

The Troop D Rough Riders

The picture shown on this page is that of the boys who flirt with death and give you thrills that will keep you on the edge of your seat all during the three-hour show. So that you'll know these daredevil riders when they make their appearance on the field, you'll find in the picture Captain Stephen McGrath, who directs the activities of Troop D, New York State Police at Oneida Barracks, and who is the manager of the Champion Oneida Bugle Band; Sergeant Joseph Deveans; Corporal Joseph Fitzpatrick; Corporal B. M. Butler; and Troopers John Mitszyk, H. E. Hackett, Ed Harney and John Lawrence.

Needless to say, the skill of the Riders is not acquired in just a few minutes practice. Most of them outshine circus

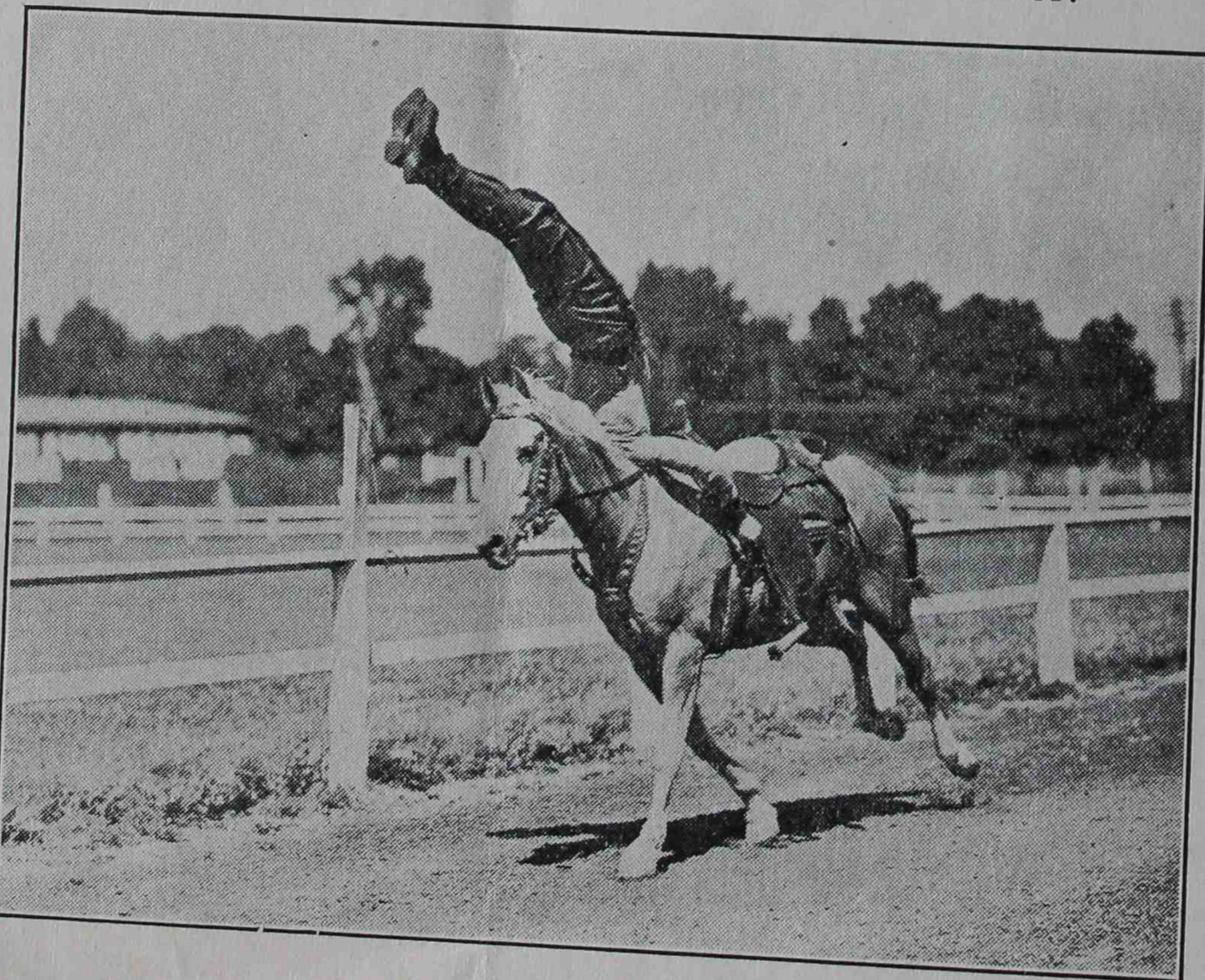
acrobats and their work, because their stunts, done while the horses are galloping at full speed, is far more dangerous.

