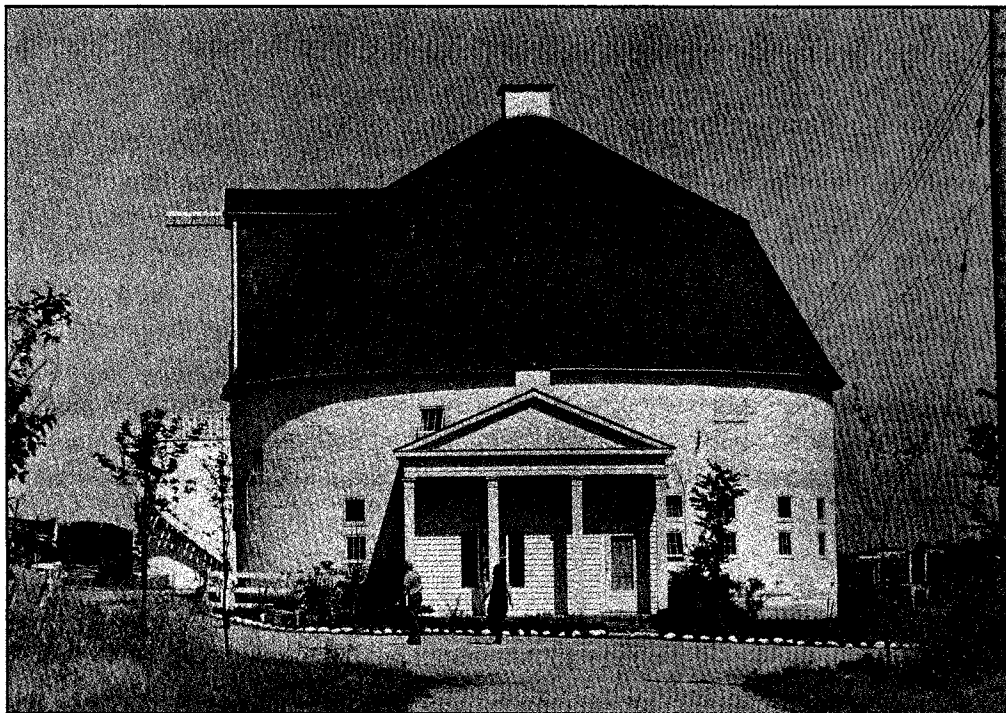


The Chase Begins



Horses for work and transportation played an important role in the founding of Barrington. Although horses were ultimately replaced by automobiles and tractors, the community has retained its rural roots and has remained a haven for horse owners. As the early settlers' farms were being purchased for country estates, many new area residents introduced horses for sport and pleasure-riding.

Spencer Otis purchased six of these pioneer farms in 1907, and developed them all as Hawthorne Farms. These farms were in the vicinity of the present-day Otis and Brinker Roads and Dundee Lane. His son, Spencer Otis Jr. attended agricultural school at the University of Illinois in Urbana, during the time when the school was experimentally building round barns. Stucco round barns became an Otis signature and three of them were built on Barrington properties as dairy barns.



Bringing with them an interest in horses, the Buckley and McIntosh families moved into the Barrington area in the mid-'20s. The Cardwell's Oak Knolls Farm was purchased in 1924, and on this property pleasure and driving horses were raised. Oak Knolls Farm adjoined the Van Hagen's Wakefield Farm, now Bellwood, and many happy hours were spent by the children in these families, riding the trails throughout their properties. Dottie and Virginia Cardwell, the Van Hagens, and Jane McIntosh would ride their ponies past the Barrington Hills Country Club, opened in 1921, across County Line Road, through the Hecht property, now Bellarmine Hall, to meet Liz Otis and then head to either Algonquin or Barrington for an ice cream cone. Plenty of hitching posts and rings were cemented into the sidewalks for tying up their ponies while the girls lingered at McLeisters, now known as The Bread Basket. Cars, horse-drawn carts, and riders made an interesting blend of past and future in those years.

With this idyllic childhood as their inspiration, the children of the 1930s were to be the founders of the Riding Club of Barrington Hills and the charter members of the Fox River Valley Hunt. With the help of their parents, permission was secured from neighbors to ride over local property. This was the nucleus of the present horseback riding trail system in Barrington. The Riding Club was formed in 1937, with a governing body empowered to maintain the many miles of trails laid out by these early riders.

In 1937, Orville Caesar, then president of the Greyhound Bus Corporation, purchased the Hawley Road section of Otis' Hawthorne Farms where one of his historic round barns was located. Caesar remodeled the barn to accommodate his grandchildren's horses and ponies. It became a boarding stable too, for the horses of newly arrived residents. Blaun Erickson and later Robert Breen, both local professional horsemen, managed the barn for Caesar. They held horse shows for their boarders and also for local riders. An all-junior horse show was held in 1938, the inaugural Barrington Horse Show in 1940. The summer show grew in popularity, attracting many non-residents and finally becoming an annual three-day show every August. A philanthropic tradition was established at the onset, with the earliest shows benefiting the Countryside Fire Department and, later, the only nearby medical facility, Sherman Hospital in Elgin.

In 1935, another enterprising group of adult riders founded the Barrington Polo Club, comprising F. Donald "Tony" Bateman; his brother-in-law, Harold Byron Smith; Dekoven "Deke" Bowen; Charles "Chuck" Buckley; Jevney Hagen; and William "Bill" Horne. They practiced and held matches on the large level field to the east of Old Hart Road. The field was then part of Hartwood, the estate of H. Stillson Hart, Harold Smith's father-in-law. Whenever a team member was unable to make practice, Virginia Carwell was happy to serve as a substitute.

