 250 horse farms within the perimeter of Lexington. Why, one asks? Because this is the heart of the Blue Grass country; the soil being very rich in limestone and calcium.

Calumet Farms has 23 miles of white fencing. This breeding farm has consistently produced winners: Citation for one and also has a stallion named Bull Lea, still siring winners at 28 years of age. The International Horse Museum displays their trophies, valued at over four million in silver alone. Several trophies had horseshoes lined in diamonds. The Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington is where the museum is located. At the entrance is a life sized bronze statue of Man O' War (he is buried beneath it). What records he broke in his day! Out of 21 races, he won 20 and came in second once. His owners pulled him out of racing in the prime of his life, not wanting him to carry all the extra weight (a handicap system the racing association believes in). The Park, besides having a fabulous museum, has Arabians, Thoroughbreds, Clydesdales, the Curlies, wild mustangs (perfectly trained) and a most beautiful black Morgan stallion, FOX CREEK DYNASTY. I visited JOHN HENRY in the Hall of Champions. You remember his story - a cantankerous gelding who ran and always won, when he wanted to. He was still winning as a ten year old. Throughout the year, the Park is host to some of the finest championship equestrian events in the world.

The Kentucky Training Center has 1000 stalls, a covered race track and an open one. An O.K. card is necessary from this Center before entering horses in any races. One evening we had dinner at the Red Mill Race Course and watched Trotters and Pacers. Never could pick a winner. At the Keenland Race Course, one early morning, we watched a "warm-up" session of Thoroughbreds, and wouldn't you know, 100 feet before running past us, a rider jumped off, and I saw his horse with a broken leg (at the knee). Never did find out what happened. The Keenland Race Course doesn't have any announcers. People just watch on their own, as in the old days. Before any bettings are allowed to be placed, the song "My old Kentucky Home" is played while everyone stands. I didn't realize that Stephen Foster, who wrote the song, never lived in Kentucky, but wrote it while visiting a friend in Bartstown, a very prominent town in early history.

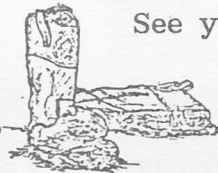
The Jack Daniels Distillery, started in the 1700's is still at the same location, and as the story goes, a Reverend Craig discovered how to age and mellow the flavor of this whiskey.

Grand Ol Opry was just that! It was "broad-cast night" when we visited, the radio station was right on the stage. Various new singers and musicians did their songs, being introduced by Roy Acuff and Porter Wagoner. Both would say "please make welcome" etc. etc. The program moved at a fast pace, dozens of singers in a two hour period.

The "South" still relives their history of the Civil War. Near Chatanooga, Tennessee, one battle sight claimed thousands of lives on both sides along with 10,000 horses and mules.

In a vault in Atlanta, Georgia, is the original recipe for Coca Cola. The Woodruff family started the business of supplying this soft drink to the public. The family has donated over 350 million to the city of Atlanta to restore historical buildings. They are proud of the picture "Gone With The Wind", still displaying posters where the film was premiered and where Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh appeared in person.

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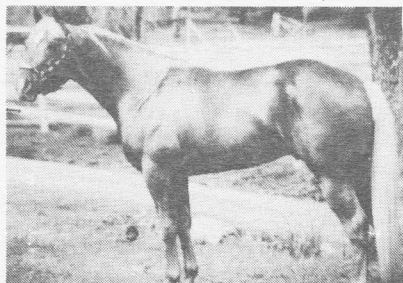
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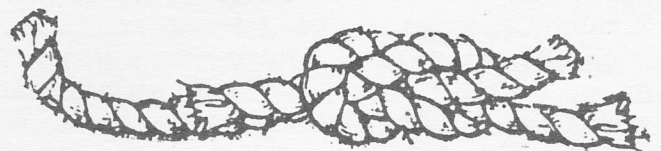
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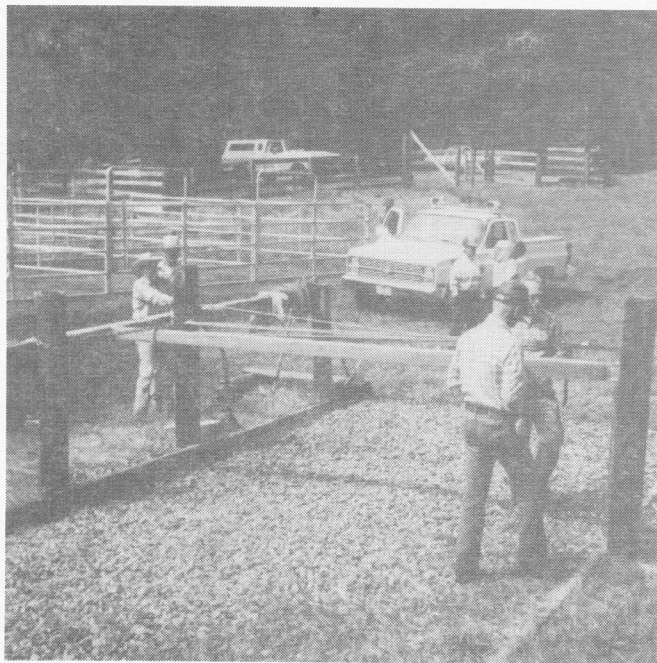
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Jack Brook Work Day