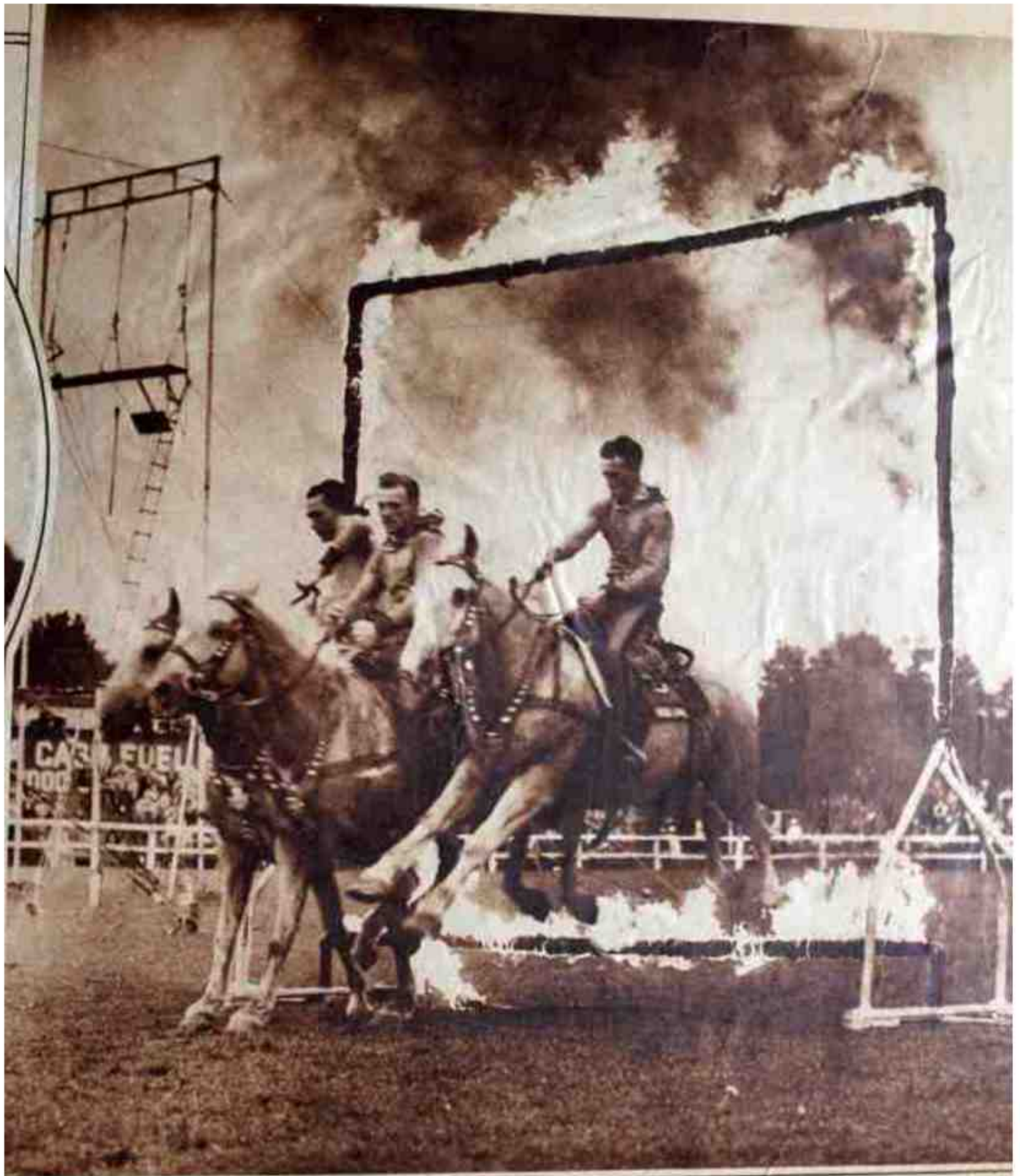
Troop "D," with headquarters in Oneida, has the central section of the State to supervise, consisting of the following counties: Cayuga, Cortland, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Seneca, Wayne and Yates, having within its boundaries the cities of Syracuse, Utica, Auburn, Oswego, Cortland, Little Falls, Oneida and Geneva, a territory with a total of 8,239 square miles and a population of 875,000 people.

Troop "D" was organized in 1917 and prior to occupying the barracks at Oneida in 1919 it had temporary quarters at Onondaga Valley. It has a personnel of 96 men of which Captain McGrath is the leader.

The New York State Police possess all the powers and authority of police officers with full power and authority to function anywhere within the limits of the State of New York. We had a fine example of the efficiency of their work on more than one occasion and have always found the boys courteous and anxious to please.

Ziyara Temple and the Oneida Bugle Band feel honored and proud that they can offer to residents of Central New York the Troop D Rough Riders.

