

"Laura", with her twin six-month-old foals Rex and Regina were of particular interest. For those not familiar, Burmese and Centennial are horses the Force presented to the Queen, which are used on such state occasions as the Trooping of the Color in London.

The visit ended all too soon for those who had waited long hours to see and greet the Queen. With the playing of "God Save the Queen", the Royal procession left "N" Division for Rideau Hall and yet another round of activity.

Born Loser

by Cst. L. T. Sobering

You often hear a sort of fatalistic philosophy expressed with the words: "You win some — you lose some." However, it seems this particular fellow learned only the last half of that expression. Here's what happened.

Having been called to investigate a vehicle stuck in a slough on June 25, 1977, I learned the driver had borrowed a hydraulic jack from a camper in the nearby town. However, he failed to notify the owner of the jack that he had borrowed it, and was advising me in the event the owner reported it stolen. Needless to say, later that morning, the jack was reported stolen.

The following day the "born loser" attempted to purchase a tape deck in this small town. However, the owner was not willing to sell it. That night the "born loser" returned to the trailer which contained the tape deck, entered and stole the tape deck. Upon leaving the trailer, the owner returned to find the "born loser" in possession of it.

About one week later, this same individual, in the company of two companions, was passing a parked camper which had a boat and motor attached at the rear and decided it would be a good time to go fishing. As it was so early in the morning and because they did not want to wake anyone, they helped themselves to the 4½ horsepower motor, three fishing

rods and a tackle box. However, as they were leaving, the owner stepped out of the camper. The motor was quickly dropped and the three fled to a hiding place with the three fishing rods and the tackle box.

Once at their hiding place the "born loser" recalled he had forgotten his car, parked beside the camper and boat. He returned to his vehicle only to find the keys were no longer in the ignition. He then knocked on the camper door and demanded his keys. The owner of the camper told him he could have his keys back when he returned the fishing rods and tackle box.

Charges of "Break, Enter, and Theft", and "Theft over \$200" were brought against the "born loser". Because all goods were returned, he will likely receive a suspended sentence. However, his future as a criminal is rather doubtful in view of his success record.

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