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On April 17, about 15 volunteers from the SMCHA led by Doug Moody met at Woodside Town Hall parking lot at 8:30 AM. Someone noticed that Marv and Mary Lee Twisselman weren't there yet with his giant air compressor. So we conned Bob Hydorn into giving them their "good morning" wake up call. Seems they weren't too happy to hear the ringing of the phone after emptying the "Margarita Machine" the night before. We car pooled over the hill. Had a nice ride until we got to the gate to the horse camp. We were locked out! No ranger and no key. That was nothin'! Forty feet past the gate, a giant oak tree, 3 feet around with 8 to 10 foot branches had fallen down and was blocking the only road into the horse camp. Doug trucked on down to the ranger station and promptly returned with 2 rangers, keys to the gate and a miniature chain saw. While Doug was gone, Bill Turnbow pulled out an axe and was going to start whacking away at the limbs. This axe had a long handle, but it's head was the size of a golf club. It looked like something you'd tee off rocks with, not chop up a tree. We decided to wait for a chain saw!

As Ranger Tom Baker attacked the fallen oak with his 10 inch Poulan, and 14 supervisors right behind, I figured the most useful thing I could do was help balance the weight of Tex Rowan on the front bumper of a pick-up and finish my beer. Ron Harris was in there working so close to the chain saw that he got covered with wood chips and it looked like his hat was growing hair. The trunk of this tree was so big, compared to the size of the saw, it took 3 to 5 cuts to saw through it. Once we got into the horse camp, and slightly behind schedule, Doug put us right to work. What a team! A few of the more experienced construction people measured and plotted, and Lew Reed installed the marker stakes with his trusty hatchet. The rest of us toted the pipe corral panels to wherever labor organizer Bob Hydorn directed. I couldn't figure out how come I was getting stuck with the heavy end until Walt Kirk told me to turn 'em over and drain out the water first. Must have been 5 gallons of rain water in there! As we were erecting the panels, with Meagan Jacobs and Brandy Cocker bolting them together, Paul Bjoring led another crew with his 2 man post hole driller. Barely 2 hours, by Noel Moody's watch, and we had erected 12 new porta stalls and drilled all the corner post holes, including the one that hit on dead center of a 1 inch pipe that supplies electricity to the Hikers Hut. What an aim. We got the only 1 inch pipe within 150 yards... It must be time for lunch!

I'll bet Tex used 3 loaves of bread to make all those sandwiches. Meagan made those delicious little deserts and Noel's picnic basket was full of all kinds of goodies. Ron passed around chips. The highlight of our lunch break was a lesson from a tall, slender red head on how to do the "Cowboy Boogie". It's sure hard to get re-started after lunch, on a full tummy. Who filled the garbage bucket with all those empty beer cans????

First assignment after lunch was to move an already assembled 6 horse metal corral, 3 feet kitty corner, to be able to have access to fix the damaged underground power line. Over at the wash rack, some genius jerry-rigged a block and tackle from both tie posts to the division post on the opposite side to reinstall the divider rail. Just as we got the center rail tight, something



popped, the ropes came loose and Walt went tumbling backwards. He was a little shaken but uninjured. Mary Lee Twisselman had been filming all day with her VCR camera, and guess when she ran out of film?

