DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

The secret is out. . . the low price of $350.00 paid for the free-for-all pacer Lone Ace 1.59 1-4 is because he sports a doubtful leg that may go back on him at any time.

H. T. Fulton, Upper Stewiacke, N. S., has changed trainers. Heretofore his horses have been in the stable of Dr. H. M. Parshall, notably Jane Azoff 1.59 1-2. A couple of weeks ago he transferred his two-year-olds Gallant Heart by Volomite 2.03 1-4, and Marvel by Abbedale 2.01 1-4 to Harry Short at Columbus, Ohio.

One of the old time heroes of the turf, David J. McClary, now residing at Hartford, Conn., is seriously ill. It was August 28th, 1897, that Dave McClary became the most talked of driver in America and the bay horse Star Pointer the world's first two minute performer. Star Pointer was sired by the Tennessee pacer Brown Hal and his dam was Sweepstakes by Snow Heels, also a Tennessee pacer. He was a good looking bay horse quite strongly built and had a world of speed, but he had bad feet and legs and it took almost constant work to keep them in shape to stand fast miles. He wore seven ounce bar shoes in front and four ounce open shoes behind with a plain snaffle bit and Raymond check, and wore all kinds of boots.

He made his first appearance as a five-year-old in Chicago in 1894 and raced with success the seasons of 1895-96, but it was in the racing seasons of 1897-98 that he startled the world with record performances and entered the two-minute list, being the first horse of either gait to acquire the honor. In 1897 he started to beat the world's record of 2.02 1-2 at Fort Erie, Ontario, and paced in 2:01 3-4. Shortly after he met the almost undefeated Joe Patchen in the first two minute class ever put on a program, but Mystic track, Boston, was particularly slow at that time and Pointer won in 2:03 3-4, 2:04 1-4, quite a distance away from the two minute goal. He set a number of track records that year ranging from 2.00 1-2 to 2.02 1-2. At the Illinois State Fair he paced the third heat in 2:00 1-2, which stood as a world's record for a third heat for nearly a dozen years. His crowning achievement for 1897 was of course his mile in 1.59 1-4 at Readville, Mass. When the time was announced to the enormous crowd of people cheer after cheer rang out. McClary was hoisted on the shoulders of his friends and taken from the sulky to the stand and there tendered a great ovation.

Ben White, noted colt trainer, shows a partiality to the get of Guy Abbey 2.06 1-4, sire of Greyhound 1.55 1-4 as he has no less than seven yearlings by him in his stable. He also has seven yearlings by Scotland 1.59 1-4, sire of his son Gibson White's champion trotting mare Rosalind 1.56 3-4.

There is no Old Glory sale this year. Many of the older horsemen are perturbed by this as it was looked on as a fixture and was always held the last week in November. What recollections thoughts of it bring back to those who have attended and have seen many of the world's greatest turf performers knocked down to the high bidder. The writer was present at Madison Square Garden, November, 1913, when Captain Aubrey 2.07 1-4 was sold to the late John Richards of Bideford, P. E. I. On the same day Mayor Todd 2.15 1-2 was sold to the late Hammond Kelly. Both became famous Maritime sires of speed, Mayor Todd being also noted as one of the best race trotters ever seen in the Maritime Provinces.

It is a great many years since a yearling pacer has sold for $3,800 but at the recent Indianapolis auction Victorious Hal, full brother to Cochato Hal 2.12 1-2 by Hal Abbe 2.04 1-4, brought that figure. He is heavily staked and expectations are that he will win himself out easily barring accidents.

Northern stables, particularly those having colt trotters, are hiking for Florida and in a couple of months we will be hearing reports of good miles stepped by the baby trotters over Seminole Park. Not all the trainers are partial to the Southland, for instance, Dr. H. M. Parshall prefers Pinehurst, N. C., and Walter Cox still has great faith in Northern trained colts.

Fenelon, a runner that had started 13 times and twelve times was an also-ran, smashed the old jinx by winning on his 13th appearance in a photo finish at Bowie, Maryland, last Saturday. He got the biggest part of the $6,775 purse and speculators who backed the colt won at odds of fifteen to one.

Frank G. Trott, discussing the lack of opportunities for fast performers, in the Boston Sunday Globe, mentions that Greyhound 1.55 1-4, Billy Direct 1.55 and Rosalind 1.56 3-4 have finished their racing careers although Greyhound is to be continued in training with his public appearances confined to exhibitions. Each of these three champions is sound and in the life of trotters and pacers, young. The marvelous Greyhound is seven years of age, the beautiful queen six years and the grand pacing king five. Each may have reached the peak of speed as to a mile in single harness but each turned in a best on record performance in their last public performance this year.