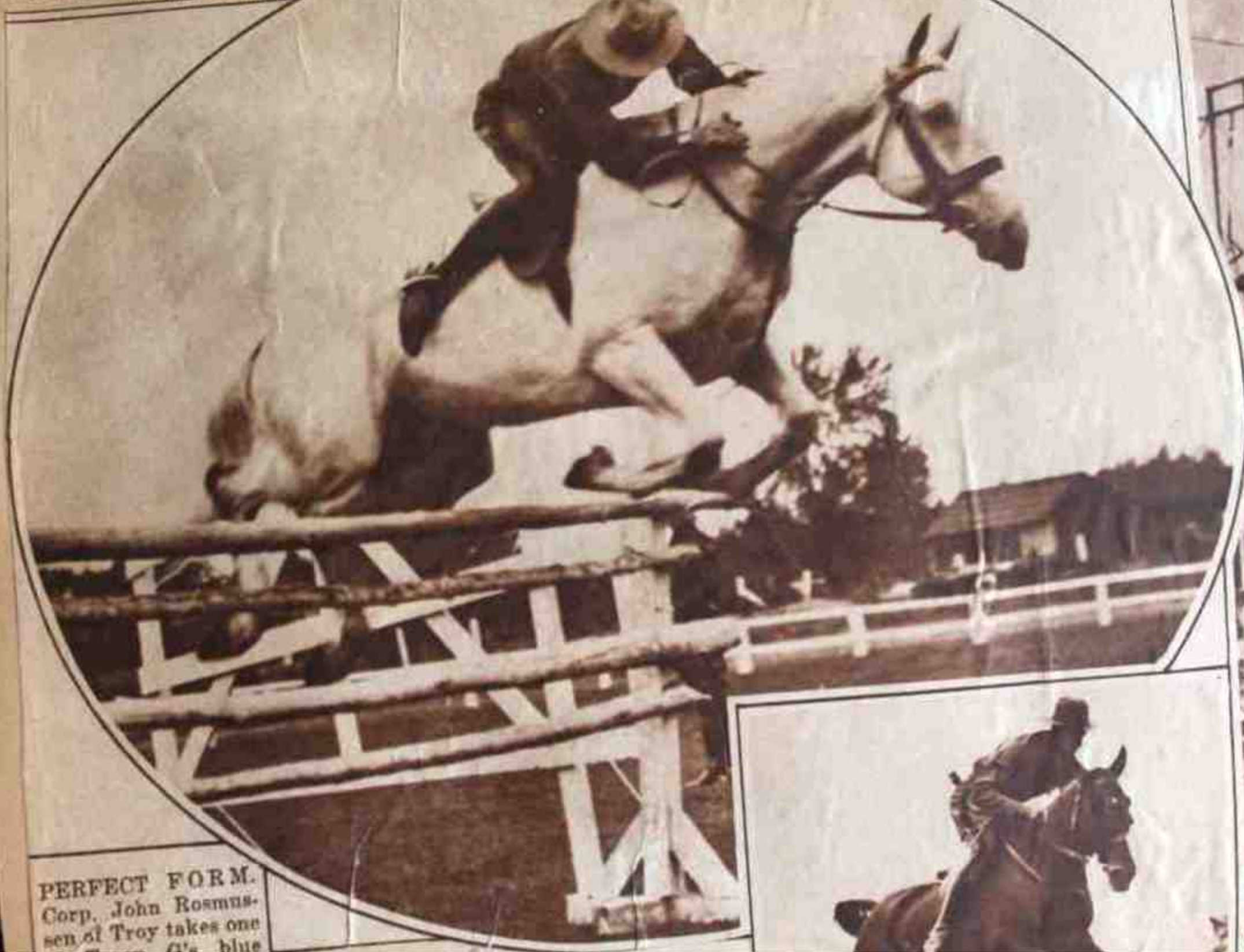




ACTION PLUS. Above, during riders of Troop D spur their mounts through the flaming arch. Left, Earl Hackett in the five-foot jump event.

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Cpl. John Rosmussen, Troop 6



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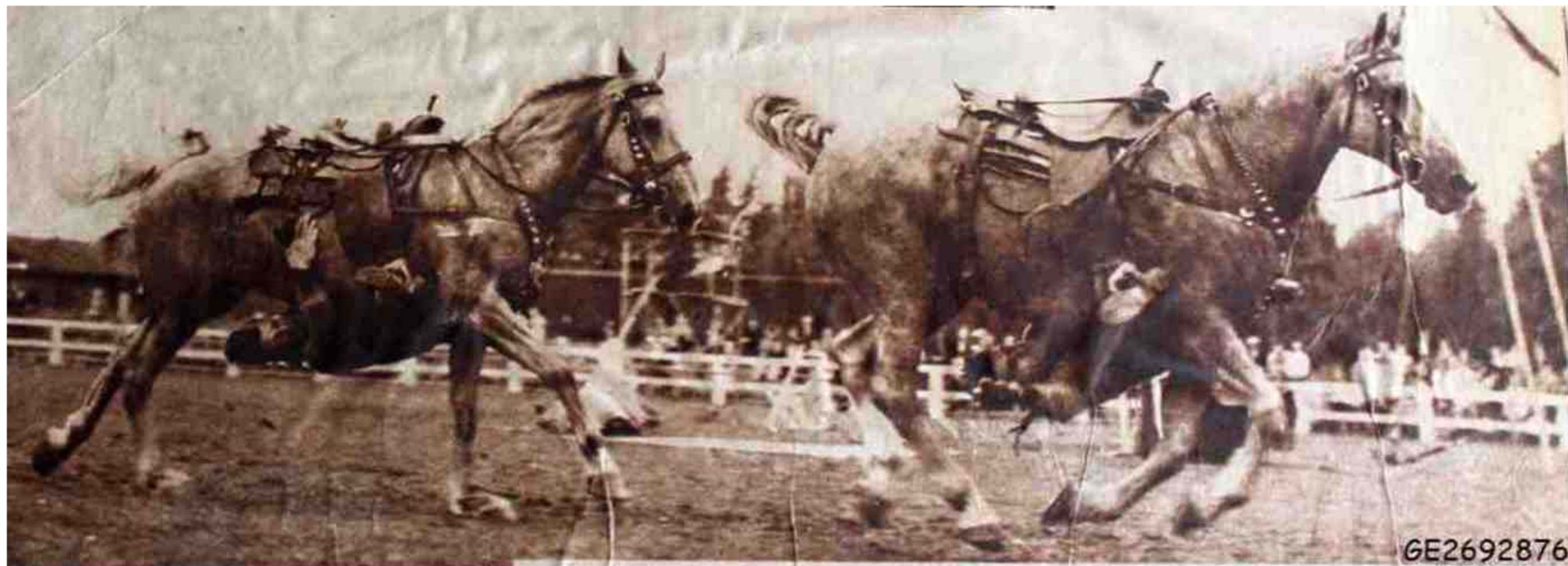
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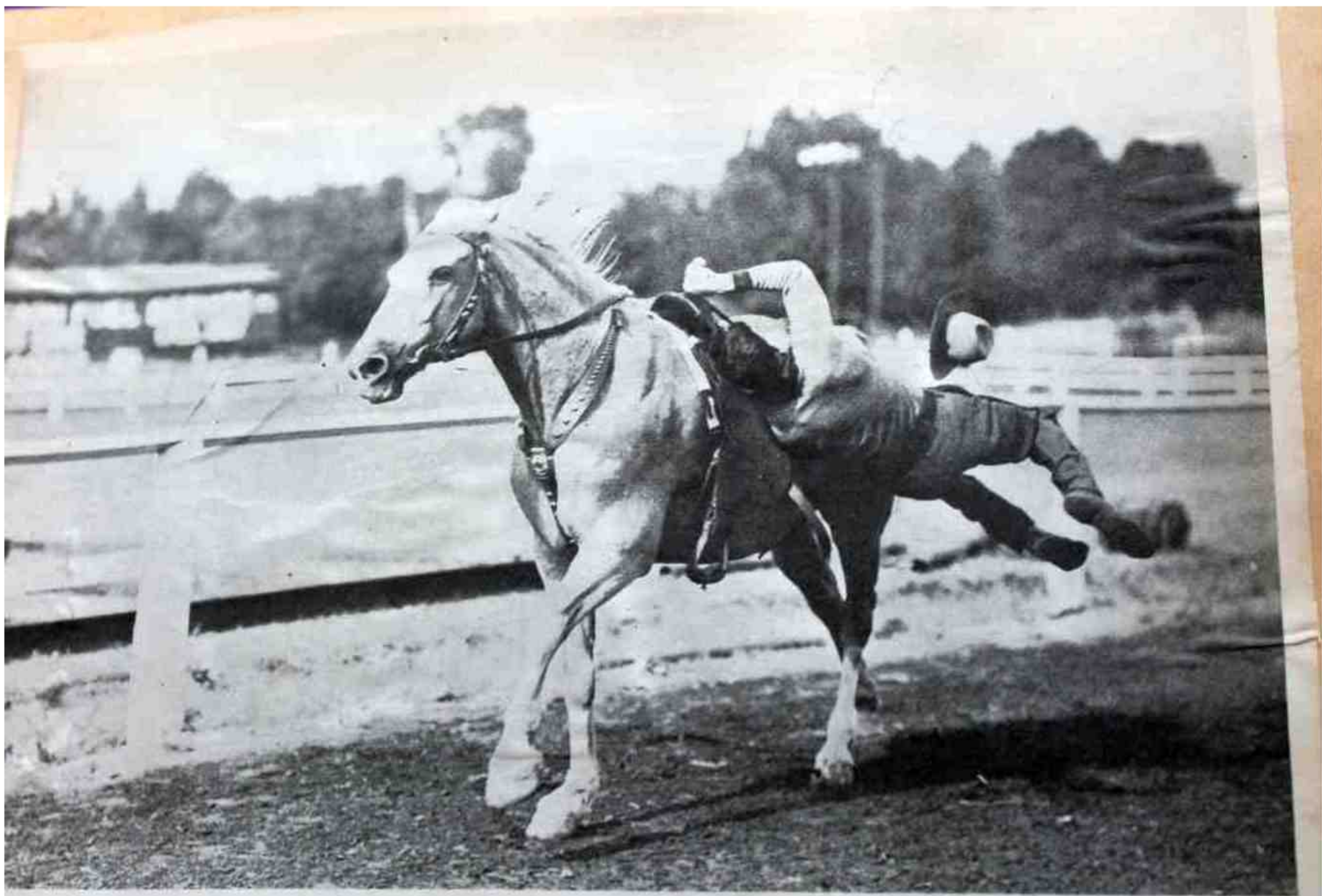