The Park Rangers, Tom Baker and Tom O'Connor, worked just as hard as everyone else. Maybe harder. The preplanning of materials, equipment and ground preparation couldn't have been better. Doug did an excellent job coordinating and supervising the volunteer crew. Special thanks should not only be given to the 9/16 socket wrench crew, but especially to the professionals that donated the use of their heavy duty industrial equipment, along with their expertise. The equipment made our work quick and easy. The volunteers made it fun. These new corrals have made a lasting improvement to our beautiful Jack Brook Horse Camp, located in Pescadero Creek Park.

QUICK BITS

Doug Reed

The Horse's world revolves around three primary instincts: fear (trust), mating (companionship) and hunger (food), in that order. He has no notion of human reasoning or understanding - feelings of dishonesty or revenge. He sees us neither friend nor enemy but bases the relationship solely on trust and mistrust.

When asked what their best single tip for a healthy horse would be, 100% of the veterinarians polled included regular deworming in their answer.

A working knowledge of your horse's body parts will help you help your vet. Do you know where the cannon bone, frog, pastern, fetlock, flanks, elbows etc. etc. are? If not, find out. Be an informed horse owner.

Using Pavlov's techniques of conditioned response, researchers have found that horses can distinguish between circles, squares and triangles drawn on cards. Also, colors including red, violet, yellow, blue and green.

Due to the structure of the horse's eye, they must move their heads up or down in order to focus on an object. Tilting of the head is sometimes necessary in order to see through the slit like pupil. To counteract an inability to tilt their head properly, the horse may have to skip sideways in order to focus correctly. This action (shying or spooking) elicits punishment from the rider either deliberately or by mistake (loss of balance and snatching at the reins). Take a moment to allow the horse to examine the object so he doesn't associate the hurt with the object and avoid it all the more quickly the next time.

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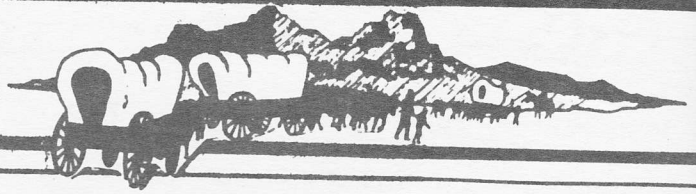
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Lew Reed

Everyone seems to be working on local trail systems.

Had a call from Jack Kuehn of Huddart Park ranger staff. He reported that the trail from the end of Raymundo Drive into the park would be closed on June 12th from 9 to 3 for repair work. He asked me to extend apologies to all horsemen and hikers who might be inconvenienced during this closing.

SMCHA had a successful ride in Portola Valley in May, riding some of the trails of the Windy Hill preserve and Portola Valley Ranch. These are wonderful trails open to all. Might we suggest obtaining a map from MPROSD and enjoying this area. Aren't we lucky to have so many trails so readily available in San Mateo County?

The San Mateo County Trails Advisory Committee is very busy and working hard to update the trails section of the county general plan. They have many proposals for trails throughout the county. The process is to agree within the committee and to present the plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission for adoption and recommendations. A portion of their plan was presented to the Commission at their May meeting in order to possibly qualify for budget funding in the 1988-89 county budget. The Committee sought 2 budget approvals and 3 other items seeking Commission support.

The budgetary items were Montara Mountain Trail. This trail would commence near the visitor center in San Pedro Valley Park and follow the northwest ridge to an existing trail on Montara Mountain which is part of Montara State Park. This trail is about 1 mile in length and would provide a vital link to the Coastside and Montara State Beach, as well as a future connector to the Bay Ridge Trail. \$50,000 was sought for necessary construction. The second item was for Butano Ridge Trail extension commencing at the westerly boundary of Pescadero Creek County Park along the ridge to Cloverdale Road to the community of Pescadero. The trail would be an extension of the fire road on Butano Ridge. Presently this route is maintained by the County and would provide for multiple use recreational trail activity. It would provide a vital link for bicyclists to Pescadero, the coast and to Stage Road. As the road exists now, no development monies were sought but it would be necessary to acquire easements from the various owners along the way. Estimated costs of acquisition was \$20,000.

The Commissioners were highly excited about the possibilities of these projects. However, the Commission meets on Thursday and the Board of Supervisors on the previous Tuesday. At their regular meeting, the Board of Supervisors cut the Parks and Recreation budget for Capital Projects virtually completely - a reduction of \$770,000. There will be no monies in the 1988-89 budget for the two above projects. The Parks Commission did recommend that the projects be included in the general plan for later funding.