Why, then, the retirement from competition? The answer is one that cannot hold true of any other sport—there is no racing opportunity sufficiently attractive to the owner of a champion. With but two exceptions, not since the era when Goldsmith Maid 2.14 was the world's fastest harness horse, has a champion been a really profitable campaigner. The record holding trotters after Goldsmith Maid, which began her reign in 1871 with a mile in 2.17 and continued until 1878, have been Rarus 2.13 3-4, St. Julien 2.11 1-4, Jay Eye See 2.10, Maude S. 2.08 3-4, Sunol 2.08 1-4, Nancy Hanks 2.04, Alix 2.03 3-4, The Abbott 2.03 1-4, Cresceus 2.02 1-4, Lou Dillon 1.58 1-4, Uhlan 1.58, Peter Manning 1.56 3-4 and Greyhound 1.55 1-4.

Cresceus was raced and earned considerable money after he became the king of trotters and Greyhound gathered $8317 in stakes last year but had no racing engagements this past season. Neither Maud S., Sunol, Lou Dillon nor Uhlan were campaigned professionally after becoming champions, and Nancy Hanks did little racing. Most of Peter Manning's earnings in races came before he dethroned Uhlan. The pacing champions before Dan Patch had racing in plenty. The wonderful Dan was never raced hard, because he was so superior to his field. He was a money-getter as an exhibition performer. A crowd of more than 97,000 attended the Minnesota State Fair one Labor Day and Dan's owner had a contract that called for 10 cents of each paid admission. That was in the golden period of exhibition miles which, by the way, were never as popular in New England or New York as in other sections of the country.

Walter F. Found, formerly of New London, where he was the mainspring in the New London Racing Club, but now located at Merced, California, writes us a letter under date of November 20th from which the following is quoted:—"It was real good of you to forward the Guardian to me and I read it clear through, including ads, for news of the homeland even though there have been a lot of changes is always of interest. I notice that you mentioned about Charlie Crummer and Guy the Tramp. I am quite well acquainted with Charlie and while at our Merced Fair chewed the fat at his stable. The Island was mentioned and he immediately asked if I knew you and others and it developed into quite a 'chinfest.' I was also interested to read the race results of that 1918 Exhibition program and to know that my old pupil Keltie was rated a winner on that date. You may not remember that I gave him all his early training and a mark of 2.28 1-4 at Alberton.

"Walter F. was my first dependence again this year and he has rather an enviable record of never being out of the money. In ten starts he got six firsts, was twice 4-1 and once 2-3 and 3-7, the two latter being barrier standing starts and when he was seventh he never got away at all. He took a mark of 2.02 3-4 in a winning race at Stockton, Cal., and goes into winter quarters in good shape to meet the free-for-allers next season. Princess Helen, also owned by me, won a couple of races and was second and third twice. Can trot around 2.06 but that is not fast enough. I am counting a lot on a coming three-year-old, Saintly Sinner, and have also a two-year-old which is getting her first lessons. These and a couple of weanlings make up my future hopes. We hope to advance the harness horse racing interests in California through our recently formed harness horse association and purpose to use the McNamara barrier for starts in 1940 as well as trying to promote some worthwhile stakes."

I am sure Walter's numerous friends in New London and vicinity will be glad to read the above. He was a whole-souled enthusiast for the harness horse sport and it was so infectious that others became almost equally interested so the New London Racing Club was organized over twenty years ago and is still functioning due to the fine class of men who have been connected with it through the years.

Twenty years ago Walter Cox left his training quarters at Dover, N. H., to take charge of the training of the get of Peter the Great 2.07 1-4, then premier stallion at Laurel Hall Farm, Indianapolis, Indiana. Although two decades have passed by yet the fame of Peter the Great continues because of the achievements of his sons and daughters and their get. He was a whale of a horse and transmitted to his progeny intense energy and a do or die spirit which made them "fighting hosses" for the mastery in every race they took part in.

Strange to say the breeding of Peter the Great was not looked on as being of the highest class, he being sired by Pilot Medium and his dam Santos by Grand Sentinel, but the genes of heritage nicked and the result was a super-stallion that was not appreciated by the millionaire breeder J. Malcolm Forbes at his farm Ponkaponk, Mass., who preferred Bingen 2.06 1-4. Peter the Great was sold to a breeding farm in Kentucky and just as he appeared to be under eclipse that great mare by him—Sadie Mac—appeared on the horizon. She made every post a winning one and the next spring breeders wrote from all over the United States to make bookings to Peter the Great.