The club had a full schedule, playing teams from the Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest as well as clubs from Evanston, Park Ridge, and Fort Sheridan.

A successful group in 1938, they retired the trophy, defeating Onwentsia in the season's final match by a 4-3 score. In 1939, with World War II becoming an inevitability in Europe, the club disbanded.



L To R, Tony Bateman, Jerry Corbett, Chuck Buckley, Harold Smith, Deke Bowen.

One of the earliest and most popular equestrian events in Barrington started in 1937. This became the annual gymkhana at Jay Cardwell's Oak Knolls Farm. Unlike horse shows, the innovative Oak Knolls Farm Gymkhana refreshingly played to its own rules. Everyone in Barrington with a horse was invited to the Cardwells' for fun and games on horseback. To a blaring Victrola playing the National Anthem, the traditional opening featured a parade of riders led by Jay, carrying the American flag on his saddlebred

mare. In later years, when his arthritic knee prevented him from riding, he led the parade from his homemade gasoline golf scooter.

Barrington neighbors, friends, and guests gathered on the hill overlooking the riding ring to enjoy the jumping classes and games. Among the standard offerings for the day's enjoyment were pole-bending, the broad jump, and a skit performed on horseback. The annual potato race would be called "the edible farinaceous tuber race" one year and "the Erin vs. Idaho race" the next year. The hard boiled egg toss was another regular feature. Always accompanied by the Cardwell girls' sense of humor, they would invariably slip in one raw egg that would often splatter on some unsuspecting horse's rump.

For everyone, the highlight of the day was the famous obstacle race. In this event competitors would gallop to boxes containing an assortment of clothing and don whatever was presented to them. Wearing a variety of brassieres, girdles, and baby bonnets, they would then bob for apples, remount and race to the last obstacle. This was the spectator's favorite. A pole was placed on two standards six feet high. The challenge was for the rider to climb from the horse's back over the pole while enticing the horse to go underneath. All thoroughly enjoyed watching their neighbors, otherwise august members of the community, attempt to straddle the pole wearing outrageous clothing and sporting silly grins while awaiting the return of their horses. These gymkhanas were held annually from 1937 until 1951, when as many things do, it outgrew itself.

The Oak Knolls Gymkhana

SUNDAY, JULY 18th, 1948, 2 P. M.

You, your family, your friends and your horses are invited to attend, either as participants, or spectators, or both. The events are as follows:

- I. **The Opening Parade**
Walk, ride, drive, roll, or crawl. Costumes preferred.
- II. **Edible Farinaceous Tuber^o Race**
Open to all.
- III. **Gungadine Race**
Riders, pick your partner from the rubbernecker.
- IV. **Hen Fruit Race**
Hard boiled for hard boiled kids.
- V. **The Stunt**
"Crime Never Pays."
- VI. **Bareback Race**
Fatten your horses for this one.
- VII. **Obstacle Race**
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- VIII. **Touch and Out Broad Jump**
Low, safe and fun.
- IX. **Bending Race**
Two teams of snaky horses.
- X. **Junior Jumping**
16 year olds and under. Jumps not over three feet.
- XI. **Senior Jumping**
- XII. **Going to Jerusalem**
Calling all little "Arabs."

If you bring a horse, bring a tie rope. In case of a cloud burst, the Gymkhana will be postponed one week.

Information bureau, Barrington 19

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The Oak Knolls Gymkhana

SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 1951, 2:00 P. M.

You, your family, your friends and your horses and their tie ropes are invited to attend either as participants or spectators or both. The events are as follows:

- I. **The Opening Parade**
The more the merrier on or with any form of hayburner.
- II. **Potato Race**
Old Erin vs. Idaho
- III. **Egg and Spoon Race**
Strictly fresh eggs 12 years old and under.
- IV. **Broad Jump**
Keep your horses off the orchids.
- V. **Bending Race**
North and South Korea
- VI. **Egg Throwing Contest**
Pick a pardner with a gentle touch.
- VII. **The Stunt**
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- VIII. **Obstacle Race**
We're never sure ourselves.
- IX. **Musical Chairs**
For no ladies and no gentlemen.
- X. **Junior Jumping**
16 years and under.
- XI. **Open Jumping**
85 years and under.

In case of rain, the gymkhana will be postponed one week to July 29th. If you bring a horse, bring a tie rope.

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Nineteen thirty-eight was the year that foxhounds were introduced to the Barrington area. Local residents Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnston acquired four hounds from the Bridlespur Hunt in St. Louis, where they had formerly been members. They invited Virginia Cardwell to join them when they took the four hounds hunting. Gina, as she was known, had always loved horses and dogs since her childhood days in Chicago. Her parents allowed her to have a pony, during the summer months the pony was kept in their sizeable yard on Lake Shore Drive. When she tired of the yard, Gina took her pony out onto the streets, where she dodged trolley cars and autos. Undoubtedly, having a safer place to ride was a significant factor in her father's purchase of Oak Knolls Farm when Gina was only 11 years old. This was the beginning of her lifelong love affair with horses. Upon graduation from Pine Manor College, Gina returned to Oak Knolls to become a member of the Wayne-DuPage Hunt and the secretary of the Riding Club of Barrington Hills. She enjoyed riding with the Johnstons during their brief stay in the Barrington area. They named their informal little group the Barrington Hills Hunt, and Gina's records show that the hounds went out six times in October 1938.

