

People

Christy is promising horsewoman

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One of the most promising area horsewomen in years has got to be 15-year-old Christy Campbell of Sweet Valley.

In her relatively short riding career, Christy has won over 200 ribbons and 50 trophies starting with a championship won the first year she showed at age 11.

Actually Christy's riding career began when she was two years old and her grandfather placed her on the family pony "Bugger." The pony promptly broke the rope and headed for the barn taking along little Christy, an event her grandmother Cora Campbell describes as "her hands and feet were flying and so was her little dress but Christy hung on all the way."

Not only has Christy kept her seat with style since then but she has gone on to qualify for "States" by taking first place in "Districts" two weeks ago at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds.

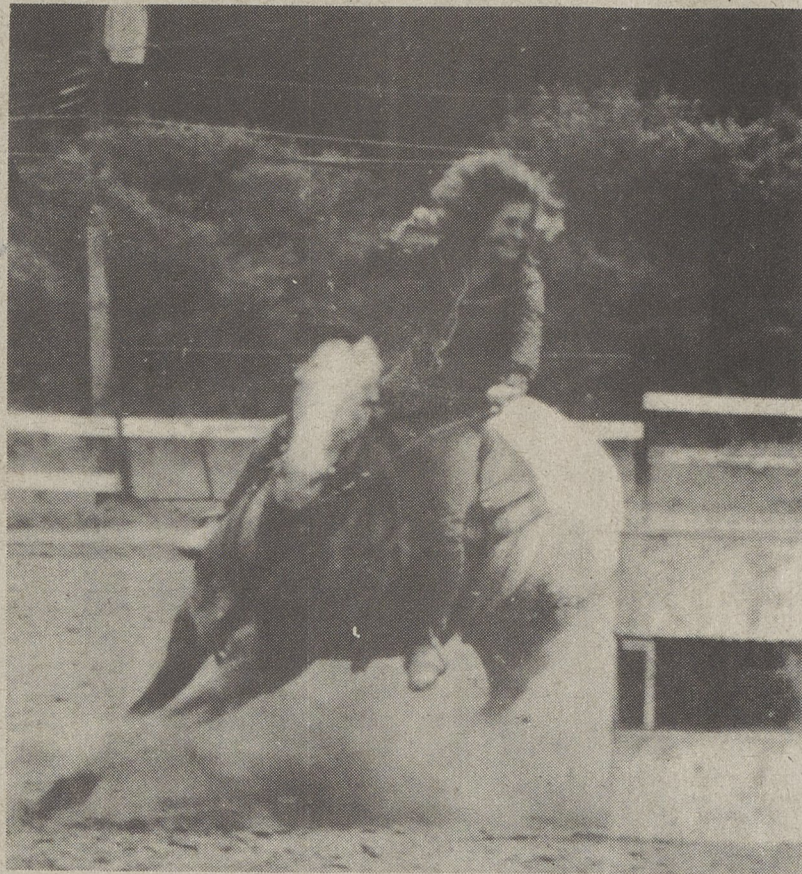
So, Oct. 6, Christy and "Honey Creek Snoopy" her registered Apaloosa will be competing in Harrisburg hoping to qualify for "Nationals."

Christy and Snoopy, whom she describes as "a one in a million horse who can do anything," entered 10 races and placed 10 times to win in Luzerne County taking six "firsts", three "seconds", and one "third." Another competitor going along to States will be "I'm A Flashy Skip" the two and a half year old registered quarter horse that Christy has been training since he was five months old.

"Skipper" who has appeared in only four shows to date has won first prize each time and is believed to be well on his way to being a grand champion. Christy, who broke the colt and has been his only trainer, says Skipper is now "like a piece of cake" and is visibly annoyed at people who "think I can't train because I'm too young and a girl."

"I'm proud of that colt," Christy says. "If I can break that stud, I can break anything. I'm not so little, I did it on my own."

Christy apparently has done it all the way on her own, having never had any formal riding lessons, but just "corrections" from her grandfather Dana Campbell and from Dave Spencer, a neighbor who is a blacksmith and also trains his own horses.



Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Showing promise

Christy Campbell of Sweet Valley spends a lot of time practicing and promises to be a successful equestrian.

Practices and more practices is what does it according to Christy who spends at least two hours a day riding after she returns from classes at Lake-Lehman where she is a member of the sophomore class and a cheerleader. After practicing, she cleans, curries and feeds her horses, which also include "Scout" a good, little 10 year old pony, and also cleans their stalls.

Life in the horse barn and out back, where Christy wears typical blue jeans and rubber duck shoes while working, also includes caring for several other animals. They include the Campbells' four cats, two rabbits, two Australian Shepherds "Mae" and his one-eyed pup "Sissy" and two other rather special animals.

The first is "Bambi" a deer who showed up on the family property four years ago when she was a baby and liked it so well she has stayed around. The Campbells tamed the deer to the point where she eats horse feed and roams the area freely, occasionally trotting behind Christy when she rides, but always returning to her home in the horse barn.

Then there is "Yammy" a lamb Christy found in a field after her mother had abandoned her a year ago. The baby lamb was nursed from a bottle, posed for a family

picture wearing Pampers, and was kept alive through the cold winter months in the insulated horse trailer where she basked under the warmth of electric light bulbs.