Horsemen all over the Maritimes will sympathize with the well-known reinsman, Walter F. Cox of Goshen, New York, whose wife, Emma Jutney Cox was killed last Monday when the automobile in which she was riding struck a parked truck near Harriman, New York.

Famous Colt Is Destroyed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1—El Chico, undefeated two-year-old champion of the 1938 United States racing season and pride of the William Zeigler, Jr., stable, was injured so seriously at Santa Anita race track today that he may have to be destroyed.

The colt pulled up lame after a three-furlong gallop. Examination disclosed a possible broken seamoid bone in the left foreleg. An X-ray examination was ordered.

El Chico won $84,100 in seven races in 1938.

A similar broken bone necessitated the destruction of C. S. Howard's Sorteado recently.

Use Minard's for dandruff.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

McCormack Wins From Shepherd On Technical Knockout In 4th Round

Having far too much experience and punching power, Dannie McCormack middleweight champion of the Royal Canadian Artillery last night scored a technical knockout victory over game Bomber Shephard of Cardigan in the main event of the boxing card staged at the Sporting Club.

Shephard, just as game a battler as ever laced on a pair of gloves proved no match for the sharp-shooting McCormack. From the first round on McCormack speared his opponent with rights and lefts almost at will. Shephard was game to the core but as he went down for a nine count midway through the third round it proved to be the beginning of the end. Coming out for the fourth, McCormack started spearing his opponent with punches to the head and body and as Shephard knelt on his knees in his own corner the towel came hurtling into the ring to end the uneven scrap, referee Bennie Binns raising McCormack's hand in token of victory.

Unable to perform owing to Doctor's orders Kid Nickerson had a capable substitute in the person of "Flash" McDonald in the eight round semi-final but despite the "Flash's" usual aggressiveness he lost an unanimous judges' decision to Roney Cheverie of Souris in the 8-round semi-final. McDonald won only three rounds of the eight but despite this put up a gallant battle all the way. There were no knockdowns but the large crowd of fans saw two mitt-slingers throw punches from all angles all during the the scrap.

In the other fight on the card, Kid Murray of Bedeque took a judges' decision from Kid Crane of Cardigan in what was another bristling encounter. Bennie Binns handled all the bouts to the satisfaction of all while Jack Cameron and Jack Connolly were judges with E. F. Acorn and Dr. F. C. Dougan acting as timers.

Millionaires Whitewash Glace Bay

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 1 —(CP) — Rapping in second and third period goals, Sydney Millionaires gave Glace Bay a 3-0 whitewashing tonight in a Cape Breton hockey league game. It was the circuit leader's sixth straight win over Glace Bay, cellar team.

In a ragged game, the visitors missed scoring on several good opportunities. Only occasional flashes of good hockey were seen on either side.

All Sydney's goals were scored when Glace Bay had men in the penalty box.

Hockey Practice

Hockey practice Junior Royals Tuesday night, 5 to 6, at the Forum.

LUCKY STUMBLE

LONDON—(CP)—While walking at lunch time, Mrs. Winniferd Daniels carelessly kicked a small box which opened and disclosed three platinum and diamond rings valued at £1,500 (36,675).

Miners Gain 4-2 Victory Over Wolves

HALIFAX, Dec. 1 —(CP) —North Sydney Miners, second-place team in the Cape Breton colliery league, gained a 4-2 win over Halifax Wolves tonight in an exhibition hockey game.

The Cape Breton team leaped into a one -goal lead in the first period and stayed there until the end, though they were on the defensive most of the last period.

Beavers Take Eagles For 5 - 3 Victory

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 1 —(CP) —Saint John Beavers defeated "Dud" James' Moncton Eagles 5-3 tonight in a exhibition hockey contest, the first game of the season for both teams.

A league comprising Saint John, Moncton, Sussex, and possibly Amherst was discussed at a meeting here today but no decision was reached.

BOWLING RESULTS

HOLY NAME BOWLING

Big Four League:

Five Aces:

G. McDonald	143	192	157
J. Callaghan	224	125	157
A. McCloskey	149	188	227
H. Craswell	278	263	191
E. Robin	283	266	277

Total—3120.