Gina also recorded that Edgerton A. Throckmorton joined them on weekends. He lived nearby on his farm, Hail Weston, at the west end of Helm Road, in what was known then as Dundee Township. These informal occasions were his first fox hunting experiences in Barrington and undoubtedly gave him a great desire to have his own pack of hounds.

Shortly thereafter, Edgie, as he was known to his friends, obtained two hounds while on a trip to Maine. Although reported to be "coon"

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Saturday, October 8, 1938

Mr. Lyle Johnston - M.F.H.
 Mrs. Lyle Johnston - Hon. Whip
 Mr. E. A. Throckmorton - Hon. Whip
 Mr. Jake Schmidt - Pro. Whip

Hounds - 5
 Bounder, Bender, Baxter, Blitzen, Red

Time: 8:00 A.M.

Place: Cast in woods south of Throckmorton's & worked east -
 Found in woods east of Hawthorne grave - Fox ran east to ground under the power line -

Picked up at 12:00 noon -

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Saturday, October 15, 1938

Mr. Lyle Johnston - M.F.H.
 Mrs. Lyle Johnston - Hon. Whip
 Mr. E. A. Throckmorton - Hon. Whip
 Mr. Jake Schmidt - Pro. Whip

Time: 8:00 A.M.

Place: Cast in woods south of Throckmorton's -
 Found in woods east of Wilder's & fox ran north to Opal Helm's cornfield - Viewed there, fox ran south & into Wilder's cornfield - Ran directly from there to Bateman road where we lost -
 Picked up at 11:45

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hounds, they were, in fact, Virginia Redbone hounds, an American variety of foxhound. They became the nucleus of the pack raised on the Throckmorton farm.

A year later, in the fall of 1939, the offspring of Red and Betty were happily hunting over Edgie's land as well as that of his neighbors. Dr. Paul Magnuson, who owned Pond Gate Farm on Penny Road, and Gina Cardwell would often join Edgie in following these hounds.

Major Henry Bate, a soft-spoken man who had a way with horses, first worked for Dr. Magnuson at Pond Gate Farm and then moved to Chicago's North Shore, where he managed the stables of Chicago architect Denison Bingham Hull. Hull was Joint Master of the Longmeadow Hunt in Northbrook. Bate, who knew Edgie Throckmorton from his days with Magnuson, suggested that Denny, as he was known, take some drag hounds out for a day of live hunting in Dundee Township — just for the fun of it and to see the reaction of the hounds. Denny did not consciously realize it that morning, but taking his drag hounds out for that first live hunt had a powerful effect on him. As he was to recount later in his well-respected book, "*Thoughts on American Fox-Hunting*", published in 1959: "I had the time of my life, and they (his hounds) started a fox very promptly, and ran him like mad, showing a life and enthusiasm they had never exhibited on the drag. I had never experienced the thrill that went up my spine when they opened that first time, there was something elemental about it that touched a primitive instinct."

He had heard the music of the pack in full cry, perhaps glimpsed a fox taking a swift and shadowy leave for cover, and felt the thrill of flying a fence at full speed. It was at that moment he became a committed member of a mystical and ancient fraternity dedicated to fox hunting.

That evening, "in a fever of enthusiasm", after what had been for them, a wonderful experience, Edgie Throckmorton and Denny Hull were inspired to form an alliance that would create a fox hunting retreat for their generation and those to follow. The Fox River Valley Hunt was born and nurtured in a time and place where open land and horses were a way of life.

A plan was immediately determined: Edgie would provide the country and extend the paneled jumps to his own property, adding to those already installed on Pond Gate Farm; Denny would provide the hounds. Acquiring hounds was not an easy task. He could not draft Longmeadow's because their hunt fixture was set and he knew that their members would not be interested in driving 30 miles west to hunt.

To his surprise, the solution came almost immediately through an advertisement in an early 1940 issue of *The Chronicle of the Horse*, an equine publication based in Virginia. The Masters in England wished to reduce their packs while being assured that, despite the escalation of the war, their bloodlines would not be lost. Surplus hounds were available, and the contact was to be A. Henry Higginson.

An expatriate American, Alex Henry Higginson had been Master of the Middlesex Hunt in New England from 1896 to 1920. He served as amateur huntsman for the Millbrook Hunt in New York. After four seasons there, he became Joint Master of the Hartford Hunt in Maryland. In 1928, he moved to England, returning to America only for occasional visits. In England he was Joint Master of the Cattistock Hunt until 1942, and then Joint Master of the South Dorset Hunt.

Prior to Higginson's departure for England, he had served as President of the Masters of Foxhounds Association in North America from 1915 to 1931. During his tenure he authored and published "*The Unwritten Laws of Fox Hunting*", which, although revised many times, has remained the bible of organized fox hunting. He also compiled, recorded, and published the first four volumes to the "*English Foxhound Kennel Studbook of America*", resulting in the recording of the pedigrees of all entered hounds dating from 1884 to 1926.

Denny wrote Higginson several times stating his sincerity and need for hounds for their fledgling hunt. He finally received word that arrangements had been made to send 13 couple at no expense except shipping to the Fox River Valley Hunt. He would receive two stallion hounds from the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt, two couple from the South Dorset, and ten couple from the Tiverton Hunt.

