DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

Harry Dolan, a good friend of ours in Montreal sends us two score cards of recent meets at Richelieu Park, Montreal. That of June 25th had as winners in the 2.19 class pace, Royal Bars 1-1-1, Pine Ridge Todd 2-2-2, Beau Dale 3-5-4, Miss Grattan Henley 4-3-6, two other starters, best time 2.14 1-2..... 2.19 Trot,—Calumet Frisco 1-1-1, Tellis Volo 3-1-2, Polly Allstrange 2-5-3, two other starters, best time 2.18 1-2.... 2.25 Trot and Pace.... Pine Ridge Sully 1-1-1, Princess Gadsby, 5-2-2, Ida Bars 2-8-8, five other starters best time 2.21 1-2.

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In the July 2nd meet the 2.19 Trot was won by Calumet Frisco 1-1-4, Peter Dale 2-2-1, Dot Chappell 5-3-2, Polly Allstrange 4-4-3, time, 2.14, 2.13 1-2, 2.16 ....2.20 Pace—Royal Bars 2-1-1, Doctor Lee 1-3-3, Henry McKinney 6-2-2, four other starters time, 2.10 1-2, 2.11 1-2, 2.09 1-2 .... 2.24 Pace....Pine Ridge Sully 1-1-1 Betty Hugo 2-2-7, Laura May Harvester 6-7-2, four other starters, time, 2.20 1-2, 2.15 1-2, 2.18 1-2.

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The above summaries show that there are a lot of good trotters and pacers around Montreal and most of it new material that has been developed within the past couple of years. Royal Bars that was a sensation over the ice last winter, first started over the clay, was a disappointment but he has won his last two races and looks to be a real good pacer. In the 2.19 Trot Calumet Frisco won at both meetings and in the second race stepped in 2.13 1-2 and gives notice that before the end of the season he will be close to a 2.10 trotter at least. In the 2.20 class mixed the trotter Doctor Lee that took a record of 2.11 last year, won the first heat in 2.10 1-2, which as George Callbeck will tell you, is good time over a track like Richelieu In the 2.24 class Pine Ridge Sully won in 2.13 1-2 and he looks to be a 2.10 pacer before the season ends Most of the horses that raced were either bred in Ontario or Quebec where numerous good studs are being used in service.

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While on the subject of breeding we may say that harness horses have contributed very greatly to the revenue of farmers in Ontario during the past fifty or sixty years. Somehow Ontario manages to import real good sires that throw speed and every year one or more really outstanding trotters or pacers are developed in that country and sold for big money to horsemen in the United States. Quebec has been importing good stallions the past eight or ten years and the results are shown in the increased entries at all race meets in that great province.

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The past week has been notable for the number of race meets held throughout the Maritimes. On Saturday, July 1st, Summerside, New Glasgow, North Sydney, Shediac, Chatham and St. John tracks were host to thousands of visitors and some great racing resulted Our space permits only the highlights and brief comment. Summerside, July 1st ..... The 2.14 Trot and Pace was won by Jean Hanley, 2.08 owned by Charlie Horton, Murray River and driven by Willard Kelly, with a summary of 2-1-1 The trotter Basil Hanover 2.04 1-4 won the first heat in a close finish and lost the next two in very close finishes. The trotter Pagliacci was 3-5-5, two other starters, time, 2.10 2.10, 2.12 1-4

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The 2.27 Pace was won by the Maritime ice pacing champion Peter Budlong, owned by Percy Downe and driven by Ike Moreside, in straight heats, best time 2.14, which is a new record for Peter Budlong ....The 2.19 Trot and Pace was won by the ex-Ontario pacing star, Giftline 2.03, owned by Power Bros and driven by Teddy Weir, in straight heats. Winnie Scott was 3-3-2, three other starters, best time 2.12 Giftline showed a lot of class and a record of 2.07 is predicted for him before the season closes The 2.19 Trot was won by Kelly's Nightmare, owned by Charles Horton and driven by Willard Kelly, with 1-2-1, Lusty's First was 2-1-2, three other starters, best time 2.14, a reduction of three seconds in Kelly's Nightmare's record