The Committee asked the Commission to also support a connection between the San Andreas Trail at the northerly boundary of the SF Water Dept. to the Sweeney Ridge Trail. Golden Gate National Recreational Area is responsible for obtaining and developing this trail and the necessary negotiations with the Water Dept. SM County in past years has worked to make this proposal operational but never completed an agreement with the Water Dept. The Commission supported this project and directed the Staff to assist GGNRA in all ways possible.

Support was also sought for a trail connecting Junipero Serra County Park with the San Andreas trail seeking the permission of Cal Trans. This is about 2/10ths of a mile and could be done inhouse with volunteer help. The Comission directed Staff to try to complete this link.

Another project was for the Crystal Springs Trail being the portion from Sawyer Camp Trail southerly to Highway 92. A trail already exists along Canada Road to 92 and then northerly on the east side of Highway 35 to Bunkerhill overpass. You may have seen the trail in the fenced lane. From Bunkerhill northerly there is no room for a trail in the road right of way. Within the Water Dept lands, however, there is a service road in existence from just south of Crystal Springs dam to Bunkerhill. Agreement must be reached with the Water Dept to utilize such service road. The Commission directed staff to consult with the Water Dept and Cal Trans. It is reported that some of the Water Dept staff is in agreement but the fianl say lies with the Water Dept officials.

Another decision made by the Trails Advisory Committee was to recommend to the Commission that a park be designated for dog use. This is a highly controversial subject and the Committee wrestled with the problems for a long time. It is necessary to convince the Parks Commission to reverse their present NO DOG rule in County parks. Discussed was: Should dogs be allowed at all? It was felt that they might be allowed on an experimental basis. Then came long discussions and a exhibition of dog on leash or dog under control. It was finally decided that dogs should be on leash controlled by a person. Then where should they be allowed? Specific trails or all trails, and finally it was agreed that Edgewood Park would be the best test area on all trails with dogs on leash in control of a person for a one year test period. This will probably be a Committee recommendation to the Commission on their July agenda.

The question of trail bikes on trails in county parks was presented but time ran out and the discussion was continued. Sincere efforts are being made by the Committee to arrive at consensus for all proposals. Ron Harris, President of SMCHA presented the objections of the horse community to horses and bikes on the same trails at a previous meeting of the Committee.

The County Ordinances concerning Park rules is also being reviewed by Staff and District Attorney and at the suggestion of Lew Reed by the County Trails Advisory Committee. Final recommendations will be made by the Park Cimmission for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

You may have been reading in the local newspapers about the proposed trail adjacent to the Bay. The idea started with Senator Lockyer in 1986 and finally he pushed a bill thru Sacramento funding a feasibility study to be conducted by ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments) whose staff immediately started to plan and to map a route. The idea is to have a continuous trail circling the bay, with spur trails connecting with points of interest along the way, such as recreational areas and inland cities. Also, loop trails of various lengths, such as ones connecting the Peninsula with the East Bay, via Dumbarton and the San Mateo-Hayward bridges enabling pedestrians and bicyclists to choose rides or hikes which best suit thir interest and abilities. Harry Dean of San Mateo Parks staff is a coordinator for this trail. Final details will be presented for public review shortly. Funding will be a big issue along with the necessary EIR. Jurisdictional authority must be resolved too.

Another big project is the Bay Ridge Trail for a trail encircling the entire Bay on the ridge tops. In San Mateo County a very strong committee of dedicated enthusiasts have been meeting frequently and on June 1st met together with the San Francsico committee and laid out a trail corridor from Goldern Gate Bridge to the Santa Clara County line. Nearly every member of the committee has personal knowledge of existing trails for this 65 mile route. Most had individually walked, biked or ridden protions of the entire length and could fairly evalutate a suggested route. The Bay Ridge Trail envisions a multiuse trail for hikers, bikers and equestrians (sometihmes on the same trail andsome time on adjacent trails or an alternate route). Once the

