

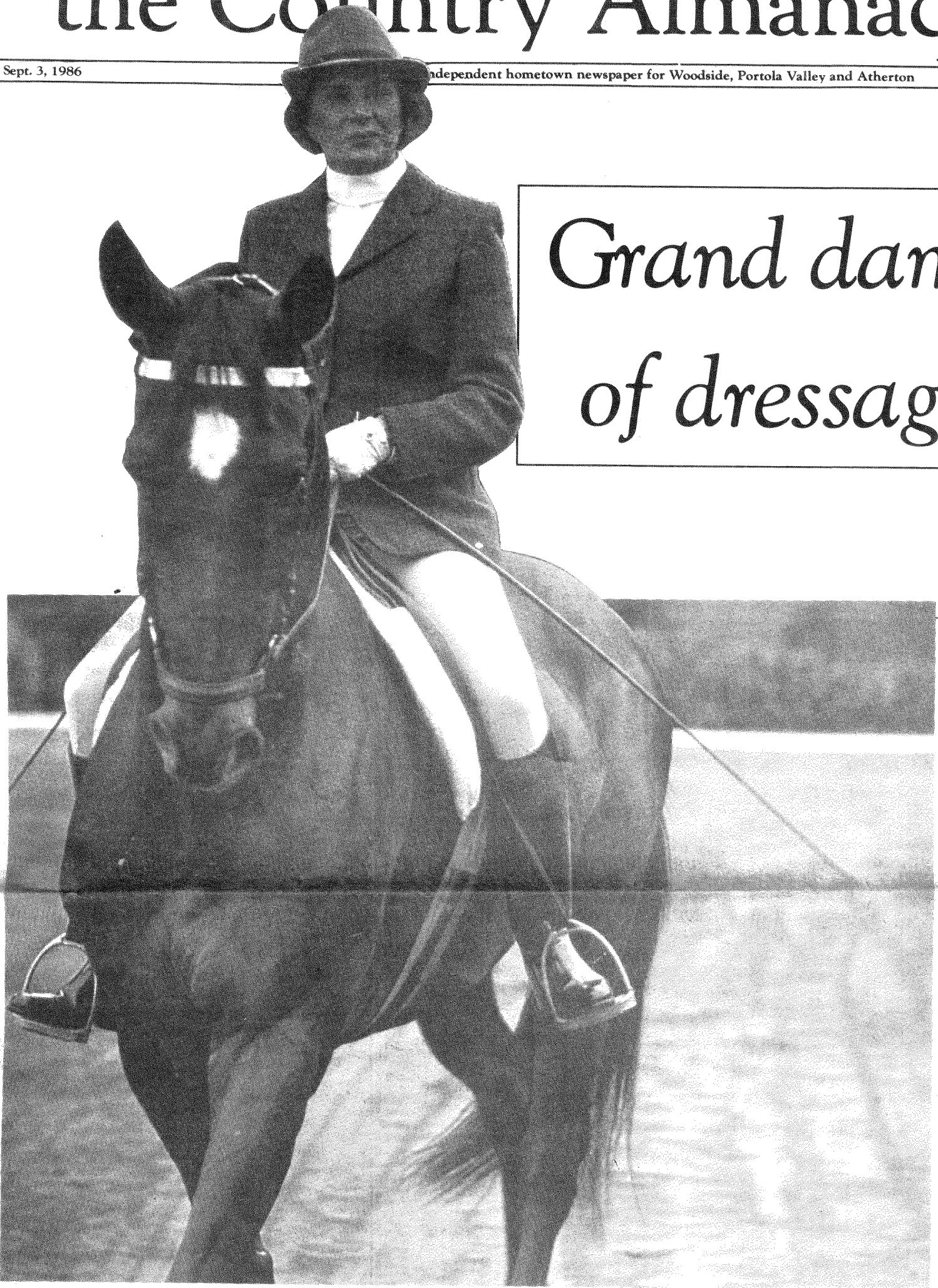
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Grand dame of dressage

LIKE BALLET ON HORSEBACK Kyra Downton demonstrated the style that earned her the championship in dressage at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg in 1967 for "Classic Magazine" in 1979. Mrs. Downton, widely known as the grand dame of dressage, is shown riding Myeen, a broken down racehorse she bought starving from a race-

track in Mexico. Through years of training she brought him to show level before he developed foot problems and she gave him away. After moving from Atherton to Woodside, Mrs. Downton is starting a new young thoroughbred, Zeus, in the arduous path, seven-year path, to becoming a grand prix dressage horse.

Priory fire

Administration building gutted but computer room saved

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Appalachia isn't Portola Valley

Retired nurse is back from a summer working with school children

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Comfort in the country

The Williamses have redone an "Eichler-type" to suit themselves

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