Upon this news he hurriedly built a kennel at his Northbrook stable for this valuable and precious cargo. Longtime resident George Van Hagen recalled that they arrived in New York Harbor via destroyer, and then traveled to Chicago by rail — a lengthy trip for hounds.

With hounds of this exceptional quality, the Fox River Valley Hunt was well on its way. Consequently, that first season of 1940 found Denny faithfully loading hounds into two "woodie" station wagons with help from Henry Bate and his son, Dick. Together with the horse trailers, they would caravan out to Barrington from Northbrook.

Driving to Barrington from Northbrook across poor roads with corn fields on either side was a major undertaking in 1940. A visit to friends or relatives in Barrington was considered a trip to the country and took up a full day. However, many North Shore and Chicago residents moved to the area after taking a Sunday drive in the country, perhaps making a stop at Mrs. Renshaw's My Country Cousin tearoom, which she had operated out of an old farm building on Sutton Road.

In May 1940, the Fox River Valley Hunt held its first official meeting at Hail Weston. The founding officers were:

Master of Foxhounds: Denison B. Hull
President: Edgerton Throckmorton
Vice-President: Donald Bateman
Secretary: Virginia Cardwell
Treasurer: Harold Byron Smith

The 1940 membership roster included four sustaining members and eight regular members, with the remainder made up of Riding Club members. Annual dues were set at \$50 for hunt members and \$25 for those in the Riding Club.

It was necessary that the Fox River Valley Hunt apply for registered status with the Masters of Foxhounds Association. This association, founded in 1907, was formed to improve the breeding of foxhounds, to encourage the sport of fox hunting and to hold field trials for foxhounds; to register packs of hounds and harriers; to keep reference maps delineating the territorial boundaries of all fox and drag hunting countries in North America; and to settle disputes regarding those countries. Currently, there are 162 recognized hunts in North America.

Registration with the association was provisional for one year and did not itself entitle a hunt to recognition, but only made it eligible to apply for that status. The granting of recognition depended entirely on whether or not a hunt fulfilled all requirements of the Association:

1. Maintain a minimum pack of twelve couple of obedient, well mannered hounds.
2. Maintain a breeding program in accordance with the MFHA.
3. Hunt a minimum of two days a week.
4. Record country with the MFHA and encourage good landowner relations.
5. Maintain adequate and proper kennels, as required by the MFHA.
6. Provide a capable and reliable hunt staff.

At that historic first hunt meeting a proclamation was drafted to the Riding Club of Barrington Hills to ensure complete cooperation between the two groups.

REVIEW OF MATERIAL PRESENTED TO THE
BARRINGTON HILLS RIDING CLUB ON MAY 19, 1940

The Fox River Valley Hunt Association will be the first hunt organized for hunting fox with hounds in this part of the middle west. The other organized hunts in the Chicago district are all drag hunts in which an artificial scent is laid and emphasis is placed upon a fast gallop rather than upon the hounds and the hunt itself.

Through the courtesy and cooperation of their neighbors, the Throckmortens have been experimentally hunting foxes in Dundee and Barrington Townships with a few American hounds for the last three or four years. Although these modest efforts were not particularly successful, they provided helpful data as to the native fox supply and other conditions and indicated that good sport might be shown if a really good pack of top notch hounds were ever available.

Some months ago, Mr. Denison B. Hull of Winnetka began corresponding with friends in England concerning the problem of hound maintenance there as a result of the war. Mr. Hull is Joint Master of the Longmeadow Hunt, west of Winnetka, and has had an active interest in hounds and hunting for many years and has long been interested in the possibility of hunting foxes in this general neighborhood.

Shortly after the beginning of the war, all the English packs were sharply reduced due to the necessity of feed economy, but even further retrenchment has required the disposition of many fine hounds whose loss would seriously impair the preservation of the breed. As a result of this condition, ten couple (20) hounds of this type have been acquired by the Fox River Valley Hunt Association of which Mr. Hull has accepted the Mastership. These hounds will represent the best of the breed in America today and would be unobtainable during normal times. Mr. Hull's offer to provide and support this pack has been gratefully accepted. The Hunt Association has agreed to shoulder the problem and expense of opening the country and maintaining it, and feels that this contribution should be well within the means of the community.

Riding Club members will be interested to hear that the Polo Committee has generously offered the fund accumulated at the recent benefit to the Hunt Association for erection of panels, gates, etc. in the hunt territory.

