DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

The annual meeting of the directors of the United Trotting Association will be held at ten o'clock Monday morning March 31st at Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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The many friends of Charles Chandler, owner of Lusty's First, 2.14, and former owner of Lusty Frisco 2.07 1-4 and many others will regret to learn that he is temporarily indisposed because of an attack of rhumatism. We hope to see him around in his usual good health in a few weeks.

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Everything is set for the Interprovincial ice meet sponsored by the Victoria Driving Club, which will be held on the Harbour Ice next Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. It is expected the entry list from Dartmouth and Halifax will be in not later than Monday evening so that arrangements can be made for the classes and entries published. All signs point to the races being the best yet. Anyhow our Nova Scotia friends are taking matters seriously and intend to put their best foot forward (horses' feet).

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New speed continues to come into the Maritimes. One of the latest arrivals is Gay Law, 2.07 1-2, bay colt, three years old, by Peter at law 1.59 4-3, dam Gaiety 2.10 by Colonel Adam 1.59 3-4. He took his record at Ashland, Ohio, September 23rd, driven by R. B. Plaxton. We understand that Gay Law is in the stable of Johnny Conroy, Truro.

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There is no secret now about the whereabouts of Lew McKinney, 2.01 1-2. He is owned and is in the stable of George D. Gay at Moncton, N. B. George is the former owner of All Grattan 2.06 1-4 and Jane Evans 2.09, both of which he has disposed of. Lew McKinney 2.01 1-2 was campaigned by Sullivan and Mawhinney, Maine, last year, and won quite a number of races and took his present record. He is a mighty nifty horse either a mile or half mile tracks and will be hard to head in the free for all.

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Two Amherst horsemen, Carmen Coates and Les Bickerton, recently returned from New York and other points where they spent several days visiting various breeding stables and looking over speed with the view of purchasing. Mr. Bickerton finally acquired Augusta Hanover, a two year old filly by Lawrence Hanover 2.00 1-2, and Mr. Coates secured Bright Spot, a four year old racer eligible to the 2.23 trot and pace. Augusta Hanover will probably be held over for racing in 1945 but BrightSpot will make regular appearances on the circuit in classes to which she is eligible to.

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We had a very interesting letter from J. H. C. Craswell, V. S., of Eleanors, P. E. I. Mr. Craswell has been intimately connected with horses for over sixty years and few men understand them better. In addition to having studied breaking, training and conditioning of horses he is also an expert on matters veterinary and has been known to doctor up lame horses and make them sound as a bell.

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He is very high on Peter Budlong and believes if he is given a year or two to get strong — or built up as he terms it—and is trained as a free-legged pacer, he will be the fastest horse this province has ever produced. As curbs are quite a frequent form of lameness we are pleased to publish Mr. Craswell's method of handling them. It is to hand rub them for fifteen minutes twice daily or more if one has the time, with an emollient liniment, this strengthens the parts and a horse is much sounder than if fired. The writer coincides with Mr. Craswell's opinion because I believe firing does tend to contract the skin tissue and shorten the stride of the horse afterwards.

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Mr. Craswell has a great memory for the old days can easily recall a race that took place over sixty years ago in which the contestants were Island Chief with P. E. Brown driving, Dartmouth with Will Noonan up, and Gay Boy with Will Crafer up. It took place on McNeil's track, Traveller's Rest, and there was a tremendous crowd of people present and the greatest excitement. One of the first races Mr. Craswell took part in was the first futurity race ever held here, in which he drove Wilkie Tom. It is a great pleasure to us to hear from Mr. Craswell, whom we esteem as one of our good friends and always enjoy meeting. We hope he will send us along more reminiscenses of the long ago, perhaps something about the great days of Robert Fitzsimmons and his Island Chief breed of horses.

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For the information of the younger generation we may say that forty or more years ago the name of Robert Fitzsimmons was one to conjure by and sons and daughters of Island Chief, a stallion which Mr. Fitzsimmons owned, were the contestants in almost all the races held here. We believe that Island Chief was by Dean Swift, a horse that made a great contribution towards the breed, and road horses by him were renowned for stamina and other good qualities.