FEATS THAT TAKE NERVE, pictured above and below, thrilled hundreds at the State Police Field Day.

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CORPORAL B. F. BUTLER EXECUTING A CARTWHEEL ON "GYPSEY"

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Syracuse Herald-Courier, Aug. 20, 1959
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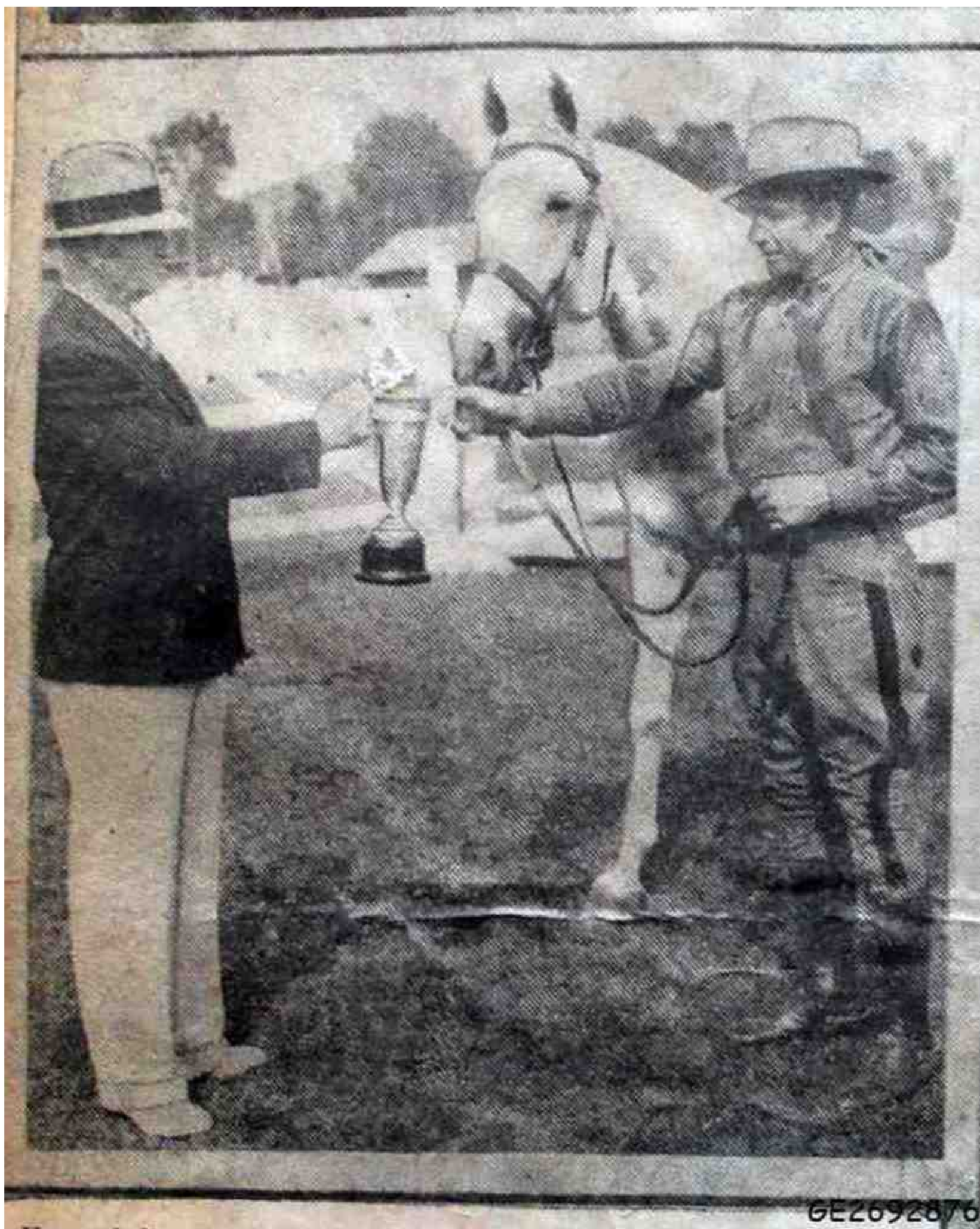
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The Troopers' Field Day

