

Canadian Mounties

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Troublemakers and Nincompoops

He seems to know almost everyone in his area, including the troublemakers, the drunks, and "the nincompoops," as he calls them. He wears a revolver but has never fired it in anger, even when he once found himself "at the wrong end of a shotgun." He talked his assailant into putting it down.

Trepassey is no hotbed of criminal activity — the constable on duty had nothing to list on a recent overnight report. Taylor hasn't had a murder to investigate in his four years in Trepassey, "and I'm not sure there's ever been one here," he says.

There are even times when no policeman is on duty; calls are

then automatically diverted to St. John's, 85 miles away, and if necessary a Trepassey officer is contacted. Crime is on a downswing, Taylor says; only 27 men have been locked up this year, and 80 percent of all cases have been cleared.

But each year brings about a dozen major cases and numerous cases of drunk driving, speeding, family disputes, and accidents.

One day recently, Taylor went to the home of a man whose brother had attacked him and a nephew because of a land dispute. The man and his nephew were vocal and emotional, often interrupting each other. Taylor sat quietly, calming them, gently leading them to answer questions with facts, and taking a statement. He offered

NEWARK, Del. — Lori A. Rider of Bridgeville has joined the extension staff at the University of Delaware Research and Education Center in Georgetown as an extension vegetable assistant.

Rider, who received a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Cornell University in 1984, will help specialist Ed Kee conduct variety trials on watermelons, cucumbers, broccoli, peppers and potatoes. She will also assist with herbicide trials on lima beans at the center's experimental farm. Her duties will

include all phases of the trials from planning, planting and harvest to computer analysis of the data.

After moving to Delaware, Rider worked briefly at the Georgetown Research and Education Center collecting and organizing vegetable research data before becoming a soil conservationist for the Sussex Conservation District from November 1985 to August

some advice, promised to visit the brother's home to file an assault charge, and left.

It was nothing heroic, just nitty-gritty police work, but emblematic of the RCMP motto: "Maintiens le Droit" — "Maintain the Right."



Lori Rider

1986. Her extension appointment became effective in October.

Rider and her husband, Robert, operate a five-acre vegetable farm in Bridgeville.



Cpl. Roger L. Taylor of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sells a Newfoundland firearms permit to George Whalen, a worker in a St. Mary's fish-processing plant. Members of the RCMP are responsible for enforcing every level of law in places like Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula, and, in some rural areas, even serve as prosecutors in cases involving minor offenses. The permit enables Whelan to use his shotgun for hunting.

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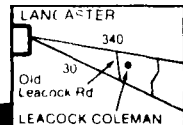
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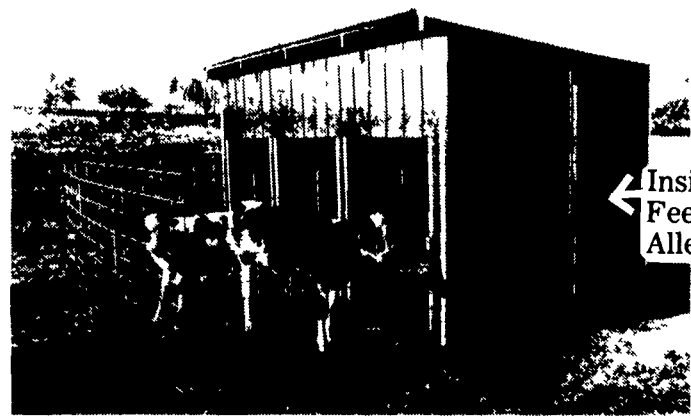
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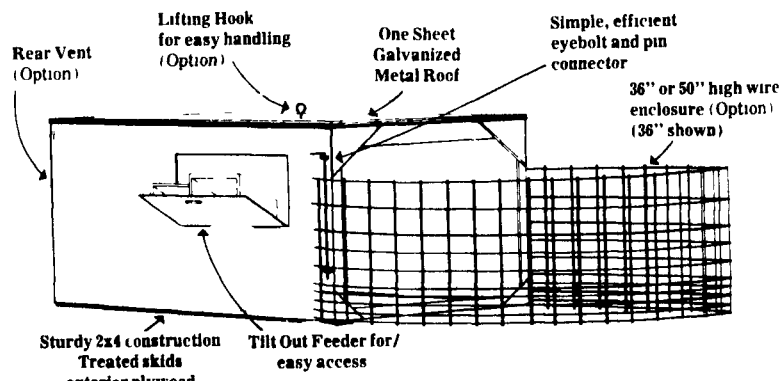
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