TRAIL TIPS



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suggested routes were placed and outlined on a big map it was readily noted that San Mateo County is extremely fortunate to have an existing trail system that might be utilized for the Bay Ridge Trail. Most of the entire length of the corridor is presently in public ownership between San Francisco County, GGNRA, Sf Water Dept, MPROSD and San Mateo County and State land. There are pieces of trail in existence adjacent to Skyline Blvd but there is not presently a completely defined trail in existence that is usable. The Committee is suggesting a 4 mile wide corridor this length with an exact trail to be planned later with such corridor. The area around Skylonda Corners is a problem because of the development of the land in this area but it is believed that a route can be defined around the many homes. A couple of smaller gaps are noted but the Committee felt these could be worked out. Each section of the trail is to be evaluated as to its adaptability and desirability for a ridge trail. Is it level or steep? Are there public transportation connections? Phones? Toilets? Emergency services? Food available? Historical value? Scenic vistas? Trail tread in place? Possible trail improvement expenditure necessary? Connections to other trail systems? Consent of property owner possible? Is it on the ridge? These considerations are being discussed in detail to plan a preferred route or a possible alternate with the goal of establishing a continuous trail. All of this does not become apparent immediately. It is expected that the Committee will work for another year to develop a plan and then possible implementation within 5 years and a completely usable trail around the bay thru the 9 counties within 20 years. All of the volunteers on the Committee and the staffs of the various agencies involved are to be commended and congratulated on their fine efforts.

On June 2nd the San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara committees presented a review of their recommendations at a public hearing. This was well received by the public who asked a few questions about who is going to manage each section and received response "the agency thru whose land the trail traverses". Eminent domain to complete gaps in public ownership. Response is that the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council as such, does not have any such right. This is why the route is a corridor concept to locate trails nearby as an alternative to the best route in order to define a completely continuous trail.

As input is similarly received from each county, the data will be accumulated and about September, a complete area map is to be published and submitted for public comment and hearings. In the meantime, citizens and volunteers are urged to contact their local governments asking them to fully support the entire trail concept. Volunteers may contact the Trail Center at 415-968-7065 for more information on how to help. Those belonging to organization should get the support of their various clubs and organizations.

Flyers are now out about a RIDE FOR THE RIDGE TRAIL RIDE to raise money for more publicity and more flyers and postage and internal costs of promoting the Bay Area Ridge Trail. The date is Saturday, August 6th commencing at Monte Bello Open Space Preserve at the top of Page Mill Road with riders picking own times between 7 am and 11 am. Solicit sponsors who will pay so much per mile for you to ride on their behalf.

A special note: Delvin Williams, the appointee of Supervisor Huening has resigned from the Parks and Recreation Commission and an appointment is now open. Interested persons desiring to serve should contact Supervisor Huening's office for the necessary application forms. It is highly important that a full 5 member Commission continue to help dictate the policies of the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Department.



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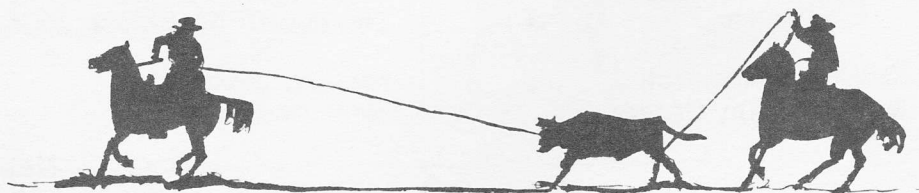
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For some of us, horse shows can be a real mystery. Some of the terminology used seems obvious, others seem to be cryptic, by nature. Now that we are in the midst of the show season, it seems that some explanations and definitions would be in order. With a better understanding, we can not only appreciate what the entrants are required to do but we can more fully enjoy the show. So, let's try to take a little of the mystery out of showing.

English shows are divided into two groups of classes. Jumping classes and flat classes. Jumping classes are then further divided into two primary categories. Hunters and Jumpers. Hunters, though jumping, are judged for style, consistency in pace, manners, etc. Jumpers are working against the clock and are judged for their agility as well. Horses classified as Jumpers must jump a course of fences "cleanly". Penalties are assessed for refusals, knockdowns, or touches. Further subdivisions are common. Age groups or horse and rider past performance records are used for many sub-groupings. Flat classes come in about as many varieties as the Jumping classes. In Hunter under Saddle classes, the emphasis is on the horse's performance. Riders are asked to walk, trot, and canter their horses. Equitation classes, on the other hand, place the emphasis on the rider's ability. Again, the judges will ask for the walk, trot, and canter. Hunter Hack asks the same - walk, trot and canter but over two fences, as well.