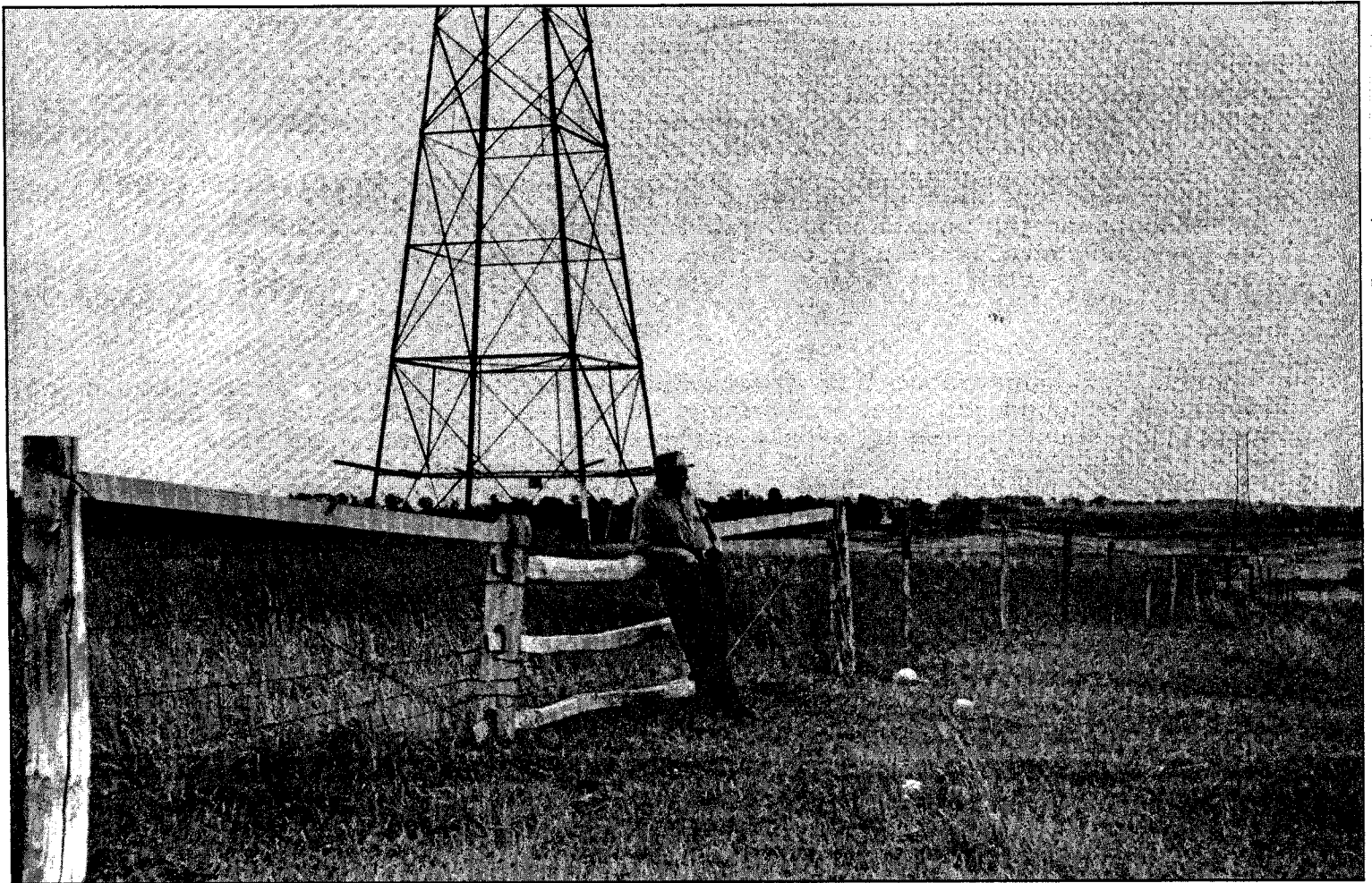
In addition to Mr. Hull, members of the Hunt Committee include Edgerton Throckmorton, President, F. Donald Bateman, Vice President, Harold Byron Smith, Treasurer, and Miss Virginia Cardwell, Secretary.

The entire emphasis of the Fox River Valley Hunt will be on hound work, and the sport of hunting foxes with a well trained and thoroughly disciplined pack. A hunt of this kind has a broad interest that extends far beyond the pleasure of the comparatively few individuals who attempt to follow the pack on well trained hunters, and can afford considerable pleasure to those who follow on hacks, farm horses, or on foot.

The Hunt Committee hopes to gradually extend the present country, as the cooperation of neighboring farmers and landowners can be obtained, into an area extending roughly from Higgins Road to the Northwest Highway, and from the Fox River to Sutton and Ridge Roads.

Ever-enthused over the great potential for sport and fun, Edgie worked tirelessly getting letters of consent and formal permission from local residents to hunt over their lands. He also obtained letters from local businesses and professional people supporting the premise that the existence of the hunt would increase real estate values in the countryside. These letters he shared at that initial meeting at Hail Weston.

The enormous task of paneling the hunt country was undertaken by those charter members. Paneling is the job of trying to calculate where the foxes are and in which direction they are likely to run. Jumps must be placed strategically over any wire fences that could endanger horse or rider. In 1940, wire fences laced the Barrington countryside. In a gesture of good will and support for the new Fox River Valley Hunt, the defunct Barrington Polo Club generously donated proceeds from their last ball to the paneling fund.



Local farmer stands by one of the first panels built by the Fox River Valley Hunt.

By September, paths were cleared and some 70 panels were installed, including gates, posts and rails, and some chicken coops. All this activity brought added interest to the hunt, resulting in the first landowner's party. Six hundred people attended, and it was the hunt's official thank-you to the many people who had given permission to cross their property. A barn dance was held at Jack Thompson's green barn just west of Bateman Road on Algonquin Road. The farm is now known as Twin Win Farm.

In retrospect, those early landowner's parties were social gatherings that brought together people of totally dissimilar backgrounds who shared common interests of work and recreation on the land around them. Settlement of the townships bordering the Fox River had begun just over a hundred years before, and in some instances, the descendants of those 19th Century pioneers still owned large tracts of land. People like the Helms and the Jacksons still lived in the homesteads built by their ancestors. Others had become farm managers or tenant farmers on properties that had been acquired for country retreats by city and suburban residents who came to cherish the rural life then still prevalent in the Barrington area.