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Among the horses that are likely to make the trip in the colors of the Dartmouth and Halifax Driving Clubs we note the names of Flo Direct 2.12, Victor Lee 2.07, both of which have performed in 30 seconds over the ice, Tracey Hanover in 32, Rainey G. Henley in 30 seconds, Doris Mercury second in that notch, San Ton 2.07 1-4, 30 seconds, and Walter Brown 2.05. The latter a winner but no time given, and not forgetting that grand old trotter Heatherbell 2.06 1-4. A correspondent from Halifax writes that he saw Heatherbell perform last Wednesday and he put up a great race and that he never saw him in better shape, resulting from the best of care being taken of him. He ends by sincerely hoping that this 17 year old warrior will receive a royal welcome from his many admirers in the Garden of the Gulf.

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Jimmie Boutilier, well known in the Maritimes as pilot of some of the stars of years ago, has been traning and racing horses in Quebec for the past three years. A few evenings ago we received a letter from him stating that he reads with great interest of the new speed being brought into the Maritimes and predicts that we will have the best racing the coming season that we have had for years. He is now training for Arthur Giard, who owns a large creamery and pasturizing plant in St. Hyacinthe, and who is starting a stock farm of which Mr. Boutilier will be manager. They have three brood mares at the farm, Traffic Signal by Signal Peter, and her two colts by Lee Harvester 2.16 1-2, one of which Mr. Boutilier is getting ready for the two year old futurity.

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Another mare is May Peters, the dam of Lee Peter and Nettie G., dam of Morgandale 2.08 and Rip Havester 2.07. They also have the trotter Peter Dale 2.19 and Diana Gordon, a green trotter, and A. Dale by Hal Dale, out of the dam of Eddie D. 2.04. Jimmie concludes with — "I sure would like to take a few horses down to the Maritimes but it is too far and we have a lot of racing in this vicinity. Some time I hope to be back and see all the boys". Well, Jimmie, your friends will all be glad to see you when you do make up your mind to come and we hope your visit won't be too long deferred.

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Our St. John correspondent, Gerry Cavanaugh, writes us that George T. Kane has purchased Moose Path Trotting Park, St. John, from the owner the Bishop of St. John. A few years ago it was sold to the Catholic Diocese for the purpose of building a church, but the project was abandoned and the Bishop very kindly allowed the use of the track for races the past two seasons, and that has resulted in more activity at Moose Path than at any period since its heyday some thirty or more years ago when so many good horses were owned locally and they came from various parts of the provinces to perform before large crowds of people.

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It is Mr. Kane's intention to start early and build new fences and grandstands and put the plant in first class shape. He intends having races as often as possible and will invite outside horses to compete with the local ones. With the many good ones owned in the border town of St. Stephen and Moncton, Chatham and other points, he should make St. John horsey once again. Gerry concludes with — "Had a look at Pal Grattan the other day and his owner Hugh Yearwood has him as sound as a dollar. I see him out every day and he is full of pace. This horse has license to go. He is a full brother to Bedford Grattan 2.06." Thanks, Gerry, for keeping us in touch with harness horse doings in St. John.

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It is with pleasure that we read in the Halifax Herald a few days ago a write up by Frank Power of Frank Boutilier, one of the Maritimes greatest drivers of trotters and pacers, who retired about seven years ago. There is also a good cut of Mr. Boutilier holding Brage 2.11 1-4, co-holder with Bill Sharen of the Maritime trotting record in 1920. It would take a lot of space to chronicle even a small part of Frank Boutilier's activities as a driver and trainer. The writer has watched him in action for many years when he was top driver on Maritime circuits and can definitely say that he was the best conditioner, and certainly one of the best drivers of trotters I ever saw.

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We quote from Mr. Power — "Personally I always associated Mr. Boutilier with the black mare Simmassie 2.08 1-2 long known as the Queen of Maritime turf. I heard of other memorable races against Terrace Queen of Bridgetown, driven by Tom Holmes, and the Boston mare Gloria, owned by Frank Fox. I heard of Belmont Miller which Boutilier drove so successfully in Maine, of Joe Nutwood, Bavius, Budd, Rampart, Jr., Mayor Todd, Rexhart, Tatten, Minnie Anitra Rambler, Simpson's Bob Mac, Major Wilkes, Orphan Girl, Kremella, Dora and Miss Simassie which at one time was owned by Dr. F. R. Little."