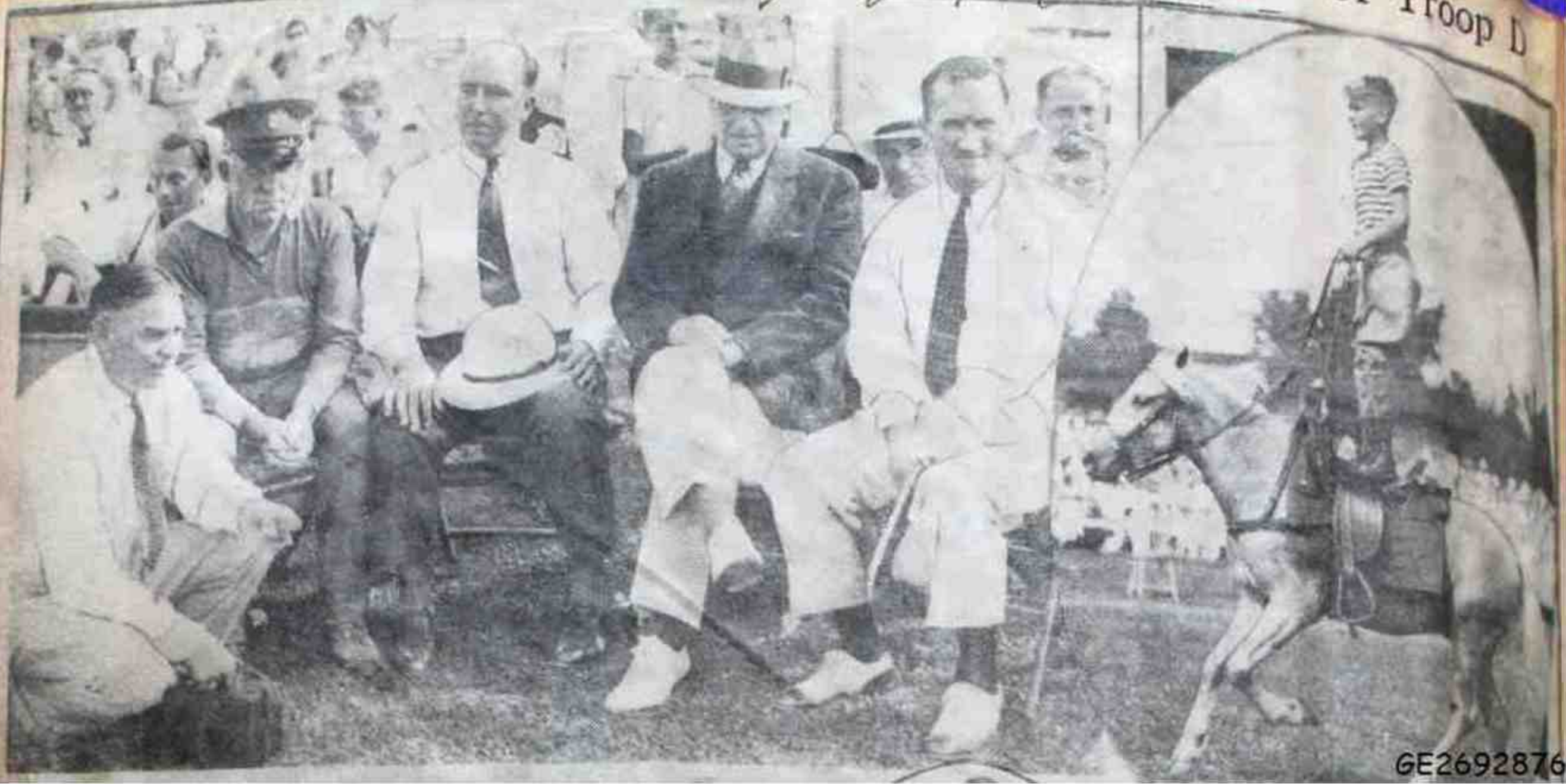
For 365 days in the year (not to mention the nights) the state troopers are on the job. But on one day of each year, come August, they put on a show.

And, on that one day, the people they serve can do nothing better than to take in that show. It gives them an opportunity to demonstrate their support of the troopers' work, to get better acquainted when there is no official business in hand and—the show is a mighty good one.

The annual field day of Troop D this year will be held at the Oneida barracks at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Members of the troop will show their ability at jumping horses, rough riding, exhibition riding and other sports, while the program will be varied by youngsters trained in trick and fancy riding and by vaudeville acts.

The state troopers, like the Royal Canadian Mounted, always get their man; let's see to it that they get a record crowd of them at the field day tomorrow.

Scenes at Annual Field Day Held at Oneida Barracks of Troop D
Held Day Aug. 17-1935



