

# Watauga Horse Show Premieres Saturday; 367 Entries Compete



**RIDING DOUBLE**—Teresa and Carla on Dodge's Bay Girl, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carlock Greene of Vilas, were moving a little fast for the cameraman to get a sharp picture of their features as they rode in the lead line class of children under six years to open the Watauga Horse Club showgrounds at Vanderpool. Naturally, they won a ribbon for their appearance.



**A WINNER**—Telford Mast on his mount, Tinker Toy rides away with first place trophy in the pony class during the afternoon performance of Watauga Horse Show. Selection of the winners in most classes was difficult, as the horses were put through their paces by their riders. Trophies were given for most classes and ribbons went to the runners-up.

"We hope to see you next year and we'll have the place air-conditioned so it won't be so unbearably hot."

Thus Stanley Harris Jr. signed off for the Watauga Horse Show which premiered Saturday afternoon and evening at the Cove Creek Show Grounds. Box-loads of trophies and ribbons had been passed to the winners and most of the spectators had left rindside in the unseasonable chill.

One hundred, twenty-six riders turned out for the event, which was postponed Sept. 9 because of rain. The Hon. J. E. Wilson of Marion judged 367 entries in 31 classes under clear skies.

One class, two-year-old walking horses, was called off for lack of entries. Tennessee and North Carolina horsemen who had requested special divisions were unable to change their plans for the weekend when the raindate was utilized, although six entries were made in the amateur class and the walking horse championship.

**FIRSTS**  
The Watauga Horse Show racked up a few firsts as locally-sponsored shows go.

It was the first raindate show; the first show at which a pony was given away; and the first show "under the lights."

Show Manager Hiram Brooks reported that things came to a standstill for about 10 minutes that night when a fuse blew and plunged the grounds into darkness, however, no mishaps occurred.

A pony cart exhibition was put on in the afternoon by Arlie Hodges of Watauga County and an

unidentified driver from Caldwell, Blue ribbons were awarded them after the performance. Winner of the filly pony sponsored by the Cove Creek Riding Club was Phillip Spann of Blowing Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Spann and son, Junior, age 5 were notified after the drawing.

The youngest rider was Dianne Yates, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Yates. Dianne was presented in the lead-line class which attracted 13 contestants age 6 and under. Judge Wilson passed in an "all winners" card and blue ribbons were given to Dwayne Wilson, on Tinker Toy; Travis Wilson on Trigger; Teresa and Carla Greene on Dodge's Day Girl; Terry Harmon, Bill; Tod Harmon, Lightning; Sherry Harmon, Lady; Dianne Yates, Midnight; Teresa Hodges, Lady; Tim Shore, Goldie; Neil Gregory Prince; Gary Rominger, Super American; and Jeanne Mast on Mousy.

**PONY**, under 50 inches, rider under 12: First, Telford Mast on Tinker Toy; second, Scott Greene, Silver; third, Keith Rominger, Pepper; fourth, Phyllis Younce, mount unidentified; and fifth, Jenette Cornell, Pal.

**3-GAITED**: 1, Teresa Lewis, Count Charbonneau; 2, Jack Henson, Lightning; 3, Billy Wallace, Beauty; 4, Larry Brooks, Bay Temple; 5, Johnny Hodges, Sport.

**GIRLS 3-GAITED**: 1, Teresa Lewis, Count Charbonneau; 2, Patti Greene, Fool's Gold; 3, Beverly Crump, Bay Temple; 4, Becky Gentry, Sugar Booger; 5, Kathy Greene, Thunder.

**SURRY-BUGGY**: 1, A. B.

Hodges driving Little Joe; 2, George Bingham, Sally and Neil; 3, Fay Hayes, Goldie and Dusty; 4, Vernon Hodges, Trigger and Lady; 5, Larry Brooks, Prissy.

**WESTERN PLEASURE**: In the 37-horse class, number 1 was Danny Grindstaff on Country Ann; 2, Jack Cox, Squaw Lady; 3, Lois Foster, Pebbles; 4, Jim Wagoner, Corky; 5, Wayne Norris, Cycle Bar.

**STALLION**: 1, Wayne Norris, Cycle Bar; 2, Paula Adams, Adam; 3, J. B. Greene, Little Man; 4, Morris Barlow, Sunny; 5, Joe Tugman, Major.

**LADY'S PLEASURE**: 1, Patti Greene, Fool's Gold; 2, Kathy Greene, Thunder; 3, Becky Gentry, Sugar Booger; 4, Linda Greene, Dodge's Bay Girl; 5, Lois Foster, Pebbles.

**QUARTER HORSE**: 1, Jack Cox, Squaw Lady; 2, Danny Grindstaff, Country Ann; 3, Ken Ward, Whiskey; 4, Betty Arnold, Pay High; 5, Wayne Norris, Cycle Bar.

**AMATEUR WALKERS**: 1, J. B. Greene, Little Man; 2, Bobby Hodges, Red Rowdy.

**PONY CART**: 1, Nina Sue Henson, Tinker Toy; 2, Larry Yates, Smoky; 3, Vernon Hodges, Lady; 4, Bobby Hodges, Trigger; 5, Scott Greene driving Silver.

**WATAUGA 4-GAITED**: 1, Johnny Ray, Mary; 2, Marsha Greer, Prince; 3, Joe Tugman, Major; 4, George Greene, Stony; 5, Howard Younce, Sunny Duke.

**5-GAITED**: 1, Don Henson, King; 2, Johnny Ray, Mary; 3, Howard Younce, Sunny Duke; 4, Joe Tugman, Major; 5, Wayne Norris, Shadow.