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Forty - five hundred people packed the grand stand and enclosures at New Glasgow on Canada's birthday to witness the races. The double-gaited champion, Nate Hanover 1 59 1-2, won the free for all in straight heats He is owned by W G. Stewart, and was driven by Harley Harrison. Jollity 2 05 1-4 was 2-2-2, Royal at Law 3-3-3, The Great G 4-4-4, best time 2 09. Good judges say Nate Hanover is in prime condition and will be difficult to head all through the season.

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The 2 25 Stake was won by the ex-American pacing mare Belle of Brooklyn, owned by W G. Stewart, and driven by Joe O'Brien, in straight heats Scotty McKane was 2-2-2, the trotter Johnny Eager 3-3-3, four other starters, best time, 2.14 — a new record for Belle of Brooklyn .... The 2.30 Trot and Pace was won by the former pacer Peter at Court, now changed to the trot He is owned and was driven by W E Haley, Antigonish. He was 3-1-1, Morgandale Ace 1-3-3, Johnny Early 4-2-2, time 2.22 1-4, 2.16 3-4, 2.18 1-4.

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An estimated crowd of 3,000 fans attended the meet Dominion Day at North Sydney race track. Weather conditions were ideal. The number one classified race was won by Margaret Rose, owned by Ratchford Bros, with 4-1-1, Hilda Budlong 2.11 1-4, formerly owned in this province, was 1-2-3, Bob Long 3-3-2, three other starters, best time 2.16 1-2.....Classified Trot and Pace No. 2 was won by Manchester Berry, owned and driven by Mike Jabblee, with 1-1-3, Muriel Henley 4-3-1, five other starters, best time 2.18.

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The Free For All was won by the ex-Western pacer Battle Todd 2.07 3-4, owned by Sydney Mines Horsemen Club and driven by Wes Vickers. His summary was 1-1-1, Highland Worthy 2-4-2, Royal Hanover 5-2-3, three other starters, best time 2.11 ..... 2.18 Trot and Pace was won by Lady Hal, formerly owned by Well McNeill, now owned by Joseph Moffatt, Sydney and driven by Joe Hood, Summary 1-1-2 H. M. Volo, 4-3-1, Singing Sam 2-2-3, Jack Clyde 3-5-5, Grace Abbey 5-4-4, Time 2.14. In the above race it will be noticed that three of the starters were ex-Island bred and owned pacers.

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A large crowd turned out for the races staged by the Seaside Driving Club at Shediac, July 1st, and a great afternoon's sport was provided. The Amherst pacing mare Rhea Mae 2.14 1-2, owned by Coates and Bragg and driven by Coates, won the Free for All in straight heats. Lou McKinney 2.01 1-2, former Sullivan & Mawhinney free-for-aller, was second in the first heat and drawn the second heat. Rainey G. Henley was 3-2-2, best time 2.12 in the first heat.....The Classified No. 1 was won by Bright Spot 2.12 3-4, owned by Coates and Bragg in straight heats. The trotter Hal Britton was 2-2-2, Oliver Grattan 3-3-3, best time 2.18 ..... Classified No. 2 was won by Calumet June, owned and driven by Harry Wilbur, Moncton, with a summary of 1-1-3, Ruth Peters was 4-3-1, five other starters, best time, 2.19 in the first heat.

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Chatham, N. B. track at one time considered the fastest in the Maritimes and possibly in the Dominion, was in great shape for Dominion Day races and fast time was made in three of the events. The racing card was an excellent one and the large crowd of spectators were greatly pleased The Match Race between Josedale Hoosier 2.07, owned by C Walker, Halifax, and driven by W Hood, and Happy L 2.04 1-4, owned by L J McNeill, Kensington, and driven by M. MacArthur, was won bythe former with a summary of 1-1-2, Happy L won the third and fastest heat in 2.10 3-4.