With his great sense of fun and an aplomb that was admired by everyone, Edgie took center stage at these landowner's parties, ensuring that everyone, from wherever they came, had a great time, and no one was left out of the merrymaking.

The 1940 season was a tremendous success from every standpoint, and the Fox River Valley Hunt was off and running.



FOX RIVER VALLEY HUNT

November, 1940



HOUNDS WILL MEET:

Sunday, November 17th
 "Hail Weston" 9:00 A. M.

Thursday, November 21st
 Thanksgiving Day
 Sutton and Donlea Roads 9:00 A. M.

Sunday, November 24th
 Mr. Lowther's
 Dundee and Sutton Roads 9:00 A. M.

Saturday, November 30th
 Algonquin and Sutton Roads 2:00 P. M.



DENISON B. HULL, M.F.H.
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June
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1940

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN-

I am pleased to hear that a group of Barrington people have just purchased a pack of fox hounds from England and have formed a Fox Hunting Club.

The officers of this Club are all favorably well known in the Barrington area and are all financially responsible and experienced in this sport.

We as land owners should do everything in our power to assure the success of this organization.

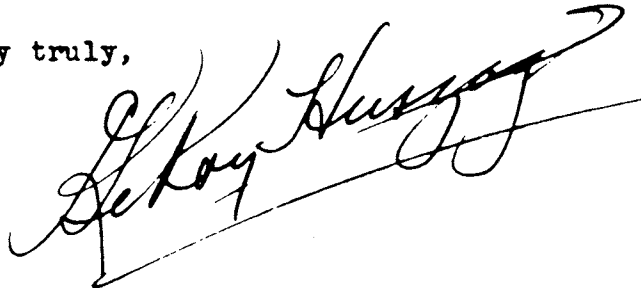
From a real estate standpoint I feel that this particular organization will attract a following to the Barrington area who will ultimately be interested in purchasing property in the Hunt area.

The closest real fox hunting is in Detroit, Michigan.

I think there is no other activity that would do more to increase land values than a live Fox Hunting Club. This sport does not damage grounds in any way, shape or form.

If you are interested in increasing land values, I recommend that you give this organization your support in every way possible.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. L. Huszagh", written over a horizontal line.



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June 10, 1940

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked as to the value of a Hunt Club in a community. It is my opinion that the organization of a Hunt Club in the Barrington area would be a real asset. It would be one more factor in attracting discriminating people to this locality to make their homes.

Barrington is admirably adapted to a sport of this nature both in its supply of game and availability of farms on which hunts may be conducted. When people are attracted to a certain section, the value of real estate naturally increases.

Yours very truly,

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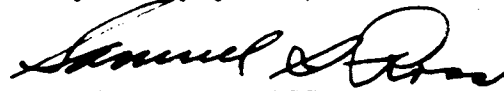
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It has been my observation that whenever a successful Fox Hunt has been formed that the community has attracted a great deal of interest from a very desirable class of people, and as a result, the land values have been greatly benefited.

Therefore, I think it would be of great value to the Barrington district, to have such a Hunt Club formed, and feel that it should have the whole hearted support of the community.

Very truly yours,



SAMUEL S. ROSS

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Mr. Edgerton A. Throckmorton
Dundee, Illinois

We are very pleased to advise you in reference to our observations in Barrington concerning equestrian trails and possible hunt activities. In our sale of land at Barrington and particularly in handling the Otis Estate of 1400 acres in the middle 1930's we found that the average individual buying in Barrington was definitely interested in all activities of horse back riding and possible hunting.

If you are at the present time anticipating the extension of trails and possible hunt activities I can assure you that property values should be very materially affected and that we in our business could use the fact as reason for most estate owners to buy in the Barrington section.


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111 West Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Edgie:

In accordance with your request, permission is granted to install an additional jumping panel in one of the fences on my farm, such installation to be in accordance with the already existing understanding that such panel to be installed and all prior installed panels are subject to instant removal from my premises at my election and that no right of easement is either expressly or impliedly given. It is further understood that such panels were and are to be installed and are to be maintained and also removed solely at your expense and that any damage done to my fences, land, crops or live stock by you or your associate riders coming onto my land and/or using the panels will be fully compensated for by you.

This, I understand, is the usual type of understanding between farmers and those asking to install jumping panels on the land owned by farmers.

You will remember that a number of years ago when you first asked me for permission to install the panels on

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Edgerton A. Throckmorton, Esquire
7-11-40

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my farm for the use of yourself and your associate riders, you and I had quite an argument as to the possibilities of your riding hunters injuring my crops, scaring my poultry and cows and otherwise making themselves objectionable to farming operations, and that I finally decided to permit you to install panels in accordance with the same understanding as hereinabove set forth. I must say that in the last two years since your installation of a number of such panels in my fences my farmer has not called to my attention any instance in which your hunting and the hunting of your associates on my farm has been objectionable or has in any wise hurt my crops or worried the live stock.

Sincerely yours,

Ballard Moore

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To Whom it may concern:

It is in my opinion based on 30 years in the Real Estate business that an enterprise such as the Fox Valley Hunt Club will have a very decided tendency to increase property values in and around this territory. It would be good advertising and very interesting as few communities have these privileges.



To Whom It May Concern, —

Edgerton A. Throckmorton has hunted on my farm for the past four years with fox hounds.

