

Benmiller horse wins honors at CNE show

Senator Firefly, an American Saddlebred owned by Arnold and Roni Zonneveld of Benmiller, was ridden to two thirds and a sixth last week at the Canadian National Exhibition horse show. The eight year old gelding was ridden in the show by Susan Luther, 19, of Hensall.

Miss Luther rode the Senator to the placing earning ribbons for the second time in as many shows. She entered the Rothmans series held in St. Catharines recently capturing a first, a second and two fourths with the Benmiller horse.

The competition at the CNE was tough according to Senator's owner Arnold Zonneveld. He said the 15 horse field contained some of the top horses in the area which served to keep the riders on edge while performing in the ring.

The third place ribbon at the CNE was for the three gaited Park Class. Judges of the class look for the entrants to show strong spirit and temperament that is kept easily under control by the riders' expert hands.

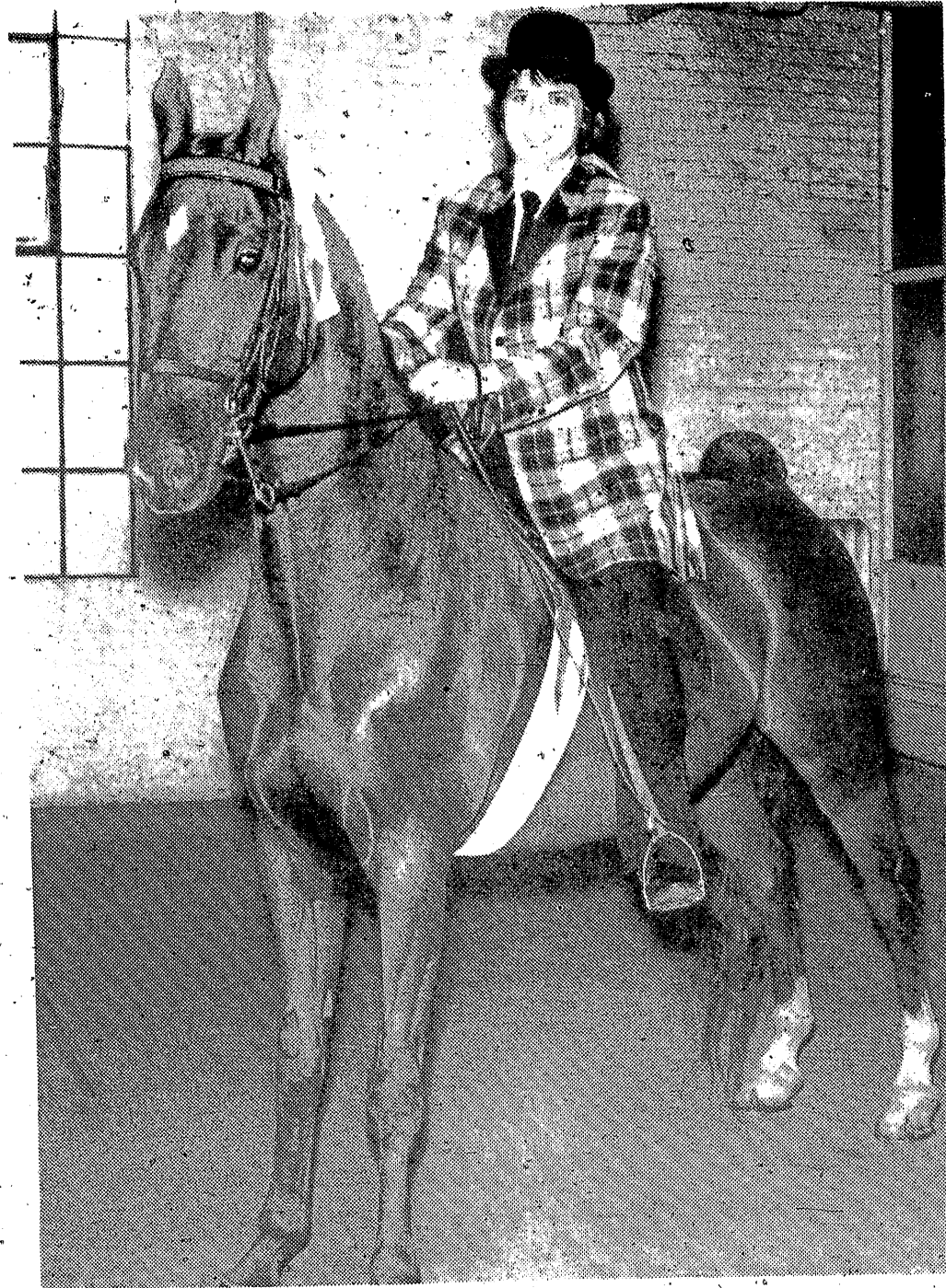
The other third place was in

the 15.2 hands and over competition for horses over six foot two inches high at the base of the neck. The class requires horses to show their ability in all gaits with little urging from the rider.

In the ladies' class the Senator placed sixth. In this class the horse's training is tested by the judges who look for instant yet controlled response from the horse when the rider cues him to change gait, turn or stop.

In the Rothman's series held in St. Catharines Miss Luther brought the Senator to a first, a second and two fourths. He captured top honors in the ladies' class, a second in the 15.2 hands and over and fourth in the \$250 stakes and the \$500 stakes.

The horse is now in its Benmiller stables where the Zonnevelts are getting him ready for the Western Fair horse show in September.



Susan Luther flashes a victory smile as she rides Senator Firefly from the ring at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. She rode the horse to victory twice in the CNE horse show against some of the top horses in southwestern Ontario.

MVCA Foundation plan starting with banquet

The official opening of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Administrative Headquarters, held on July 26

was a great success. Over 200 people attended the sunny-day ceremony.

The highlights of the day included the presentation of a "Rocky Raccoon" T-shirt and Experience '75 hard hat to the Hon. Eric Winkler, guest speaker for the day and the official raising of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority flag.