Western shows are divided into just as many categories and sub-categories of classes as in the English shows. Most commonly seen are various levels of Halter, Equitation, Pleasure, and Trail. Halter classes are just what you might expect. Horses are led by the shower on halters around the arena. Judges place the emphasis on conformation and fitness. Sub-groupings may consist of breed classes, gender classes, or style (showmanship). In the Stock Seat Equitation classes, the rider's abilities are being judged. Seat, hands, and suitability of rider to horse are weighed. The performance of the horse is judged but is secondary to the methods by which the performance was obtained. In Western Pleasure classes, riders are asked to walk, trot, and lope their horses. Horses must work both directions to show their ability with different leads. As in most classes, judges may ask for additional work from certain horses. Western Trail classes show horses at the walk, jog, trot, and lope. Special emphasis is placed on the walk. As in trail riding, Western Trail classes require the horses to work over and through a variety of obstacles. Pleasure classes test the manners and obedience of the horse. They demonstrate the 'pleasure' of riding. Trail classes require an obedient horse as well. The emphasis here is on the thought capacity of the horse to negotiate difficult obstacles; as well as the trust the horse must exhibit in the rider.

Many books have been written on shows and show horses. Although we haven't the space to go into great depth, we hope that we have passed along some useful information. Be sure to check the summer calendar in this issue for the show schedules. Whether you are a participant or on the sidelines, have a great time at the horse shows!



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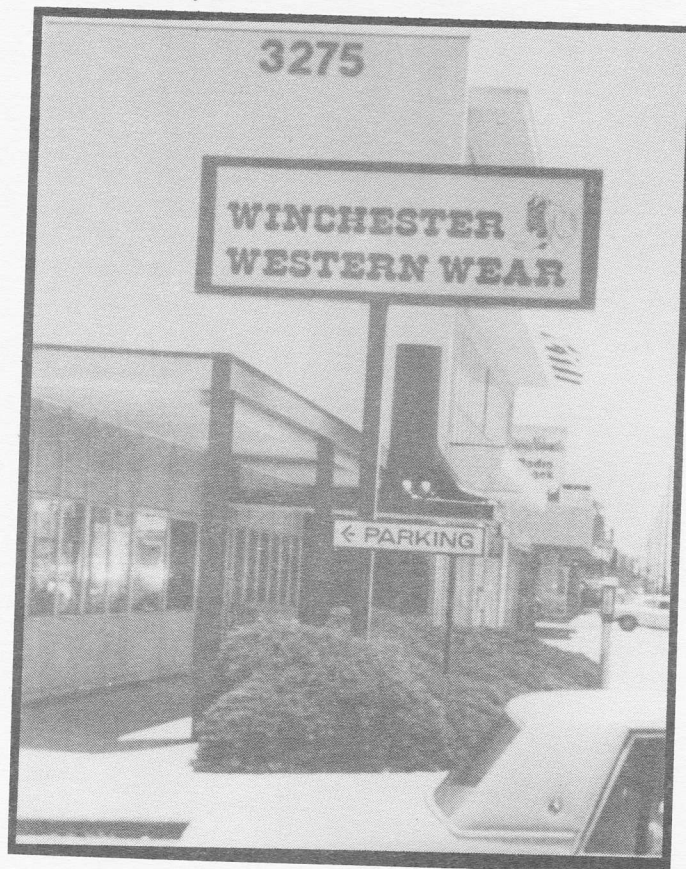
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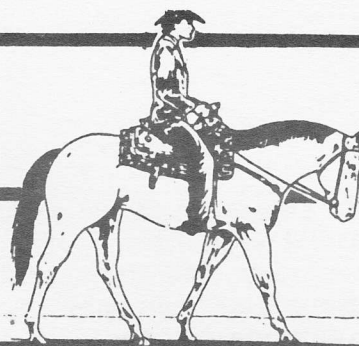
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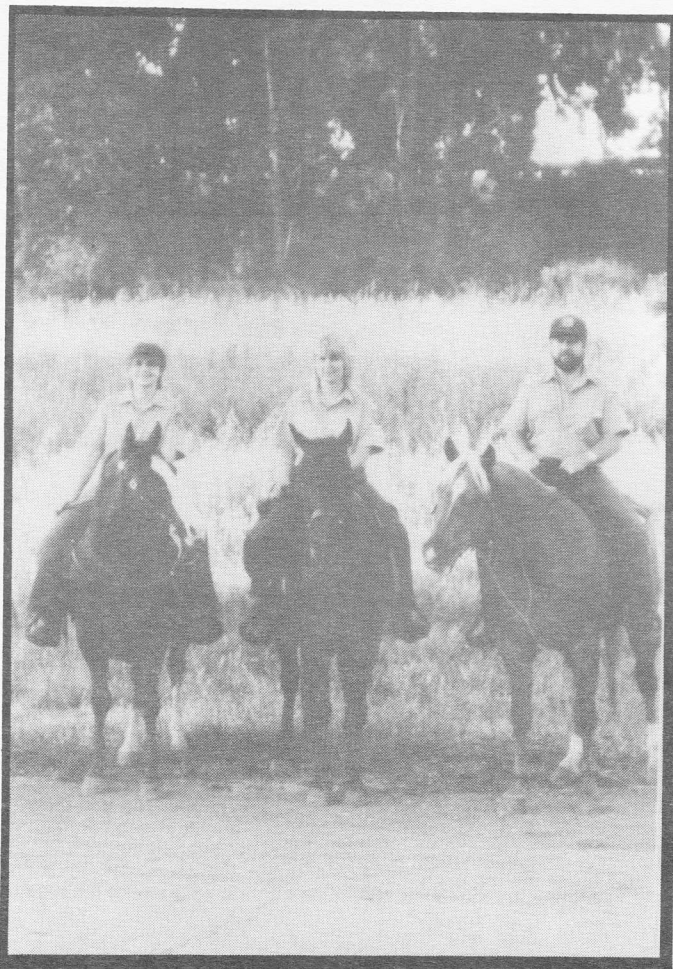
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Patrol activities have expanded to include Huddart, Edgewood and Wunderlick parks. While most training sessions are held at Huddart, training classes have been added at Wunderlick to accommodate the people who board there or nearby.