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Perhaps one of the greatest achievements of Frank Boutilier was the training and development of Brage from an unbroken colt to a great trotter with a record of 2.11 1-4. Then again friends here will remember that afternoon at the Exhibition track when he drove Silk Girl to a new track record of 2.09 1-4 in the Free for All Trot, August, 1936. Yes, Frank Boutilier was one of the greats of harness racing and a finer, more honorable sportsman never lived. Many will be looking forward to a visit from him at Old Home Week and should he decide to come he will be given a great welcome.

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SPORTING NEWS

Entries For Today's Ice Race Meet

Victoria Driving Club officials announced last night that if the weather cleared today the regular Saturday race meet would be held. Six clases, including a free-for-all, are planned. Because of the somewhat longer program the meet is to get underway at 1.30 p.m. sharp.

Here are the classes and the probable starters:

Free-for-all, Peter Budlong, Royal Jim, Jane Harvester.

Class A trot, Juanita Axworthy, Full Moon, Bazil Hanover.

Class A pace, Nell Archatodale, Major Bowes, Wait N' See, Gracious Lady.

Class B pace, Miss America, Princess Kalmuck, Dr. Budlong, Nancy Budlong, Pady Aubrey, Lawless Peter.

Class B trot, Playdale, Miss Belle Aubrey, Lusty's First, Virginia Kalmuck, Miss Brewer.

Class C trot, Tex Worthy, George Mac, Laddie MacGregor, Dr. E. B., Mr. Tilley, Christie Budlong.

Curling Schedule

Trophy play will continue at the Charlottetown Curling Club today. Following is the schedule:

Dominion Life Trophy

2.15 P.M.

Ice No. 2
P. S. Cobb vs. Col. G. E. Full.
Ice No. 3
H. L. Sear vs. A. W. Hyndman.
Ice No. 4
R.S.P. Jardine vs. Chief Justice T.A. Campbell

4 P. M.

Ice No. 2
R.R. Bell vs. H.I. Spillett.

Acorn Trophy

4 P. M.

Ice No. 3
Dr. E. S Giddings vs. J. S. Moore.
Ice No. 4
Dr. H. H. Pierce vs. F. R. McLaine.

Keefe Trophy

2.15 P.M.

Ice No. 1
William Nicholson vs. Frank Acorn

4 P. M.

Ice No. 1
Neil McLeod vs. Willard MacDonald

Davis Scores Kayo Over Montgomery

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 — (AP) — Al Davis, of Brooklyn, knocked out Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, former New York and Pennsylvania world lightweight champion, in one minute and three seconds of the first round of their 10 round fight in Madison Square Garden tonight. Davis weighed 142 1-4; Montgomery 137 1-4.

Confirm Loss Of Liner Year Ago

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18 — (CP)— Four hundred lives were lost in the midnight sinking of the former Port of Vancouver liner Empress of Canada off Freetown, West Africa, a year ago.

News of the loss of the ship was publicly confirmed for the first time today, although an Italian communique claimed the Canada as a victim on March 15, 1943.

Forty-four of the crew of approximately 300, most of them British, were lost. The remainder of the 400 lost were Italian prisoners of war.

Many of the Vancouver officers and men who had sailed in the ship when she carried troops in the bauble zones have since been home on leave.

They have told their families and friends that the Empress of Canada was torpedoed.

She was carrying troops and navy personnel, Italian prisoners and Greek and Polish refugees.

They said the submarine surfaced after firing one torpedo. The undersea marauder then picked up an Italian doctor.

Then the sub commander, in English, said he would give those aboard the Canada a chance to get away from the ship before firing.

Most of the 400 lost were victim of sharks, they said.

For many years, the Empress of Canada was the speed monarch of the Pacific—running from Vancouver to ports in Japan, China and elsewhere in the South Pacific and far east.

She was launched in Glasgow in September, 1920, and operated out of Vancouver for about 20 years before being taken over by the British admiralty for war purposes.

FLINT, Wales —(CP)— Nearly 500 factory workers of Courtaulds Ltd., between 14 and 18 are attending a school here with all expenses and full wages paid by their employers. Subjects range from current affairs and citizenship to metal work, woodwork and cookery.

Too Late To Classify

TURKEYS WANTED, HENS and gobblers. State age, size and price. Also geese and ducks. J. P. Tanton, Summerside. 2-10-11.