Authority staff was in attendance at the Clinton and Palmerston Centennial Parades with the Centennial float. All Authority members congratulate the towns in the watershed celebrating 100 years of progress and hope that the next 100 are as fruitful.

At this time, Program 26 (formerly SWEET) has less than two weeks of work remaining. They have been doing development and maintenance work at the Falls, Wawanosh Valley, Harriston, Morris Hill Forest Tract and Galbraith Conservation Areas. They have also been working for the municipalities in Brussels, East and West Wawanosh Townships, Blyth, McKillop Township, Elma Township, Goderich, and Goderich Township.

Preparations for the Maitland Conservation Foundation kickoff banquet are underway. The date set for the event is September 24. Guest speaker will be Irwin Lobinger, Chairman of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Foundation.

In the near future, the small roadside Conservation area signs will be replaced throughout Ontario by larger government approved signs.

The Maitland Trails Association has been established in the Benmiller-

Goderich area with a small but energetic membership. The group is using information provided by the Authority to obtain easements for a trail along the Maitland River from Benmiller to Goderich.

Program 26 Senior Technical Advisor, Blake Ferguson and the Authority's Assistant Technician, Leslie Adey, are carrying out a vegetative cover analysis of Authority's Technician. Studies have been completed at the Falls, Harriston, Galbraith, Pioneer, Wawanosh Valley and Gorrie Conservation Areas.

The Junior Conservation program at M.V.C.A. has been completed. The final day of the program was August 16. Their study and recommendations of the Lakelet area will be sent to Toronto for printing. A copy will then be sent to the Maitland office for consideration and reference.

Two students are par-

ticipating in Experience '75 in co-operation with the Huron County Library. The girls are visiting the Falls Reserve Conservation Area and a number of parks in the county.

A Huron County Library spokesman reported that the girls circulated 1,338 paperbacks to 10 park areas during the month of July.

The construction of a picnic shelter and changeroom

facilities at the Galbraith Conservation Area is well underway. The completion date is set for mid-September.

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