

The Chronicle of the Horse

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ROCKBRIDGE HUNT

Box 1156,
Lexington,
Virginia.
Established 1947.
Registered 1960.

December 13, 1961 was a memorable day in the records of the Rockbridge Hunt. Snow and ice had covered the countryside since Saturday, December 9th. Sunday, partial clearing and more rain Monday, light drizzle Tuesday and then Wednesday, a beautiful day, cold and brisk. Our guests were Mr. Paul Bloch, Joint MFH of Farmington Hunt, General Harry Disston of Keswick Hunt, Mr. Hugh Sproul, Jr., past MFH of Glenmore Hunt, and Dr. Robert Cox, MFH of the Bedford County Hunt.

The Rockbridge Hunt had been guests of the Farmington Hunt the previous Saturday so we were under pressure to provide as good sport as Farmington had done.

Joint Masters, W.E. Tilson and N. R. Skaggs decided the hounds should be cast at the Upper Barn, going into the Upper Lee Place. Hounds worked well but did not find. The Huntsman, Miss Wise, moved into the Piper Place, where they found,

going into Short Hill Mountain. When the field arrived near the top the fox had been run into the cliff.

In the Lower Lee Place, they struck a beautiful running red. Down the hill into the Connor Place, up the hill into the Bell Place, back to the Lower Lee Place, then up to Connors Ridge, returning to the Bell Place, and in the field adjoining the Upper Lee Place hound marked at a groundhog hole.

Later in the day, Mr. Tilson, Joint MFH and Miss Wise, Huntsman, took some meat scraps to the groundhog hole, scattered them and left. Next morning they were gone.