Old Timers:

R. Duncan	143	243	228
V. Coyle	153	272	199
W. Halpenny	244	227	210
J. Hughes	209	153	182
J. A. Bentley	200	107	272

Total—3115.

High Single, E. Robin 283.
High Three, E. Robin 826.
Next game in this League Monday night at 9 o'clock.
Five Aces vs. All Stars.

MIXED LEAGUE

Spuds:

V. Pineau	164	224	186
L. Corcoran	240	247	189
M. Dougan	151	119	134
G. Hughes	100	108	134
F. Flynn	118	107	136
G. McInnis	79	130	130

Total—2796.

Pals:

G. Toombs	250	173	210
F. McCarville	159	180	109
E. Connors	176	146	171
S. Mallett	105	168	163
F. Martin	173	141	172
J. Kirwin	79	170	150

Total—2895.

Ladies High Single, E. Connors 176.
Ladies High Three, E. Connors 493.
Gents High Single, G. Toombs 250.
Gents High Three, L. Corcoran 676.

Early Birds:

F. Slocombe	187	198	173
C. LeClair	259	178	212
A Garrett	81	104	146
F. Sinnott	158	151	125
I. Dougan	138	138	168

Total—2416.

Topsters:

L. Callaghan	165	165	165
E. Smith	223	214	183
F. Duffy	228	182	222
I. Curley	134	142	98
A. Wisener	130	130	130

Total—2511.

Ladies High Single, F. Duffy 228.
Ladies High Three, F. Duffy 632.
Gents High Single, C. LeClair 259.
Gents High Three, C. LeClair 649.

Giants:

T. McAdam	165	165	165
E. Mitchell	121	202	207
B. McCabe	141	161	179
M. Walsh	159	105	141
D. Cullen	129	126	174

Total—2340.

Humbugs:

C. Pineau	171	173	211
M. McLellan	90	165	187
M. Brown	100	127	102
J. McLeod	134	196	155
E. Curley	156	187	158

Total—2302.

Ladies High Single, E. Mitchell 207.
Ladies High Three, E. Mitchell 530.
Gents High Single, C. Pineau 211.
Gents High Three, C. Pineau 555.

Hockey League Will Open On December 8th

With the withdrawal of the Rangers from the Commercial-Service League and their places taken by an Army team, the following schedule with accompanying rules was drawn up last night at a meeting of team representatives held in the R.C.N.V.R. Barracks, competing for the Lieutenant-Governor LePage Trophy.

A shield for the high point score of the league is to be donated, it was announced, scoring to be compiled by the respective sports writers of the two local papers.

Each section is to be decided on the point system, two points for a win and one for a tie. In the event that it is only possible to play one section the team having the highest number of points shall be declared the winner of the trophy donated by his Honor Lieutenant-Governor LePage. Said trophy is to be held permanently.

Follwing is the schedule of games, first section, that gets under way on Dec. 8th:

Dec. 8—Navy vs. Army.
Dec. 12—S. D. U. vs. Navy.
Dec. 15—Royals vs. Army.
Dec.—19 Navy vs. Royals.
Dec. 22—S. D. U. vs. Army.
Dec. 26—Army vs. Navy.
Dec. 29—Royals vs. S. D. U.
Jan. 2—Army vs. Royals.
Jan. 5—Royals vs. Navy.
Jan. 9—Navy vs. S. D. U.
Jan. 12—Army vs. S. D. U.
Jan. 15—S. D. U. vs. Royals.

Multi - title Holders In Boxing World Make Last Stand

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 —(AP)—The Henry Armstrong- Lou Ambers bout for the world welterweight championship was definitely abandoned today, and with it went all chance that a boxer will ever again match Armstrong's feat of dominating three weight divisions as titleholder.

After hearing from promoter Mike Jacobs that he was cancelling the 15-round welterweight go, which had been scheduled for tonight and postponed because of Armstrong's ill health, the New York state athletic commission revealed it was amending its rules so that never again could a fighter hold the title in more than one weight division at a time.

Armstrong skyrocketed out of St. Louis, by way of Los Angeles, three years ago and with terrific pace and slugging power, fought his way to the championships of the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight divisions simultaneously, a performance never before accomplished.

"To prevent such mixups as now confronts us," General John J. Phelan, the commission chairman announced today, "we are going to make it impossible for a fighter to hold the championship in two weight classes at the same time. We are amending our rules so that an individual holding a championship in one class will not be permitted to enter a title bout with the champion of another class unless he relinquishes the championship he holds.

