

Master Saddler

London's Andre Bubear — an equine's dream

"I used to work for the Metropolitan Police in London," explained Andre Bubear. "I was the master saddler, controlling all saddlery and leather needs for the 200 horses there. I also handled secretive things — leather bags and other items used by detectives."

Bubear is now retired from police work, which also included a 16-year stint as one of the prestigious Horse Guard in Windsor, complete with steel helmet, breast plate and black horse.

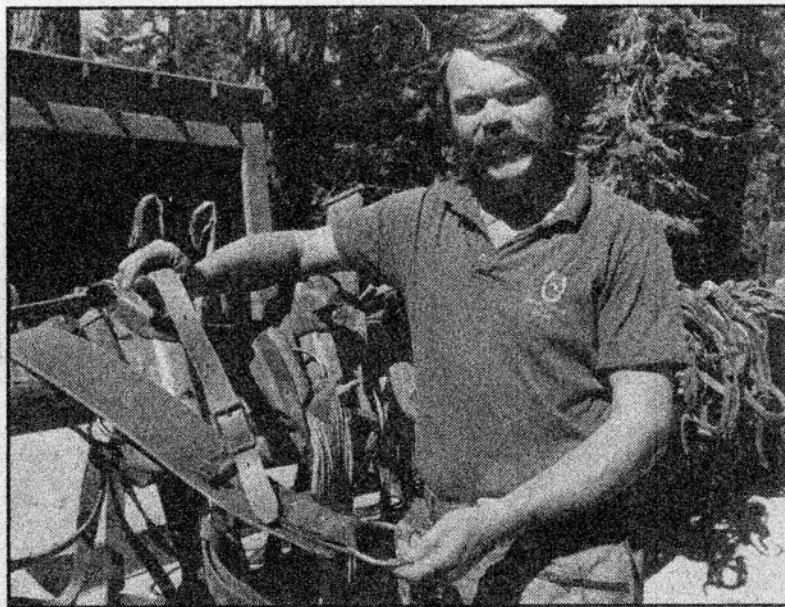
Now he travels the world with an organization called Working Together for Equines, which is sponsored by the International League for the Protection of Horses.

To learn more about mules, a differ-

ent sort of equine, Bubear decided to spend some time in Red's Meadow.

Bubear travels to developing countries with a horse-shoer "to help the poor improve their saddlery and, therefore, the care of their animals." Bubear explained that improper harnesses and saddles can seriously injure horses and mules, essential animals to many families around the world.

Bubear said his desire to help the animals of the poor was prompted by a ride across Romania with a friend who



Andre Bubear, master saddler, was at the Red's Meadow Pack Station for two weeks recently to learn about mules. He also accomplished about three years' worth of backlogged repair work on their saddles.

was planning to write a book. "I saw the problems that the 'Third World' people have. They have very little food, and their horses were in bad shape from ill-fitting harnesses.

"After that, I spent a month in Jordan," said the Englishman, "and taught them how to do the saddlery of their horses. In Mexico, their harnesses were made out

of old tires and other material that was hurting the animals. We showed them how to use leather and cotton.

"The goal is to find material that is cheap and available and that works on their animals."

From England and other faraway places, how did Bubear end up in Red's Meadow?

"One of the men involved in the organization, Walt Taylor, knew someone who was a friend of the Tanners. He asked them if I could learn about mules here."

Bubear was welcomed by the Tanners to work with their animals and saddlery. After his visit here, Bubear plans to return to London and then it's off to Morocco. *MT*



BREAKFAST MENU

Omelettes

All omelettes are three eggs & come with toast & potatoes

Italian 6.95

Mozzarella cheese, bell peppers, black olives, onions, spicy sausage with marinara on top

Denver 6.50

Onions, bell peppers, ham & cheddar cheese

Spanish 6.50

Chilies, Monterey jack cheese, onions

Other Things

Eggs Benedict 6.50

Two poached eggs on Canadian bacon & toasted English muffin covered in hollandaise sauce

Machaca 6.50

Beef, onions, eggs & cheddar cheese

Perry's Revenge 6.50

Spicy Italian sausage & eggs

Chicken Fried Steak 5.95

Breaded & topped with gravy & eggs

Sides

Oatmeal with brown sugar & raisins 2.75

Cold cereal - your choice 2.00

Fresh fruit 3.50



Drinks

Coffee, tea or hot chocolate 1.00

Mineral water 2.00

Evian Spring water 2.25

Milk - small 1.50

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nucleus of the *Messiah* group. On Dec. 12, Bach (born in 1685) will be honored in the first 10 minutes. The rest of the program will be devoted to Handel (also born in 1685) and to Christmas carols, sung by all. The world