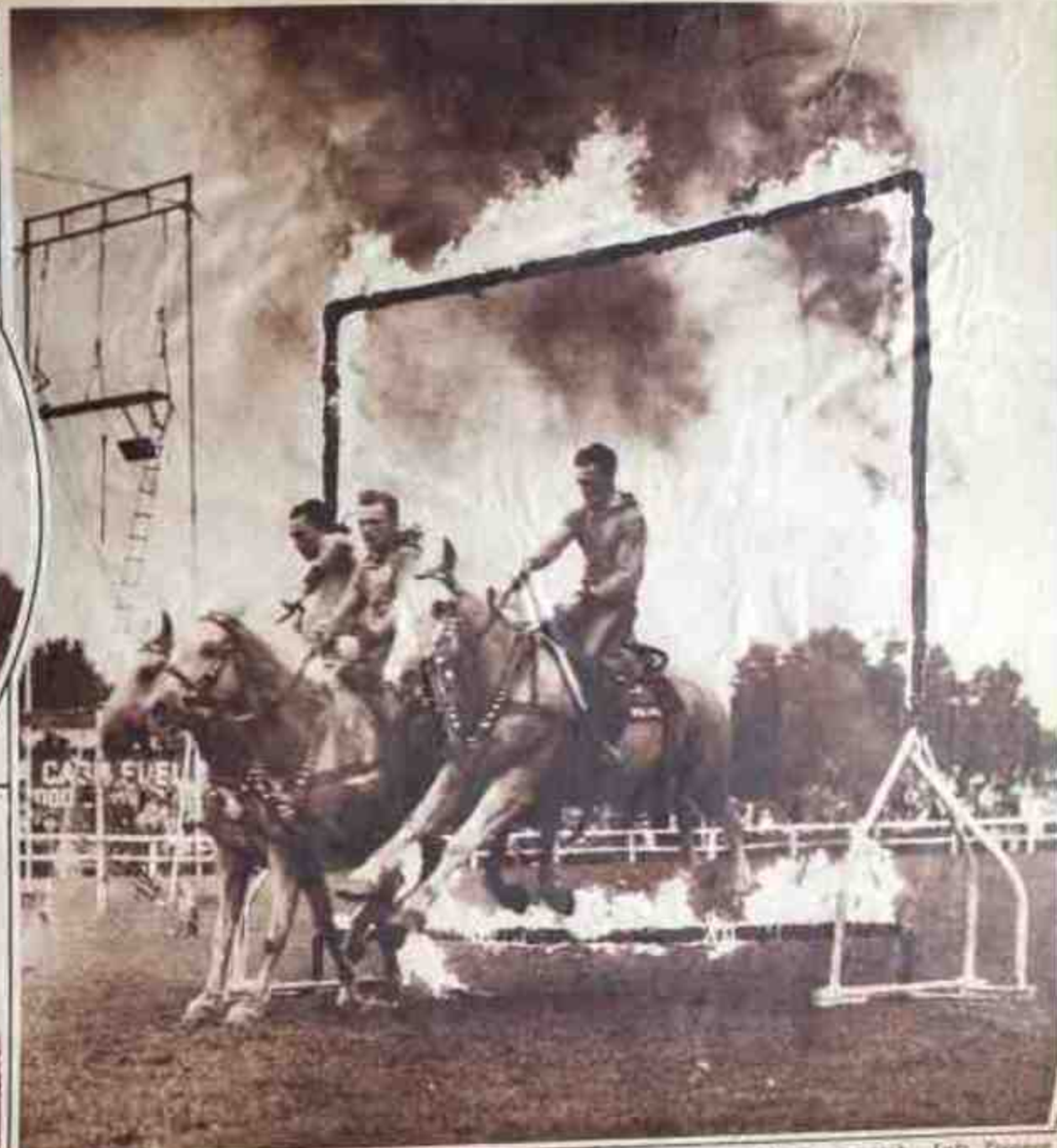
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Upper left—Group of visiting officers of state police guests of the field day. Picture shows Lieut. Charles McCann of Troop B at Malone, Capt. Stephen McGrath, in command of Troop D at Oneida, Capt. Charles Broadfield of Troop B, Col. G. F. Chandler, of New York, founder and first superintendent of state police of New York; Col. Donald Armstrong of Syracuse. Upper right—Walter (Spider) Mater, 11, of Utica, doing trick riding. Lower left—Trooper H. J. Burmeister, member of Troop G at Troy won the horse show silver trophy. Picture shows Trooper H. J. Burmeister receiving trophy from Capt. Charles Broadfield of Troop B at Malone. "Pat Grey" is the trooper's mount. Lower right—Troop D six-man pyramid rides thru arch of fire to thrill the crowds. Picture shows Sergt. Joe Devean, Corp. John Fitzpatrick and Troopers George Lawrence, Harold Hacket, Harold Harvey and John Mitryzk. Insert—Miss Beverly Carrier, 7, daughter of Trooper and Mrs. George W. Carrier of Wampsville, riding her mount, Flapper Fanny, thru arch of fire.



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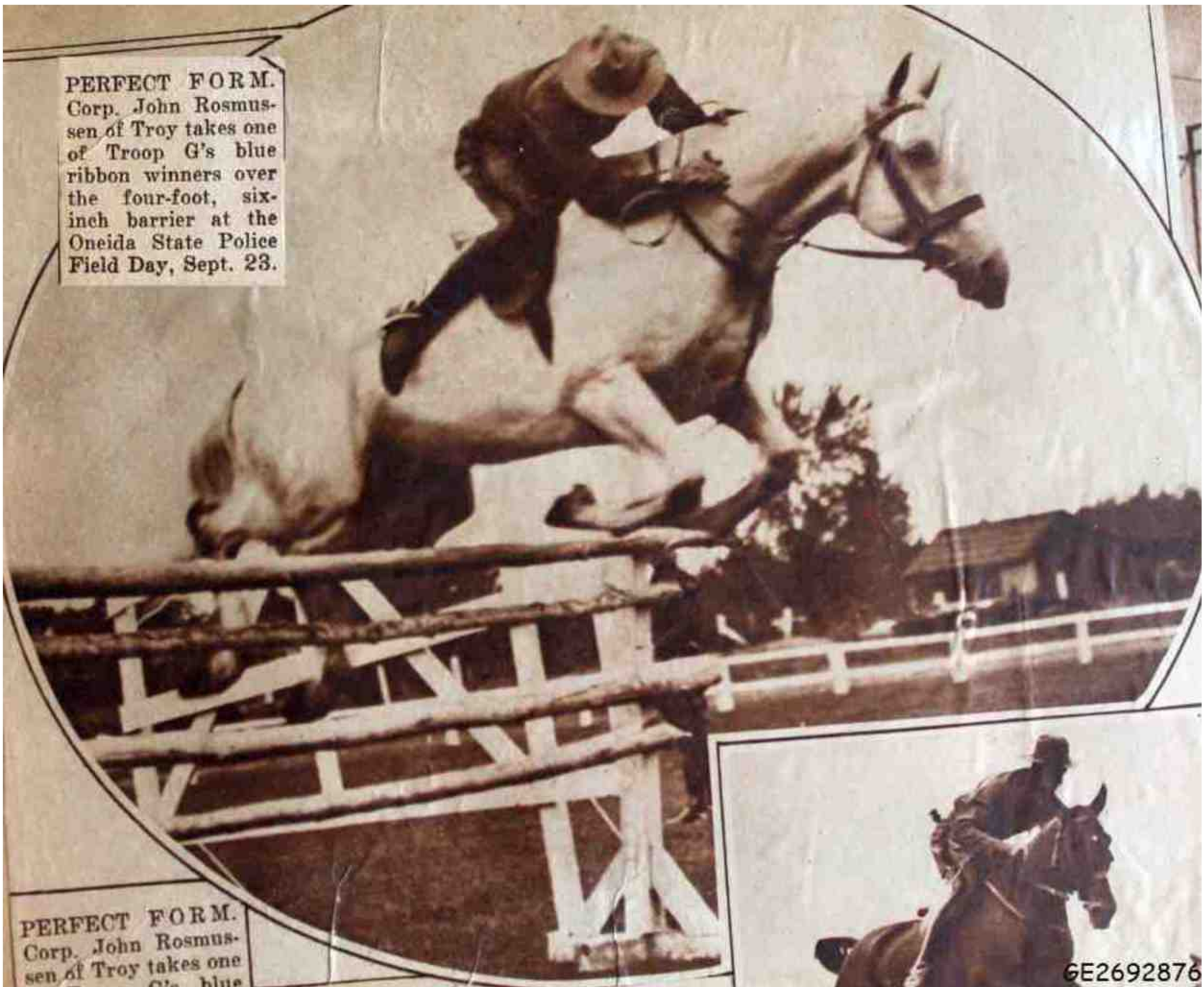
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ACTION PLAN. Above, three riders of Troop D spin their mounts through the flaming arch. Left, Troop G's East Haskell in the five-foot jump event.

