

Some members of Otter Valley Riders Motorcycle Club who won prizes in the Terra Nova Enduro at Orangeville, Sept. 1 were from left: Ron Fisher, 4th in open junior; Pete Baxter, first in open junior and best junior; Dave Baxter, second in 250 cc. senior.

He is holding a trophy won by Ron Phillips who was second in 125 senior but who missed the picture. The enduro was a 175-mile ride testing riding skills and endurance. Fifteen members of the club entered the contest.

*Sept. 1974*

Xmas 1974 at Women's Institute we had to list 18 adjectives. Then this attached writing was given to each member to list in order the adjectives. Peculiar results developed.

- 1 stupid
- 2 retarded
- 3 horrible
- 4 ugly
- 5 victorious
- 6 sloppy
- 7 wonderful
- 8 gorgeous
- 9 groovy
- 10 squirrly
- 11 dopey
- 12 fat
- 13 funny
- 14 silly
- 15 great
- 16 creepy
17. dozey
18. cute

The beautiful Calton Women's Institute held their annual crabby Bazaar in the silly hall on Monday Nov. 18 and the atrocious ladies all came from near and far dressed in delightful attire. They were greeted by our president wearing a nauseating dress and looking absolutely fantastic.

After a short programme prepared by neat Maxine and huge Marilyn the bazaar was opened.

The buying was crooked. Everyone bought lovely aprons and sloppy candy and careful mystery boxes and other screamy items.

The aggressive lunch was served by the smiling cooks in our institute.

A horring profit was realized and everyone had a very smart evening.

Sylvia Kenna

The COMMUNITY HALL is used for the monthly meetings of the Women's Institute, and a Bazaar is held in November every year by these women.

There is an annual Community Pot-Luck Supper and a Penny Sale held at the Hall.

Community Showers are held for any Calton resident recently married and Farewell Parties are given to long-term residents leaving the community.

The Hall is also rented out for Family Reunions and Christmas gatherings.

The CALTON BAPTIST CHURCH is open every Sunday to congregations from Port Burwell, Lakeview, Calton and surrounding area.

Choir Practice is held Thursday evenings for both the male and female choirs.

Mission Circle is the first Monday of the month. Prayer meetings are also held.

Bible School operates during the summer for a week for area children.

Camp Elba Brocha also operates during the summer season.

There is also a Church Young Peoples' group .

The CALTON PUBLIC SCHOOL has been operating the past few years for grades 1 to 4, while grades 5 to 8 have been going to Straffordville. The school was closed and boarded up in June 1974, so all children now go to Straffordville. The school is now a storage warehouse for the educational system of Elgin County.

The General Store has been sold again in 1975, but it is still in operation.

The Calton Garage and Machine Shop is still going strong.

You may notice that many of our residents are now putting aluminium siding and vinyl siding on their houses, which is extremely attractive and reduces cold winter air.

Some of the homes belong to:

Mr. & Mrs. Walt Graves

Mr. Clarence Graves

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Graves

Mr. & Mrs. Murray Wolfe

Mrs. Sadie Whaley

Mrs. Lela Bartlett

*"Dean Of Blacksmiths"*

## *A Blacksmith's Skill: Something You're Born With*



Ernie Murphy, a local blacksmith, uses a drill press to make cork holes in a horse shoe. Corks are small cleat-like pieces set at the front of a horse shoe.

### "DEAN OF BLACKSMITHS"

ERNIE MURPHY, R. R. # 5, Aylmer stood behind Power Dream with his hands full of sawdust and said, "I don't know why but this one always makes a mess." With the assistance of a bristle broom and shovel Mr. Murphy neatly disposed with one of the minor hazards that a blacksmith must face. The hooves of a frightened horse can pose a more serious danger. "I have my scars," he said, "but I think that going out and driving a car on the highway today is more dangerous."

Mr. Murphy, who has been called, "The Dean of Blacksmiths" said he nailed on his first horseshoe when he was in his early teens. "I've been trying to retire," he said "but no one will let me."

He is in such great demand that customers can bring their horses to him ONLY by appointment and his schedule is usually booked solid two months in advance. Some come from as far away as Toronto.

Because he works only on standardbred horses, the kind used for sulky racing, Mr. Murphy approaches the fitting of horse shoes with the same kind of precision that a mechanic uses to tune up a car. The shoes are designed to improve the performance of each individual animal. "It's a lot like balancing a car wheel," he said. When a horse has a running irregularity such as cross-firing, where the horse tends to put one hoof in front of the other making it susceptible to self-inflicted injuries, Mr. Murphy can find the right shoe to overcome the difficulty.