Despite her deep love for animals, Christy does not aspire to be a veterinarian like her best friend Sandy Honeywell with whom she has ridden since the two girls were in sixth grade together.

"I couldn't stand the sight of her blood," says Christy with a shiver, explaining that she would like to be a teacher and hopes to go to Bloomsburg State University.

Christy would also "like to train" and "like to rodeo" confessing that her big interest is "horses, horses and horses" even if she does occasionally take a little time off to watch "General Hospital" the favorite teenage soap. Christy's most immediate goal is to be 16 so she can capture that all important drivers license next spring and then drive her own horse trailer to the shows.

"They're my pride and joy" she says of the horses but that is also how her family seems to feel about Christy and her accomplishments.

The future seems to hold all good things for petite 15-year-old Christy Campbell who goes after what she wants with determination and a lot of hard work.

With Joan Kingsbury

Around town

THE FOLLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE have returned to school following a summer of many volunteer hours at the Back Mountain Memorial Library children's annex: Allison Berlew, Joanne Zuba, Colleen Jordan, Cathy Zuba, Melissa Baldo and Allyson Luksasavage. These young ladies served as aid desk clerks.

BEST WISHES TO JOANNE BARTOS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartos, RD 3, Orange and Edward C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, Plymouth, who were united in marriage recently in St. Frances Cabrini Church, Carverton.

Rev. John Foley, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

Following the ceremony an evening cocktail hour and reception was held at the Barn in Newberry Estates, Dallas.

Mrs. Smith, a graduate of Brandywine College, Wilmington, Delaware is employed with her family's business. Her husband, a King's College graduate is an advertising account executive with The Times Leader.

The Smiths are residing in Dallas.

MRS. VERNA CAVE SHEEHAN of Dallas has returned to her home following a 10-day visit to Wales and England. While in Wales, Mrs. Sheehan stayed with cousins in Bryn Mawr and visited the birthplace of her father, Nicholas Cave and her

grandfather George Cave at 53 King Street, Bryn Mawr.

During her visit in England Mrs. Sheehan saw the changing of the Guard at Windsor Castle and toured Hampton Court Palace.

Her son John, executive director of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, accompanied her on the trip.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BARBARA DAWN AND RONALD SHINER who were recently mar-

ried in St. John the Baptist Church, Pittston. Msgr. Joseph J. super, performed the ceremony.

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nelson, RD 3, Carverton Rd., Wyoming. Ronald is the son of Sylvia Shiner, Larksville and Ronald Shiner, Dania, Fla.

An evening reception was held at the Knights of Columbus, Luzerne.

Mrs. Shiner is employed at Zayre's Department Store. Mr. Shiner is an employe of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple is residing in Larksville.

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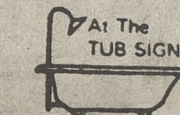
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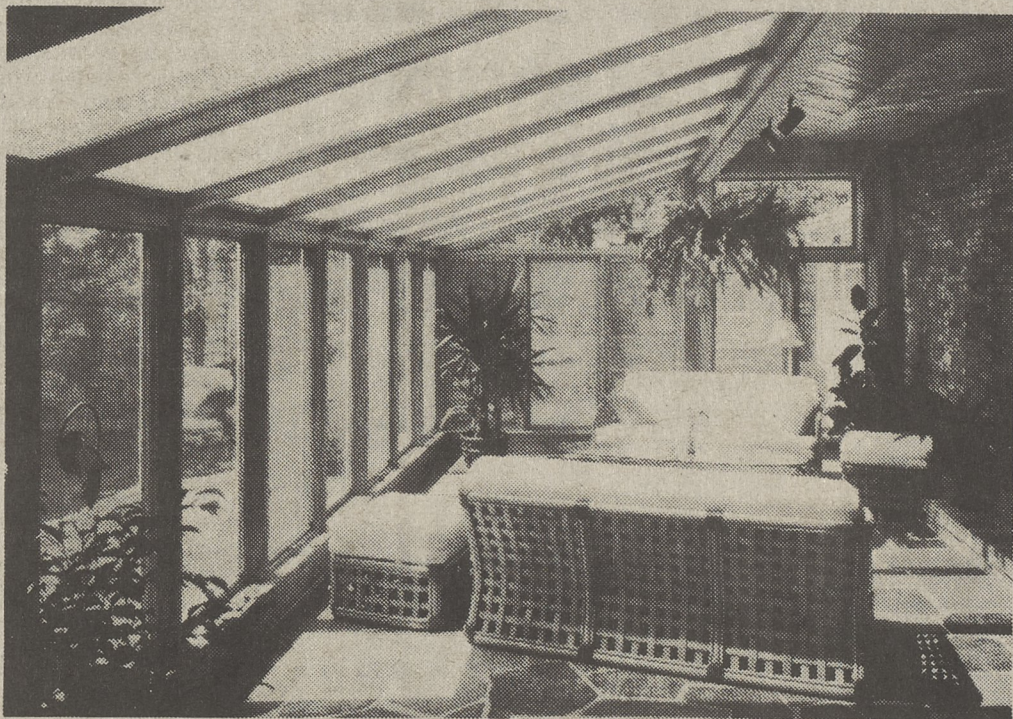
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