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The 2.17 Trot and Pace was won by the trotter Watchim 2.07, owned by Frank Adams, Halifax, and driven by W Hood. Symbol Harry 2-2-2, best time 2.08 1-2, the fastest mile trotted in the Maritimes this season .... The 2.26 Trot and Pace was won by Judd 2.08, owned by C. Walker, Halifax, and driven by Ike Ripley with 1-1-3, Jacob Withrow 2.14 1-2, 2-2-1 Trixie Budlong 3-5-5, time 2.11 1-4, 2.14 1-2, 2.16 ..... 2.30 Trot and Pace was won by Dinah O Grattan, owned by E Fowlie, driven by O Jardine, in straight heats, Louise Fingo 2-2-2, best time 2.22 1-4.

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At Moose Path Ttrack, St John Dominion Day Lulu Axworthy, owned and driven by Lee Jones, won the No 1 Classified in straight heats, Albert E Grattan 2-2-2, best time 2.18 . The No. 2 Classified was won by Sweet Marie Lee, owned and driven by Lee Jones in straight heats, Jerry Harvester 3-4-2, Miss McDale 2-3-4, Archie Lee 4-2-3, best time 2.25 ..... The Free for All was won by the imported pacer Eunice L. 2.07, owned by R Armstrong, St. John, with a summary of 2-1-1, Prince Adam, owned by Grant and Dagle of Houlton, Maine, was 1-2-2, best time 2.15 1-4

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On Monday, July 3rd, St Stephen held a three class race meet with Sunnymeade winning the Free for All in straight heats from The Baker and two other starters, best time 2.12 1-4. Classified No. 1 was won by Carnation Lady in straight heats, Inflation 2-2-2, best time 2.18 .... The Classified No 2 was won by Top Hat in straight heats, Muriel Hanover 3-2-2, best time 2.12.

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New Glasgow held its second big race meet of the season last Wednesday afternoon, July 5th Over 1,500 people attended and saw some excellent racing with great upsets. The 2.24 Trot and Pace was won by the P. E. I. trotter Johnny Eager, owned by Dr R F. Seaman, and driven by Don Seaman, in straight heats, O U. Volo 3-2-2, best time 2.14 1-2 ..... The 2.15 Trot and Pace was won by the ex-Ohio pacer Sandy D. 2.09, owned by Cecil Alexander, and W. H. Allingham, driven by Johnny Conroy, in straight heats, Alice Grattan was 2-2-2, best time 2.09 3-4 ..... The Free for All was the biggest upset of the racing season so far Little Dale H. 2.06, owned by D Collie and driven by Joe O'Brien was 1-1-2. The imported stars, who perhaps have not yet become acclimated, were in order of finishing Mighty Hanover 2.02 3-4, 5-4-1, Gay Law 2.03 1-2, 2-2-3, The Walnut Abbe 2.06 1-4, 3-3-4, Wilkin, 2.08 4-5-5, time 2.11 1-2, 2.09 1-2, 2.12.

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J. Leo Praught held matinee races at the Riverside Track, Vernon, last Wednesday, July 5th, and had a good attendance. The Class A Trot was won by Pagliacci, owned and driven by W. Hennessey, with 1-1. Jane Harvester 2-2, best time 2.18 3-4 ..... Class B. Pace was won by Lady Rose 2.15 1-2, owned and driven by R. MacLaine, summary 2-1-1, Mickey Volo 2.15 1-2, 1-3-3, three other starters, best time 2.16 1-2 ..... Class B Trot was won by McNeill's Pick, owned and driven by Well McNeill, 3-1-1, Eva Worthy was 1-3-2, best time 2.18 1-2 ..... Class C Trot was won by Virginia Kalmuck, owned and driven by B. Younker, DH - 1-1, Billy Kalmuck, DH-2-2, Baby Budlong 3-4-3, two other starters, best time 2.22 A feature of the Class C Trot was the tremendous bursts of speed shown by Baby Budlong. These captured the admiration of many fans who gave hearty congratulations to owner Carver.