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Even the shop behind his house resembles an auto garage more than a blacksmith's shop. Hundreds of western movies could lead a person to expect a stable-like room, hot and smokey from a blazing forge. Instead it is bright, clean and airy with the forge replaced by a gas furnace which Mr. Murphy built himself. The walls are covered with ribbons and photographs of race champions from the past. Among these, is an 1894 advertisement for Bruce Doherty's blacksmith shop in St. Thomas which offers a new set of shoes for \$2.25. The cost for Mr. Murphy's services starts at \$25.00.

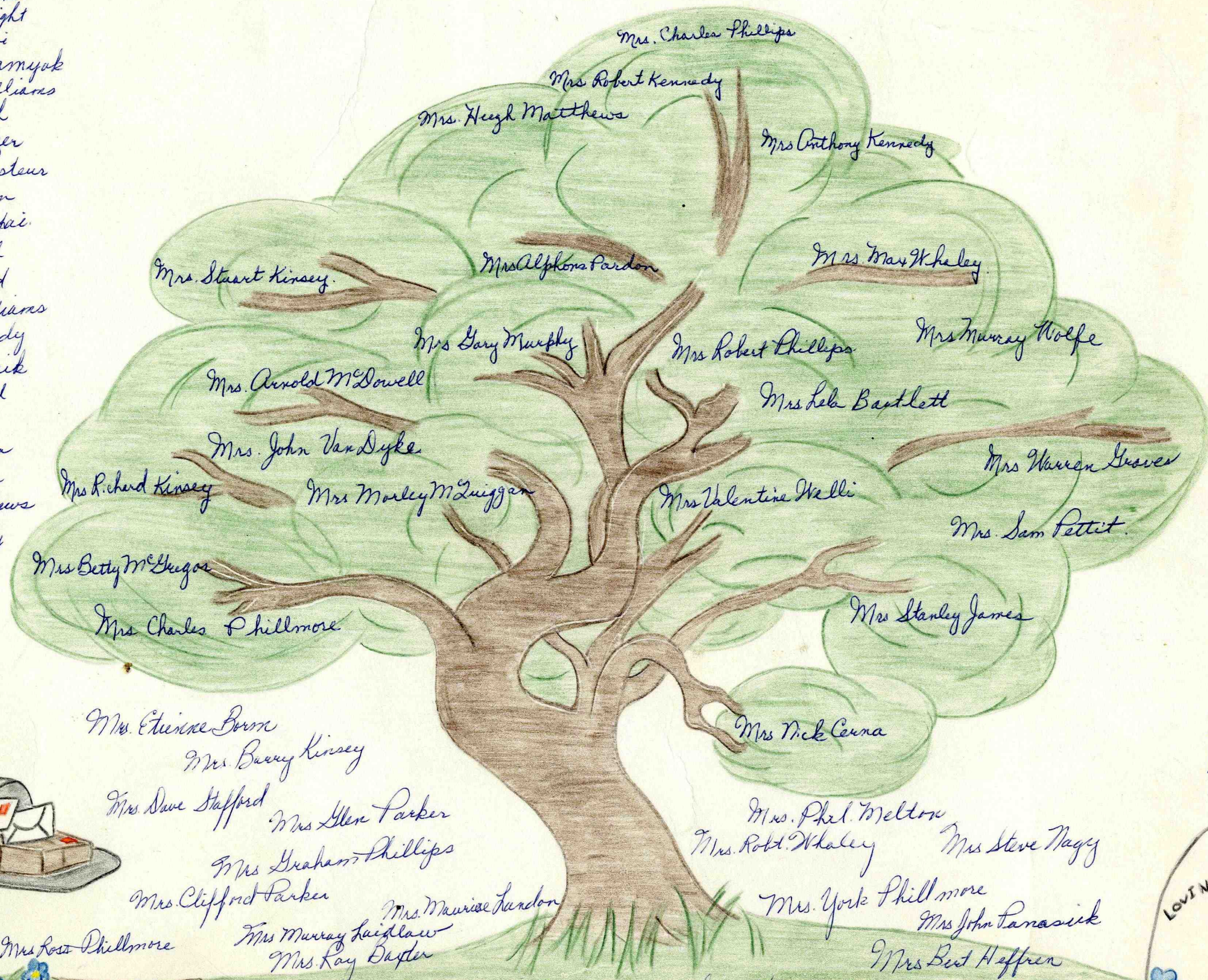
Mr. Murphy, who learned his trade from his uncle, also trains young men for the job. He said blacksmith courses currently taught in the United States are several weeks long - not long enough to instruct someone in the intricacies involved in fitting horse-shoes.

"It takes about two years to teach a guy how to shoe horses" he said. His son, Dan, has already earned a reputation as an excellent blacksmith. Mr. Murphy described a part of the knowledge that is required as "spiritual" not just from experience but "something you're born with."

Of course, whenever a horse like POWER DREAM comes in, a steady hand with the broom is an asset as well.

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