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FLYING AN EQUINE PLANE.
Sergt. J. W. Deveans, of Troop D,
New York State Police, doing the
"airplane ride" on "Duke," one of
the stunts that will thrill spectators
at the field day at Oneida Barracks
next Saturday.

ONEIDA BAR-
RACKS "C.O." Capt.
Stephen McGrath, of
Troop D, astride
"Silver King."



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Troop D's colors
Stars and Stripes atop a pyra-

The Colors—Coming on a full gallop with Troop D's colors leading and the Stars and Stripes atop a pyra-

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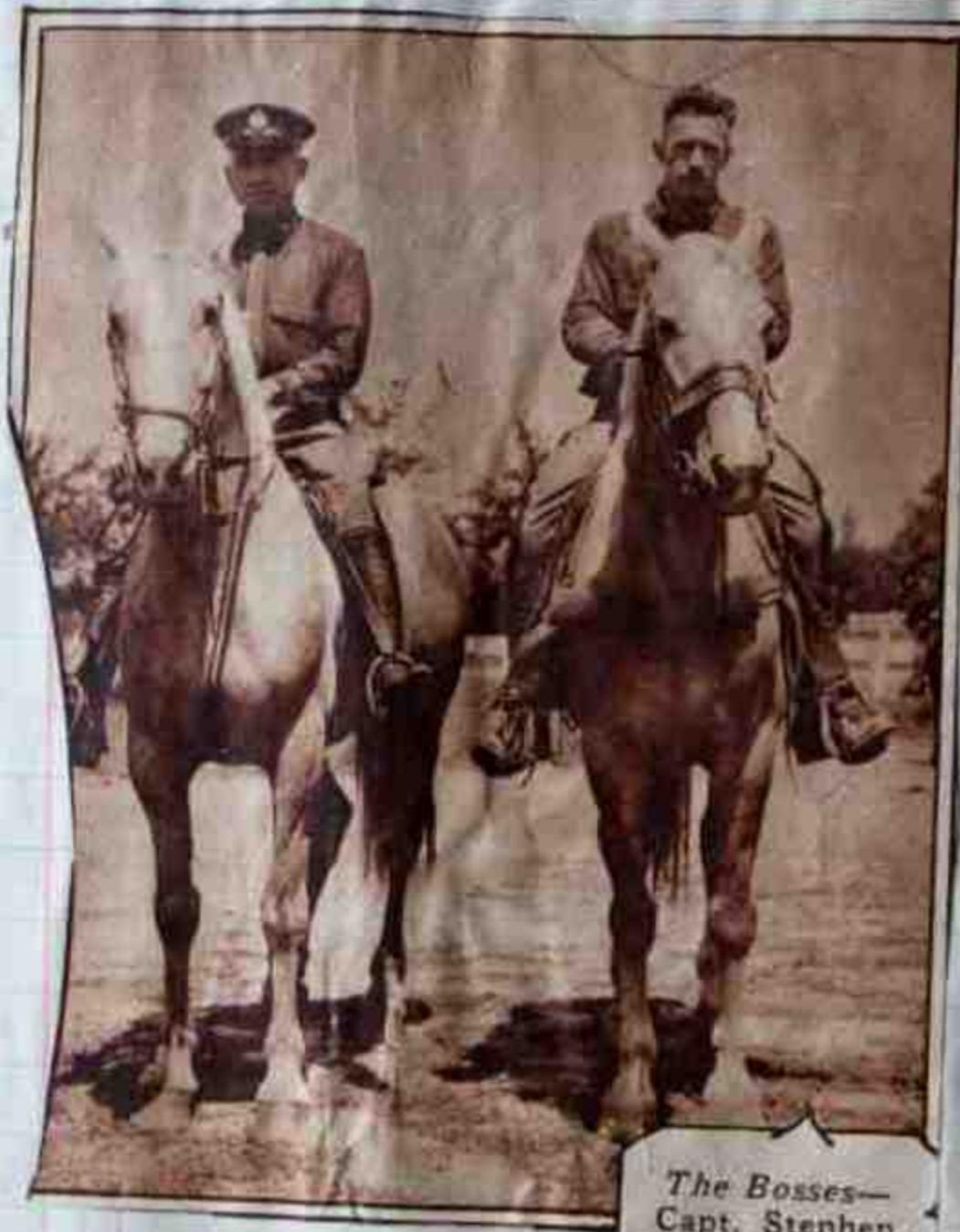
Courtesy the Cossacks—Troop D's rough riders have borrowed this head-stand from the famous Russian horsemen.

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The rough riding team of Central New York's own Troop D. State Police, swings into action in Oneida.