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At the Charlottetown Driving Park track the most notable effort of the past week was a mile in 2.12 1-2, by the trotter Lee Brewer 2.03 3-4 owned by Milton Bell and driven by Ike Moreside. The last half was caught in 1.02 1-2 and is the fastest half trotted or paced over the local track this season. Bonnie Spruce a three year old owned by John MacLean, Souris, was a mile in 2.25, which is great improvement for the short time she has been trained

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Keep in mind Montague Races for next Wednesday afternoon. George

SPORTING NEWS

Officers Increase Lead In City Softball League With 13-2 Victory

Chalking up their fourth victory against one defeat R. C. A. F. Officers team last night increased their lead at the top of the City Softball League standings when they sent the Navy team down to a 13-2 defeat in a postponed game of the regular league schedule played at the Victoria Park diamond.

Trailing 2-1 entering the third inning the result of a lone Navy counter in the second frame on a hit and an error, the Officers started their victory march in the first half of the third when they made two hits and an error account for two runs; that gave them the lead that was never very seriously threatened. The winners added two more in the fourth, a single tally in the fifth and three in the sixth for an 8-1 lead. Navy finally burst into the scoring column in the seventh when they pushed their final run across the plate only to have their opponents come through with a four-run uprising in the eighth and added the coup de grace by accounting for the final run of the game in the first half of the ninth.

Errors played a large part in the Navy defeat, the "Tars" having a total of 10 miscues chalked up against them during the game while the Officers were only being charged with one miscue.

Brown, doing the pitching for the winners, allowed but five scattered hits during the contest, only one of them being for extra bases. Juvenbille of the Navy walloping a two-bagger in the eighth frame. Laluck starting on the mound for the losers was nicked for 9 safe blows in the seven innings he toiled on the mound while McRae, his successor, yielded but a solitary safe blow in the two frames he worked. Keap of the Officers got the only extra base hit of his team a two-bagger in the eighth.

BOX SCORE

Officers	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Roman, c	5	3	1	10	0	0
Kemp, ss	6	1	2	2	3	0
Brown, p	6	2	0	2	3	0
Armour, cf	5	0	2	0	0	0
Kelly, 3b	5	1	0	0	2	0
Klimovich, 2b	5	1	2	1	2	1
Goodale, 1b	5	1	0	12	0	0
Loescher, rf	5	2	1	0	0	0
Haywood, lf	5	2	2	0	0	0
Goodal, 2b	4	0	1	2	3	1
Totals	47	13	10	27	10	1

Navy	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Clarke, 3b	4	0	0	3	1	1
McPherson, ss	3	0	0	2	4	1
Vallincourt, 1b	4	0	0	12	0	0
Jubenville, c	4	0	2	2	0	0
St. John, cf	4	1	0	3	0	3
McRae, lf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Laluck, p	4	0	1	0	2	2
Reinhart, rf	3	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	34	2	5	27	10	10

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9-R	H	E
Officers	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	4	1-13	10	1
Navy	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0- 2	5	10

Mrs. R. T. Holman Leads Qualifying Round For Ladies' Golf Club Title

Carding a score of 94 Mrs. R. T. Holman led the qualifying round of the Ladies' Golf Championship of the Belvedere Golf Club yesterday. Nine strokes behind in second place was Mrs. W. E. Cotton with a score of 103, while Mrs. J. Pope Clarke was in third place with a total of 107.

Keen competition was experienced all through the qualifying round and before the winner is decided some of the best competition in years is expected to take place.