WANTED —OFFICER AND WIFE desire furnished apartment (3 or 4 rooms). Apply Guardian. 2-10-21.

Results At Curling Club

Following the results of matches played at the Charlottetown Curling Club last night:

George W. MacLeod Trophy

William Nicholson won by default from D. C. Jamieson.

Steward Williams 7; J.F. Hobbs 9.

G.R. Hooper won by default from H.J. Shaw

Dominion Life Trophy

W.R. Adams 17; E.D. Nicholson 6.

Dr. H.H. Pierce 10; H.I. Spillett 7.

C.H. Black 11; R.R. Bell 9.

G.G. Hughes 5; Dr. H. McIntyre 9.

N. H. L. Schedule

Five National Hockey League games are scheduled for this week end.

Tonight Rangers play at Canadiens and Boston at Toronto. Sunday night Canadiens are at Rangers, Boston at Detroit and Toronto at Chicago.

Sudeten Germans Sing New Tune

MONTREAL, Feb. 18 — (CP) — Residents of bomb-rocked Berlin, Frankfurt and Hamburg aren't the only Germans who are beginning to doubt the "master race" theory, according to the Czechoslovak Press Bureau.

A bureau release, based on evidence obtained from young Czech war prisoners, forced into the German army and later captured by the British on the Mediterranean front, described Germans in the Sudeten areas of Czechoslovakia as 'extremely disillusioned."

The prisoners report that Sudeten Germans in territory which does not form part of the Bohemian Protectorate but has been incorporated into the Reich, now are assuring Czechs around them they have nothing in common with Nazism and realize how favorably they were situated in the republic." In this way, Czech prisoners say they hope to be saved from any kind of retaliation.

The bureau also releases some details of "every day living under the German protectorate," based on further evidence by Czech war prisoners.

In the town of Brno, high school students see their campus turned into a slaughter grounds daily when Nazi storm troops carry out public executions in the chool courtyard.

In Czech prison camps, starved men grovel in the mud for a crust of bread. . . 30,000 Czech prisoners huddle in the rain in a small, open courtyard, with no shelter but the rags of their own clothing.

In communities throughout the Sudeten area mothers watch their sons shanghaied into the German army, their daughter compelled to serve in German labor camps. . .

In major Czech towns where the Gestapo has seized most of the wireless sets, the underground press published leaflets containing plans for organized opposition as transmitted by wireless from London.

The Nazis have exploited this method of distribution by circulating false pamphlets and arresting those who do not surrender them.

No Further Aid To Beet Sugar Industry

OTTAWA, Feb. 16—(CP)—Finance Minister Ilsley said tonight in the Commons the government does not plan further aid to sugar beet production but intends to continue present tax concessions to encourage output.

THIRD OF WOMEN IN WAR

Almost a third of Australia's 2,804,000 girls and women are in direct war production or auxiliary services.

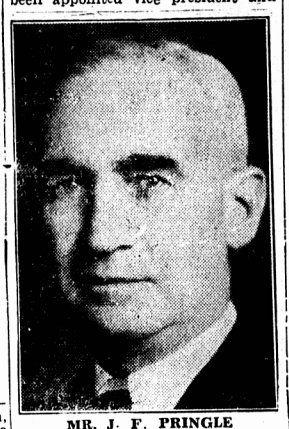
AFTERNOON and NIGHT

YOUR CHANCE FOR GOOD SKATING
TWO SESSIONS

YOUR HEALTH RESORT — TO-DAY — THE FORUM

New C. N. R. General Manager For Atlantic Region

MONTREAL, Que., February 17: J. F. Pringle vice president and general manager, Atlantic Region, Canadian National Railways' has been appointed vice president and



MR. J. F. PRINGLE

general manager for the Central Region of the System and will transfer from Moncton to take over his new headquarters at Toronto, according to an announcement made by N. B. Walton, executive vice president of the National Railways.

In succession to Mr. Pringle, J. P. Johnston, chief of transportation for the System with headquarters at Montreal, has been appointed vice president and general manager for the Atlantic Region.

The transfer of Mr. Pringle to the Central Region is consequent upon the retirement of Major F. L. C. Bond, D. S. O., in accordance with the pension regulations of the Company. Major Bond began his railway career with the former Grand Trunk Railway, now part of the National System, forty five years ago.