Doris and Buce hosted our Spring meeting at their home in Woodside. I guess we didn't tear up the place too bad the last time we were there. The meeting was well attended by volunteers and prospective members alike. Once we got down to business (most of the munchies were munched), folks shared their ideas and made plans to get things done then and there. Thanks to the efforts of Doris Lantz, the volunteers will be riding in the the 4th of July Parade.

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Learn more about Morris Animal Foundation and improving the health of dogs, cats and horses. Use the coupon below to send for information and materials.

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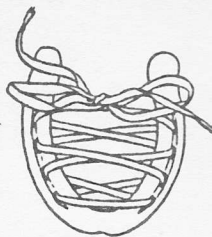
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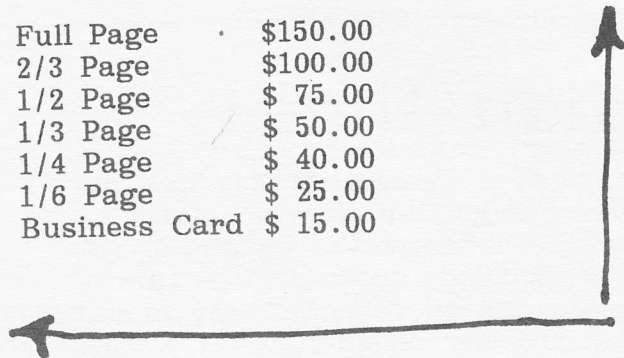
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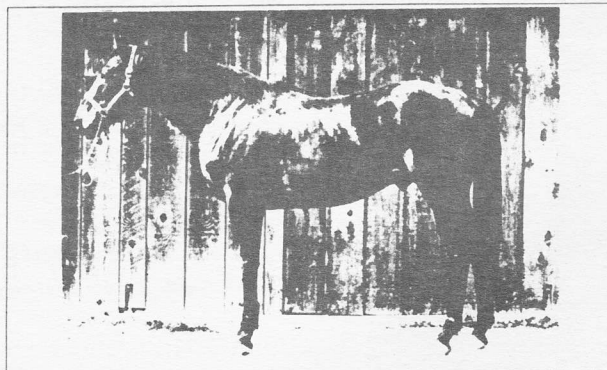