During this time he has never caused any damage to crops, fences or property.

Mr. Throckmorton is a resident of Helm Road and as a neighbor I frequently see him hunting on foot or riding horseback with his dogs. He is, in my mind, an unusually careful hunter, a skilled horseman and he handles his dogs in an efficient manner.

I am pleased to speak in favor of Mr. Throckmorton as a hunter and sportsman.

" Opal R. Helm
Helmhurst
June 27, 1940

Fox Hunter's Dream Realized With the Formation of New Fox River Valley Association

Denison Bingham Hull to Be Master; Edgerton
Throckmorton Is President; Site
West of Barrington.

BY JUNE PARSONS.

A SPORTSMAN'S dream of organized fox hunting in this part of the Middle West has come true with the formation of a Fox River Valley Hunt Association. Denison Bingham Hull of Winnetka, now joint master of the Longmeadow Hunt, is to be master of the new group, and Edgerton Throckmorton is president of the association. The other officers are R. Donald Bateman, vice-president; Harold Byron Smith, treasurer, and Virginia Cardwell, secretary.

The hunt's country will be west of Barrington along the Fox River Valley where, it may surprise some people to know, foxes abound. The major obstacle to hunting them in the past has been the lack of a really good pack of top-notch hounds. Indirectly the war abroad has solved that problem. Immediately after its outbreak last September, all the English packs were sharply reduced with the sudden necessity of feed economy.

Ten couple (20 hounds) that might otherwise have had to have been disposed of were collected by A. Henry Higginson from leading British packs for the Fox River Valley Association. Four of these hounds are already here, ensconced in the newly built kennels adjoining the Hull stables in Northbrook.

Of these Porter and Pointer come from the Duke of Beaufort's famous pack at Badminton in Gloucester. (Badminton is where the game by that name was originated.) The Beaufort hounds have never been out of possession of the family since the time of the Stuarts in 16th century England. Originally stag hounds, they were converted to fox about 120 years ago. Damon and Viscount are from the South Dorset Hunt, of which Mr. Higginson formerly was master. A native of Boston, he was also master of the Cattistock pack—and is one of few Americans ever to have become master of a fashionable English hunt. In this country Mr. Higginson was president of the Master of Foxhounds Association of which he still is honorary vice-president.

Eight Couple En Route.

Now en route from England are eight other couple hounds from the well known Tiverton Hunt. This combined pack will undoubtedly be the best of the breed in America.

For the past few years the Throckmortons with their Hail Weston hounds have been experimentally hunting foxes in the vicinity of their Dundee farm. With Dr. and Mrs. Paul Magnuson the Throckmortons have also "paneled" an extensive area in the vicinity for the new hunt. Paneling is covering portions of barbed wire fences or inserting wooden fencing for the protection of the horses used in hunting.

Emphasis on Hound Work.

The entire emphasis of the Fox River Valley Hunt will be on hound work and the sport of hunting foxes with a well trained, thoroughly disciplined pack. This type of hunt has a broad interest, affording pleasure to those who follow it on hacks, farm horses, or on foot as well as those taking part with well trained hunters. The season will begin in September.

Unlike drag hunting now prevalent in this part of the country, fox hunting requires all-day expeditions. The participants will gather probably at 6 o'clock in the morning, and, according to present plans, will meet three times weekly.

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British Hounds Brought Here for Hunt

By The Chaperon

Chased from Britain by the dogs of war, a score of dogdom's most aristocratic representatives will course forty square miles of Dundee and Barrington townships next Fall in Chicago's first full fledged fox hunt.

When England's rationing of food recently became so acute as to bring the dispersal of its many fox hunts, Denison B. Hull, joint master of the Longmeadow Hunt of Barrington with Clark Lawrence, took pen and check-book in hand and purchased, with others, ten couples of the finest of British fox hounds: One couple from the Duke of Beaufort's pack, another from the South Dorset Hunt and the rest from the Tiverton Hunt, in Beaufort hands since the sixteenth century.

The twenty hounds were obtained through the aid of A. Henry Higginson, formerly of Boston, retired master of the hunt in England.

Associated with Mr. Hull in the venture are the Edgerton Throckmortons and Dr. and Mrs. Paul Magnuson. Mr. Hull is to be master of the Fox River Valley Hunt, of which Mr. Throckmorton is president, R. Donald Bateman, vice president; Harold Byron Smith, treasurer, and Miss Virginia Cardwell, secretary.

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**'Refugees' from England Provide
Nucleus for Proposed Hunt Club**

War Refugees -Fox Hounds- on Way Here

BY JUDITH CASS.

FOUR aristocratic refugees from England already are in Northbrook and 16 are on the way, expected to land in New York any day. They aren't children, nor are they old people. In fact, they are not persons at all, but hounds. It's an ill wind that blows no good, those who have been wanting to initiate fox hunting around Barrington think, for it is because of the war that it has been possible to obtain these 20 fine foxhounds.

Drag hunting usually is done in this part of the country, but several years ago some Barrington residents discovered there were plenty of foxes in their vicinity. To obtain a pack of foxhounds was difficult, however, for hounds that have been accustomed to drags are not so good for hunting the fox, we are told, and a pack of experienced foxhounds costs a small fortune.

War Forces English to Reduce Their Packs.