Haegg Sets New World Record

GOTHENBURGH, SWEDEN, July 7—(AP)—Gunder Haegg clipped two seconds off the world record for 1,500 metres today, racing the distance in 3:43 to avenge a defeat suffered two weeks ago at the hands of Arne Anderson

Anderson holder of the world mark of 3:45, set Aug. 17, 1943, also bettered his previous record today as he was clocked in 3:44. He finished second to Haegg in today's event

Willie Pep Wins Another Victory

CHICAGO, July 7 — (AP) — Willie Pep, the amazing Hartford, Conn., Italian lad, chalked up victory number 74 out of 75 ring battles tonight by defeating Willie Joyce, Shifty, Gary, Ind., Negro lightweight, in a blistering 10 round battle.

McIntyre has an all star program that will surely enthuse. The Free for All Trot will bring together the fastest trotters in the Maritimes. The 2.14 Pace will see a quintette of pacing stars that will beat 2.10 The 2.20 Trot and Pace, the 2.27 Pace and 2.27 Trot will all have their quota of good performers. Take our word for it. Montague races will be among the very best of the entire season.

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Formerly a horse obtained a record pacing by performing in 2.25 or a record trotting by performing in 2.30. Rule 2 Section 24, page 20 U. S. T. A., 1944 is as follows: "RECORD — A record is the fastest time made by a horse in a performance against time or in a heat or dash which he won. A standard record is a record of 2.20 or faster for two - year - olds and 2.15 or faster for all other ages."

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F. J. E. Wright, Secretary of the P. E. I. Harness Racing Club, Summerside, very kindly telephones the news re final closing entries in the Futurity Stakes third payment as follows: Four - year-old futurity stakes, 14 paid up; in the three year old futurity, 14 paid up; in the two - year - old futurity stake 9 paid up. A starting fee of $7.00 will be due and must be paid on or before July 25th to Mr. Wright to qualify to start in the futurity races Old Home Week.

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Joe O'Brien of this city was ambassador of goodwill at the New Glasgow races on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons. He made an appeal on behalf of the Russian and Chinese funds which netted about $160.00 from the generous audience. Joe was guest at the Coffee Pot during his stay in the steel city.

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Cecil Alexander, St. John, writes us that they have formed a club with twenty members and have leased the Sussex race track for five years. They have already built 12 barns, put up fences and grand stand and generally improved the property. Their first race meet will be July 12th with purses totalling $700.00 or more for three classes Cecil informs us that Lulu Axworthy, owned by Lee Jones, is a real good mare that appears likely to go fast and far He says that Sandy D. 2.09, recent winner at New Glasgow, was bought by him from Harry Short, Ohio, and a share sold to W. H. Allingham,

Wings Defeat Royals 23-5

In a softball game in the Knights of Columbus league last evening between Wings and Royals, the former had an easy time disposing of the latter by a score of 23-5.

The Wings looked good in every department and seem to be the team to beat.

The lineup:

Wings — Haughey, K McKenzie, M McKenzie, R. Whalen, C Write C. Dowling, Shepherd, Gormley

Royals — O'Shea, Smith, Tulle, McDonald, Butler, Ready, Power, Lund, Praught

The next game Sunday 7 P M between the Hitrights and the Tigers

The Juniors meet this morning at 9.30.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL

New York 2; Chicago 3.
New York 6; Chicago 2
Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 2.
Brooklyn 2; Pittsburgh 13.

AMERICAN

Cleveland 8; Boston 5.
Detroit 1; New York 3.
Chicago 3; Philadelphia 4.
St. Louis 0; Washington 7.

INTERNATIONAL

Syracuse 0; Jersey City 4.
Montreal 6; Rochester 7.
Rochester 4; Buffalo 5.

Baseball Big Six

By The Associated Press

(Three leaders in each league.)

Player, Club	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Musial, Cards.	70	266	56	100	373
Walker, Dgs.	74	264	40	103	.363
Weintraub, Giants	61	199	39	66	.342
Doerr R. Sox	74	233	36	93	389
Fox, R. Sox	53	214	36	70	.327

Runs batted in: American league: Stephens, Browns 52; National league: Weintraub, Giants; Walker, Dodgers; Nicholson, Cubs 49.

