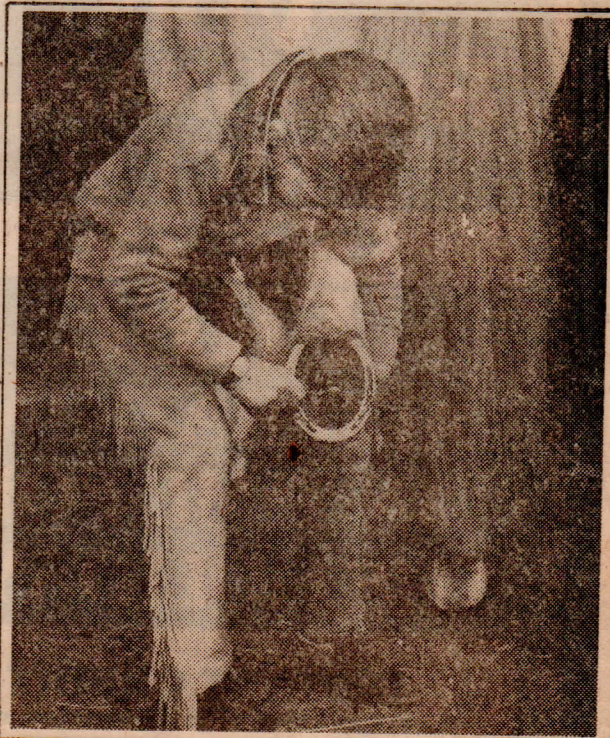
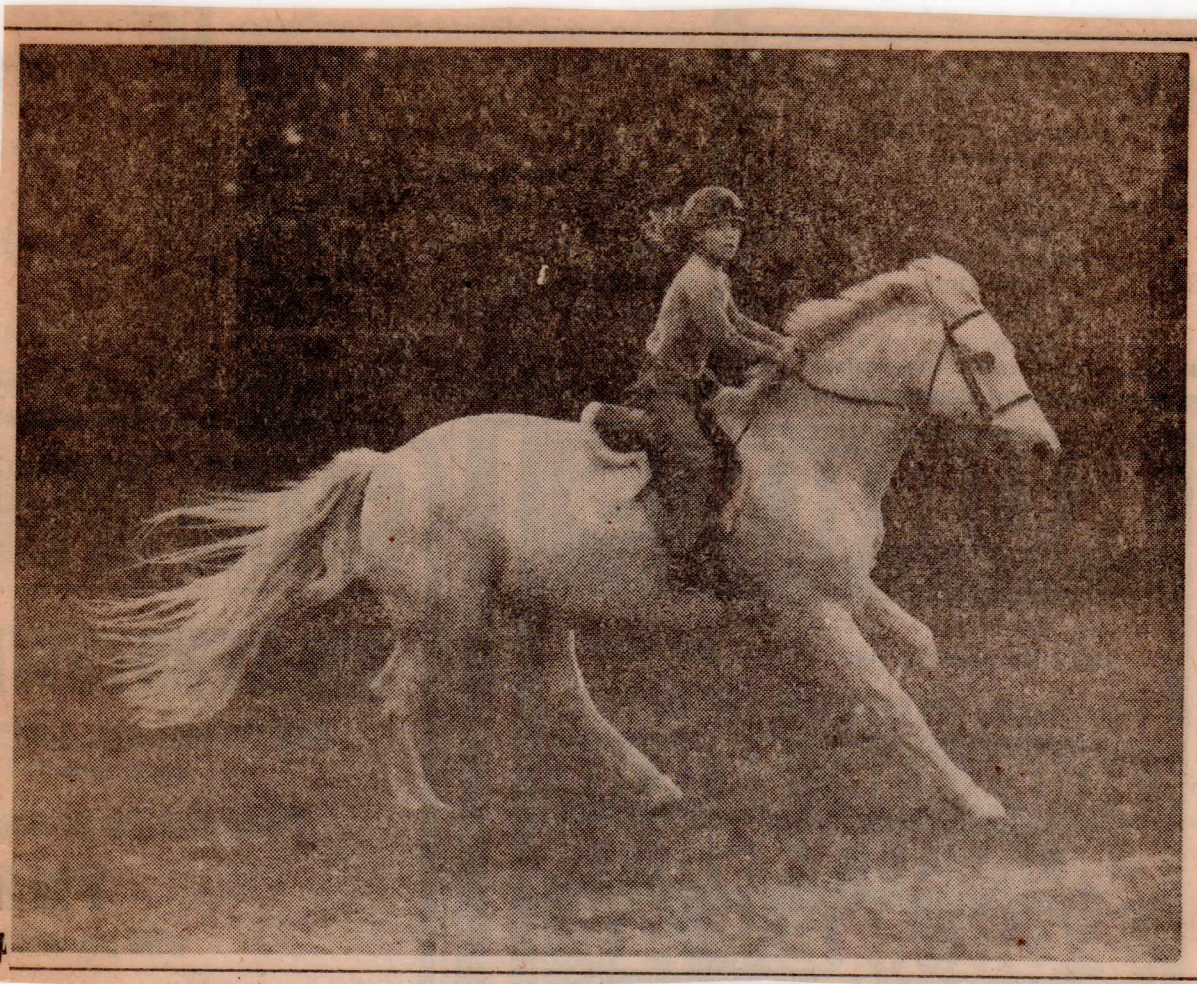


For Nicole, homework is horsemanship





Winning ribbons for horseback riding is nothing new to 7-year-old Nicole Shahinian.

The Leonia girl, who lives with her family at the Overpeck Riding Center, has been riding ponies since she was in diapers and winning recognition almost as long.

"Horses and kids go together," explains her father, Steve, a law graduate who decided to manage the Overpeck center rather than practice law. "We're not pushing her toward the horses, they're just around. She walks out her front door and she's in the barn."

Shahinian says most of her daughter's friends are customers at the stable. When classmates visit her home, they seem "a little bit jealous" of her life, he says.

As for "Nicki," she seems perfectly content living by a stable. "Our problem is getting her off the horses to do her homework," her father says.

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