**PARADE HORSES**: 1, Dave



**GRANDSTAND**—One section of seats provided for Watauga Horse Show spectators was filled as the Western Pleasure Class circled the show ring for the judges. Hundreds of people attended the show which was marked by almost perfect weather for the event. Some of Watauga's best looking horses were entered in this class.

Isaacs, Midnight; 2, Jack Henson, Lightning; 3, J. B. Greene, Trigger; 4, Michael Greene, Prince; 5, George Greene, Stony.

**PONY**, rider over 12: 1, Teresa Lewis, Tinker Toy; 2, Dennis Greene, Silver; 3, Clevie Ray, Smoky; 4, Junior Roper, mount unidentified; 5, Keith Rominger, Pepper.

**SENIOR PLEASURE**: 1, Jack Henson, Lightning; 2, Danny Grindstaff, Country Ann; 3, Betty Arnold, Pay High; 4, Dave Isaacs, Midnight; 5, Howard Younce, Tammy.

**JUNIOR PLEASURE**: 1, Kathy Greene, Thunder; 2, Jackie Cox, Squaw Lady; 3, Paula Adams, Blue Sioux; 4, Patti Greene, Fool's Gold; 5, Beverly Crump, Bay Temple.

**REINING CONTEST**: 1, Offie Hayworth, Jube; 2, Danny Grindstaff, Country Ann; 3, Connie Wilson, Blue Sioux; 4, D. H. Swift, Red; 5, Stedman Greeber, Blue.

**BOYS 3-GAITED**: 1, Jackie Henson, Lightning; 2, Jerry Hodges, Dan; 3, Garry Proffitt, Spot; 4, Tim Wilson, Tammy; 5, Junior Roper, Red.

**CHAMPS, RACES**  
The 5-gaited championship was awarded to Don Henson on King and Howard Younce came in second on Sunny Duke. Bud Greene was third on Spring's Shooting Star, following by Wayne Norris on Shadow and Johnny Ray in fifth place on Mary V.

First in Western pleasure was Ken Ward on Whiskey; 2, Danny Grindstaff, Country Ann; 3, Jim Wagoner, Corky; 4, Jack Cox, Squaw Lady; 5, Paula Adams, Blue Sioux.

Number 1 walking horse was Little Man, ridden by J. B. Greene; 2, Joe Tugman riding Major; 3, Bobby Hodges, Red Rowdy; 4, Morris Barlow.

The 3-gaited championship was won by Teresa Lewis on Count Charbonneau; 2, Jackie Henson, Lightning; 3, Patti Greene, Fool's Gold; 4, Dave Isaacs, Midnight; 5, Larry Brooks, Bay Temple.

Driver of the champion pony Tinker Toy, was Nina Sue Henson; Vernon Hodges was second with Lady; 3, Larry Yates, Smoky; 4, Bobby Hodges, Trigger; 5, Scott Greene, Silver.

As Harris' co-announcer Alfred Adams put it, you could almost bat an eye and miss an entry in the championship barrel race.

One-tenth of a second separated the second place winner from the champion, Stedman Greeber, whose horse Blue rounded the course in 19.4 seconds. Number 2 was Terry Hodges (19.5) on Blackie; 3, Offie Hayworth (19.8) on Jube;

4, J. B. Mitchell (20) on Yank; 5, Kenny Greene (20.1) on Tony.

Racing events were spliced throughout the show, Jerry Hodges, riding Sun Down, took a dollar between him and the horse.

In the spoon and egg race, Susan Mast rode Misty, balancing an egg in a spoon at the walk and canter until all other riders were eliminated. She won her blue ribbon in an iron skillet.

In the pick-up race, Hencie Matheson rode Red to the far end of the ring, picked up Lester Rominger and crossed the finish line in 13.3 seconds. Second place rider, horse, passenger and time is Kenny Greene, Brandy, Ken Ward, 13.9; third, Lester Rominger, Bo Sham, Hencie Matheson, 14.4; fourth, Kenny Greene, Tony, Ken Ward, 14.5; fifth, Ronnie Matheson, Smoky, Hencie Matheson, 14.5. (Last two determined by run-off.)

In pole-bending, number 1, was Offie Hayworth on Jube and her time was 23.8; 2, David Childress, Dr. Pepper, 25.5; 3, D. H. Swift, Red, 26.5; 4, Hencie Matheson, Red, 26.8; 5, Larry Brooks, Dixie, 26.9.

Hencie Matheson won the afternoon barrel race on Red with a time of 20.9 seconds. Second was Jerry Hodges on Blackie, 21; third was J. B. Mitchell on Yank, 21.4; fourth, Offie Hayworth on Jube, 21.5; 21.5 (run-off decision).

Riding Clubs represented at the show were the Hunt Mountain Saddle Club of Avery County, the Corn Creek Trail Riders of Johnson County, the Ashe County Saddle Club and the Cove Creek Riding Club of Watauga.

Council Mains, who leased the show grounds to the Cove Creek Riding Club and provided additional acreage for spectator and exhibitor parking, extended appreciation to show sponsors for co-operating with him in using his Vanderpool Farm property.

**ELECTION AND PEACE**  
As a result of the recent election in South Vietnam, American officials believe the new government will have more interest in peace talks. The State Department, however, remains non-committal to any possible results the presidential election may bring.

**WALLACE AND G. O. P.**  
From G.O.P. headquarters comes word that Republicans are beginning to fear that a third party bid for the presidency by ex-Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama might cause them a loss of votes in 1968. An all-out G.O.P. attack is suggested if he enters the race.

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