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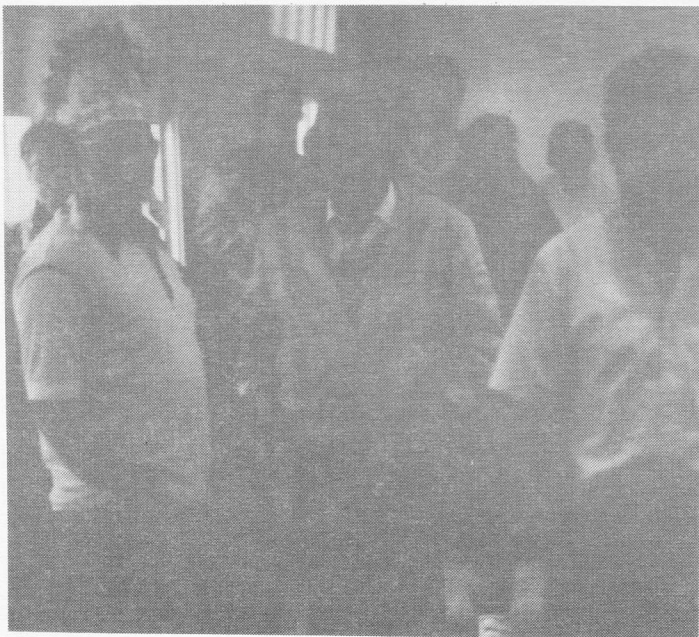
Richard Convery

Indian Night

The April 27th General Meeting held at Woodside Village Church was quite a success. The theme was Indians of the Fioli and Woodside area. The lecture was ably presented by John Galloway, a local resident and Archeologist for the Fioli dig. There were 72 Indians present of various sex and tribes. The local Chief Ron Harris (you could tell by his headdress) kept most of his braves in line, while looking for his scalp.

Another scalp hunter, Doug Moody was busy peddling his wares in the corner. I understand he sold everthing and gave Noel a lot of wampum? Maegan Jacobs and her mother took top honors for the most original Indian outfits. One thought left in the minds of many of the squaws as they left that night was, why did they cremate the women and bury the men?

Hope to have another great turn out at the outdoor General Meeting July 8th. Watch your mail for all the details!



Safety Clinic

The July 8th General Meeting which is traditionally our outdoor meeting will be held this year at Spring Down Equestrian Center in Portola Valley from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Carol Goodstein will present a horse safety clinic at her facilities. Topics to be included are: How to catch a horse and tack it up safely; how to teach a horse to stand while being mounted; how to stop a runaway horse; and how to fall off properly. These and other safety tips will be covered during the lecture and demonstration. This course should be a must for anyone who rides a horse as safety for you and your horse should always be on your mind.

The cost of the clinic and a B-B-Q dinner that will precede the clinic is \$10.00. This cost is far below the normal cost for the clinic and we should all take advantage of Mrs. Goodstein's generosity.

"Night at ^{the} Races"

San Mateo County Horsemen will have their night at the races September 16th at Bay Meadows. This event has always proved to be a lot of fun and some have even come away a little richer and some wiser!

The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes admission to the track (Turf Club), a Buffet Dinner, complimentary program, tax and tips. We will have our own reserved tables and a race will be named after our group. This is quite the deal for the money, so try to attend.

You MUST make reservations by September 9th to be included. I have a limited number of tickets to sell, so if you are interested, please give us a call.

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All proceeds from this special "pick your own distance, go your own speed" trail ride will benefit the implementation of the South Bay portion of the Ridge Trail - ultimately a 500 mile trail around the Bay!

Equestrians who are interested in participating can contact the Trail Center office for entry forms and a descriptive flyer.

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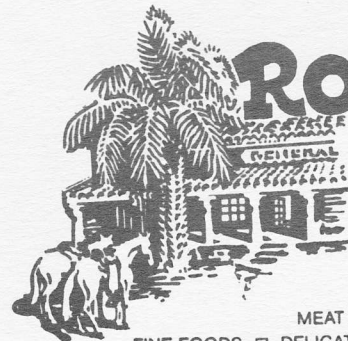
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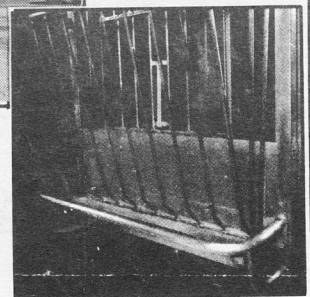
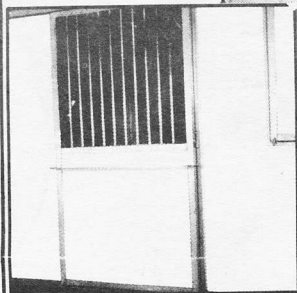
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