Other appointments in the operating department of the System,

MR. J. P. JOHNSON

as announced by Mr. Walton, include that of W. R. Devenish, Winnipeg, as vice president of the Western Region which includes all lines of the System from the head of the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast as well as the Canadian National shipbuilding operations at Prince Rupert.

J. W. Wardlaw, of Toronto, has been appointed chief of transportation for the System to succeed Mr. Johnston at Montreal. Mr. Wardlaw has been general superintendent of transportation, Central Region.

MR. JOHNSON'S CAREER

Mr. Johnson who now becomes vice president and manager of the Atlantic Region, was born at Castlebar, Quebec, and obtained a bilingual education at Danville Academy. He commenced his railway career as a telegrapher with the former Grand Trunk in November, 1906, and served at various points between Portland, Levis and Montreal until 1908 when he became a despatcher at Island Pond Vt. Mr. Johnson then turned westwards and in May 1915, was appointed chief train dispatcher and trainmaster for the National Transcontinental Railway, now part of the National System, at Grant, Ontario. During the next twenty years he served in various capacities in the transportation in Western Ontario and the Prairies. In 1919 he became Inspector of Transportation at Winnipeg and afterwards served in positions of superintendency at Malfort, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Dauphin and Calgary until December, 1936, when he was appointed general superintendent, Northern Ontario District, with headquarters at North Bay. Mr. Johnson was stationed in that area for five years and in September, 1941, was transferred to Toronto as general superintendent of the important southern Ontario district of the Canadian National Railways. In January, 1942, he was promoted to the position of chief of transportation for the System with headquarters at Montreal and has carried out those duties since then. In his new office as vice-president and general manager he will maintain headquarters at Moncton, N. B.

Charlottetown Tax Appeals

The Board of Appeals from City taxes and assessments will meet in the Court Room in the City Building at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, February 28th, 1944, to hear all appeals from Civic assessments and valuations, and will continue thereafter by adjournment if and as circumstances may require.

Charlottetown, Feb. 14, 1944.

J. A. FULLERTON,
City Clerk

Wounded In Action

Pte. Leonard MacNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs Lemuel MacNeill of 19 Spring Street, Charlottetown who has been wounded in action in Italy. Extent of his wounds is not known.

Is Reported Safe

L-CPL FRANK R MURDOCK son of Mrs. Roland White of Murray Harbor who has re-joined his unit after being reported missing in action in Italy On December 17. On Feb. 8 he was reported safe with his unit. He has been with the Canadian Army since January 1940.

Protected by a tank, 7th Division infantrymen advance into a flaming forest of palms during the battle for Kwajalein Atoll.

Soldier- artists in off-duty hours are busy completing entries for the Canadian Army Art Exhibition to be held shortly at the National Gallery, Ottawa, following judgings in each Military District Victory Bonds will be awarded to winners. The final selections will later be on display throughout the Dominion. Colonel E. A. Deacon, Director of Auxiliary Service, is examining the work of Sgt. Tom Miller, 169 Macdonell Ave., Toronto, (standing), and of Sgt. F. Hazlehurst, 94 Chudleigh Ave., Toronto.

(Canadian Army Photo)

(Marine Corps photo from NEA Telephoto)

Escaping through Japanese lines on Bougainville, this native girl is given medical treatment after her safe arrival, with a group of other women, at an Allied post. While she smokes a borrowed pipe, Capt. A. J. Moyer, Australian, swabs her infected arm.

Two Toronto veterans of the First Great War will be represented in an entry from Camp Borden in the Canadian Army Art Competition, one as the artist and the other as the model. The amateur artist is Major Aubrey W. C. Macdonald, V. D., officer commanding No. 1 Coy., C. I. T. C., and the subject he has chosen for a water color study is his batman, Pte. Frank "Pop" Wyatt.

(Canadian Army Photo)

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Canada's Kimberley Dynamiters advanced into the second round of the world's amateur hockey championship in London eight years ago tonight when they defeated Sweden 9—0. A week later they blasted England's hopes of taking the title by scoring a 3—0 win over the Englishmen. They went on to the championship by defeating Switzerland 2—1 in the final.