

Old Trade, New Image

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If the thought of a man shoeing horses brings to mind a village smithy type; red-faced, bull-necked and barrel-chested; short on grammar and long on expletives—think again.

Twenty-year-old Bill Brunson of Laurel Glen Road, Soquel, is a horseshoer, but he is clean-cut and trim, and he gives out business cards which read, "Bill Brunson—Farrier, corrective and practical." And, he's a Cabrillo College student, majoring in business administration.

Further, Bll has fitted out his pickup truck with all his equipment, and he goes where the horses are.

Bill, the youngest horseshoer in the county, has pretty well made horses his nain interest since childhood. When he and his parents, the senior Bill Brunsons, moved here from Los Angeles, they bought him an Arabian riding horse.

Later, they bought several quarter horses. Bill won a lot of prizes with lodad, a quarter horse, and Smedley, a German-bred, in competitions with the Santa Cruz Horsemen's Association, at the Cow Palace and in other areas.

He won more ribbons in Western Equation, Western pleasure and trail horse competitions. Presently, he is a member of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Amateurs' Association.

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