Consequently the Barrington fox hunting enthusiasts, including the Edgerton Throckmortons and Dr. and Mrs. Paul Magnuson, contented themselves with occasionally going fox hunting with two and a half couple of American hounds that belong to the Throckmortons. Denison B. Hull, joint master of the Longmeadow hunt with Clark Lawrence, has been anxious to do some real fox hunting for some years, so he became interested in the Barringtonians' experiment.

Shortly after the beginning of the war all the English packs were reduced sharply, due to the shortage of feed. Further retrenchment became necessary, however, and English authorities feared that the preservation of the breed would be seriously impaired if something wasn't done. Consequently, it was decided to sell some of the best of the breed to hunting enthusiasts in this country. Mr. Hull has been in correspondence with A. Henry Higginson, formerly of Boston, for several months, and it was thru him that Mr. Hull obtained the ten couple of hounds that now belong to the Fox River Valley Hunt association.

Hounds Are from Some of Most Famous Packs.

One couple comes from the Duke of Beaufort's famous pack at Badminton, Gloucestershire; another is from the South Dorset hunt, and the others are from the well known Tiverton hunt.

The Magnusons and the Throckmortons have "paneled" an extensive area in the vicinity of their farms in Dundee and Barrington townships, and by next autumn it is hoped that about 40 square miles will be conditioned for fox hunting.

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Through the courtesy and cooperation of their neighbors, the Throckmortons have been experimentally hunting foxes in Dundee and Barrington Townships with a few American hounds for the last three or four years. Although these modest efforts were not particularly successful, they provided helpful data as to the native fox supply and other conditions and indicated that good sport might be shown if a really good pack of top notch hounds were ever available.

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Some months ago, Mr. Denison B. Hull of Winnetka began corresponding with friends in England concerning the problem of hound maintenance there as a result of the war. Mr. Hull is joint master of the Longmeadow Hunt, west of Winnetka, and has had an active interest in hounds and hunting for many years and has long been interested in the possibility of hunting foxes in this general neighborhood.

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the preservation of the breed. As a result of this condition, ten couple (20) hounds of this type have been acquired by the Fox River Valley Hunt association of which Mr. Hull has accepted the mastership. Inasmuch as these hounds will represent the best of the breed in America today and would be unobtainable during normal times, it certainly is an ill wind that blows no good.

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Young Sportswoman Takes a Wall



Hope Casselberry, twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton Throckmorton, a pupil in the Country Day school of the Barrington countryside, takes a wall riding in the regions south and east of town where the Fox River Valley Hunt club has laid out its fox hunting territory. Both Mr. and Mrs. Throckmorton and their daughters, Caryl and Hope Casselberry, have ridden extensively in developing the sport in this vicinity, winning awards in the Wayne and other horse shows, and proving themselves able enthusiasts. Through association with summer neighbors in Maine where the family takes its summer holidays, they have found the sport to be practicable in a locality similar to their own, and upon this inspiration are advancing their activities in helping form the local club.

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"HO, THE FOX!"

If you don't know the funny story of that title we'll tell you some time if you ask us in private, but we're still a bit dizzy contemplating the sudden swank and definitely English air our countryside is taking on. Shades of the tales that our grandmother used to tell us about the hunts in her native Leicestershire. "Reynard, the Fox," Sassoon's "Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man" and many an English novel all jump out at us at once. Galloping and jumping horses, racing hounds, trembling foxes and pink coats jumble themselves all together into an exciting picture. Thankfulness for the mercy that will spare at least some packs from war's cruel killings, and excitement over a zestful prospect for a thrill new and novel rise within us. Upon the willingness of the countryside landowners in this locality will depend the success of this new sports venture. The future undoubtedly will call many times for coöperation between "dirt" farmers and "pleasure" farmers in matters that will work for individual and mutual benefit. A willingness to see this venture through will elicit a good will that doubtless will be employed and valued many times.

Dundee Countryside In Fox Hunting Area

In September, if present plans carry, the countryside from Higgins road to the Northwest highway, and from Fox river to the Sutton and Ridge roads will offer the excitement of the first fox and hounds chase to be held in this part of the country.

To this end a group of estate owners between Dundee and Barrington have organized the Fox River Valley Hunt association. Edgerton Throckmorton is the president; the vice president is R. Donald Bateman; the secretary, Miss Virginia Cardwell, the treasurer, Harold Byron Smith. They expect eventually to have a hunt club headquarters and to build the organization to include all enthusiasts of the sport in this locality.

Other hunts in the Chicago region include North Shore and Wayne hunts, drag hunts in which an artificial scent is laid and emphasis placed upon a fast gallop rather than upon the hounds and the hunt itself. Mr. Throckmorton explains in announcing the formation of the new sports group. This will be the first to hunt the fox with hounds.

The Throckmortons, through courtesy and cooperation of their country neighbors, have been experimentally hunting foxes in Dundee and Barrington townships with a few American hounds for the last several years. By this means they have been able to survey the native supply of foxes and the other necessary conditions and convince themselves that good sport might be shown here if a really good pack of hounds were available.

Now comes the war to offer this acquisition, with England reduced to the necessity of disposing of fine hunting hounds because of the food shortage, and ten couple—20 hounds—of the breed threatened with extinction unless preserved in some way, are expected to arrive here this week from England. They have been obtained by Denison B. Hull of Winnetka who is master of the new hunt and joint master of the Longmeadow hunt west of Winnetka, and who has had this interest for many years and also has been interested in establishing the sport in the Fox Valley.

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Fox River Valley Hunt Assn. is Formed by Group of Local Riders

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