At the same time, the commission approved a plan by which Armstrong would defend his 147-pound crown Jan. 24 against Pedro Montanez, Puerto Rican slugger, and Ambers would put his lightweight championship on the line against the "No. 1 challenger" in February or March.

Ambers' opponent in this fight would either be Sammy Angott of Louisville, Ky., a ranking contender; Eric Boone, the British lightweight champion, or the winner of a bout between Billy Marquart of Winnipeg and Lew Jenkins of Sweetwater, Texas, scheduled for Madison Square Garden Dec. 15.

Tonight's cancelled contest would have been the third between Ambers and Armstrong. Armstrong won the first last year and Ambers took the second last summer, regaining his lightweight crown from Hurricane Hank.

Armstrong contracted a heavy cold recently, which necessitated the original postponement. General Phelan visited him today with three commission physicians who reported his temperature slightly subnormal and recommended he go away for a week to recover, after which they would examine him again to decide when he could return to action.

Toronto Sprint Star Gets Rose Bowl

TORONTO, Dec. 1—(CP)— The Rose Bowl, awarded annually by the Women's Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada to the country's outstanding woman athlete, goes to Jeannette Dolson, Toronto sprint star, for 1939.

Announcement of the award was made here today by Edith McKenzie of Winnipeg, president of the W. A. A. F. Miss Dolson, a member of the 1936 Olympic team and Canadian Sprint Champion since that time, won in a poll of W.A.A.F. executive members, allied bodies and branches.

Second in the voting was Mrs. Dorothy McKenzie Walton of Toronto, former Canadian Women's Badminton Champion and winner of the all-England singles title this year. Tied for third were Mary Rose Thacker of Winnipeg, Canadian figure skating champion, and Gertrude Hagen of Calgary, sprinter.

Previous winners of the Rose Bowl include Aileen Meagher of Halifax, sprinter who won it in 1936.

Remember When

(By The Canadian Press)

The only negro to hold the world middleweight boxing title, Tiger Flowers lost the crown to Mickey Walker at Chicago 13 years ago tonight. Walker later had to resign the title because he could not make the weight for the class. Ben Jeby succeeded him.

Use Minard's for aches.

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SKATING

THIS AFTERNOON 3—5

TONIGHT 8—10

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Children 11c

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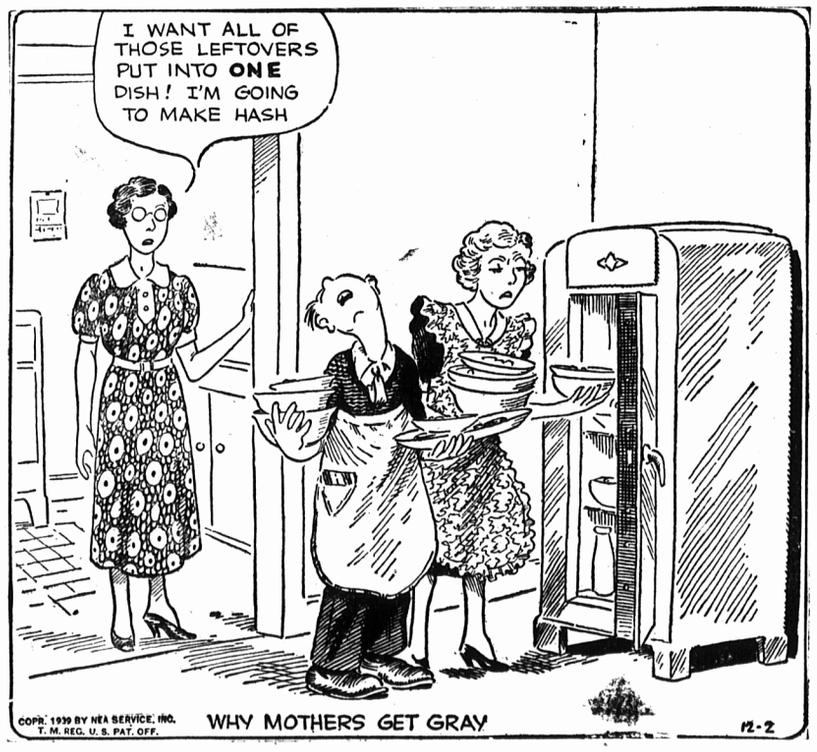
OUT OUR WAY — By J. R. Williams



OUR BOARDING HOUSE — With — Major Hoople

BRINGING UP FATHER — By George McManus