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*The Bosses—
Capt. Stephen
McGrath, com-
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of Troop D,
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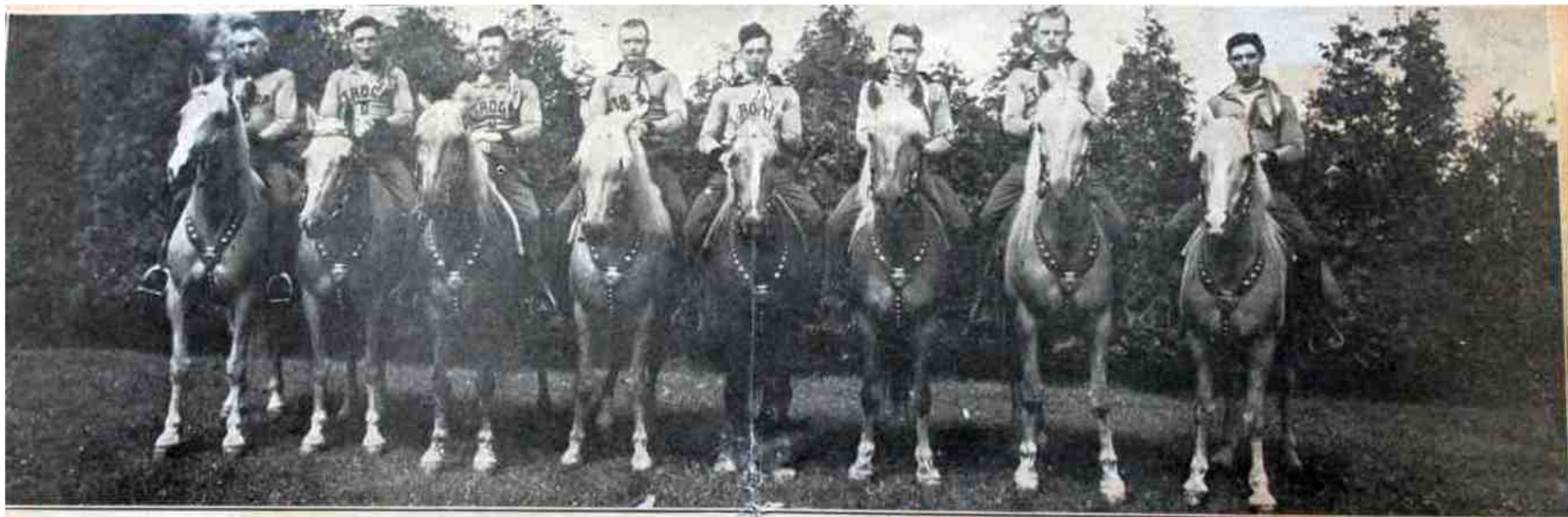
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Dead Horse! —
Lieut. Tremain
Hughes demon-
strates a bit of
"horse gymnastics."

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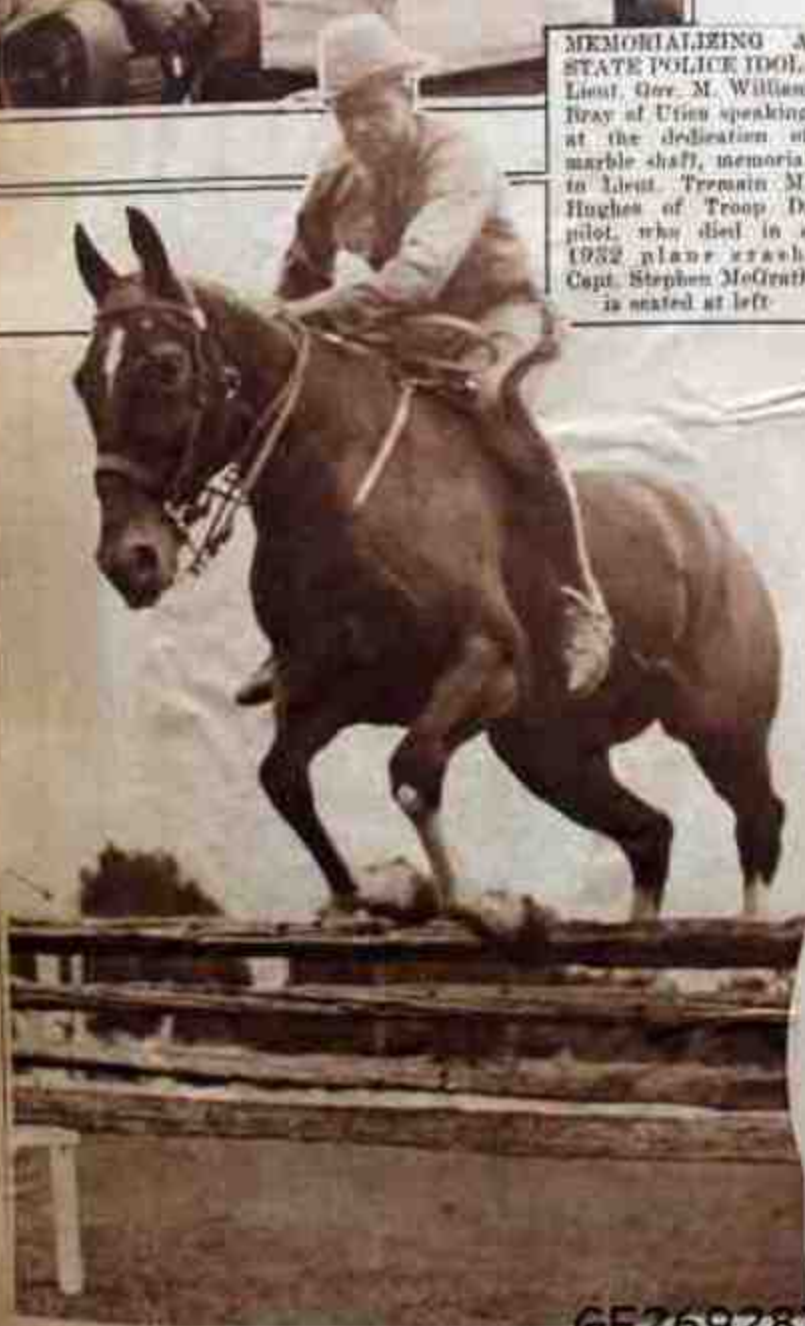


Left to Right—Captain Stephen McGrath, Sergeant J. W. Deveans, Corporal B. F. Butler, Troopers J. B. Todd, J. G. Damrath, W. F. Wheeler, John
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Falling?—
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Trooper John
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to a firm
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