Home Runs: American league: Metheny, Yankees; Hayes, Athletics; Cullenbine, Indians; Stephens, Browns; Doerr, Red Sox 9. National league: Ott, Giants 19

HORSE RACES
SUMMERSIDE
Wednesday, July 19
—ALL $300.00 PURSES—
Classes Will Be Named On July 12.
WILLARD MacDONALD,
Secretary
7-8-3i.

A double-header softball bill will feature the week-end sport events here when R. C. A. F. Corporals tangle with the Navy squad in the opener and R. C. A. F. Sergeants meet the league leading Air Force Officers in the wind-up game. Both contests are expected to be close-knit, keenly contested affairs that will produce the same high-class brand of softball that has been witnessed since the league opening.

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And while on the subject of softball it might be mentioned that attendances have been considered good. They have not reached the proportions that were in attendance several years back when softball had its debut here but notwithstanding those who have been attending have witnessed a brand of ball that is on a par with any ever played here.

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No doubt about it errors have been numerous in all games played to date but the players have been giving all they have and this attitude has made up in a large part for the fielding lapses that have been taking place.

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R. C. A. F. Officers, with only one defeat chalked up against them in their five starts at this writing appear to be the team to beat but they are being chased hard by the Aircraftsmen who have one more beating marked against their won and lost column.

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In fact, according to the concensus of opinion of a majority of the unbiased observers Aircraftsmen are expected to furnish plenty of opposition of the hardest kind before the league title is decided.

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And while the Airmen have been providing the biggest surprise—of course this is just from a local angle entirely, the Air Force teams being newcomers among the local sport followers—Bruce Stewart's All Stars have been the biggest disappointment.

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Composed, with the exception of three players, of the team that last year went through the schedule and playoffs without a defeat being marked up against them, the squad finds themselves at this writing in the unenviable position of fifth place, and judging by the way they have been performing of late haven't much chance of improving their position.

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According to a reliable spokesman the squad are regularly failing to attend practice sessions. And perhaps this may be the main reason for their dismal showing to date. No doubt about it they have players on their line-up with plenty ability as they have proven by past performances. But past performances are of little value once a new season rolls around.

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That holds true in any branch of sport and has been proven times without number. So it might not be a bad idea if the so-called All-Stars would settle down and take the league a little more seriously: attend their practice sessions—this does not apply to all the players—and see if they cannot improve their position and at least make a semblance of defending their last year's title.

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The Brighton Horseshoe Club is certainly enjoying their best season. Nightly and on Wednesday afternoons the courts are crowded with players and it is really one of the liveliest sport spots in the City today.

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At present the doubles tournament is in progress with Nels Whitlock and Jack McCourt leading the parade at present but being offered plenty of stiff competition from the other teams in the tourney. Right now it is very doubtful as to which team will emerge the ultimate winners, but it is a safe bet that the combination of Whitlock and McCourt—veteran and youth—will be tough to hurdle.

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And speaking of Nels Whitlock, here's a man that has been around the sports scene on the island for a long while. When this writer was just able to see over the promenade of the old Arena, Nels was then bending all his energies towards the youngsters.

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And that wasn't yesterday by any means. Nels is getting along in years now—that is for active participation—but the same unflagging zeal for the kids, and ready to champion their cause at any time is still very much evident.

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A hard fighter but a fair one, Nels and Jack might very possibly emerge as rather surprise winners of the J. R. Williams Trophy.

Air Cadets End Busy Day At Camp

Seventy-five young bodies dragged themselves wearily to bed at the Dartmouth air station Wednesday night without caring if the mythical sergeant was there to tuck them into bed or not.

It was the end of the first day of the annual summer camp for air cadets of squadrons from Charlottetown, Glace Bay and Sydney Mines, and probably seemed the longest day of their lives to those boys who were attending their first camp since becoming of senior cadet age.

The camp which will last ten days is the first of a series of such which will bring all Air Cadet units to various flying stations in the Maritimes in the next two months.

Working on schedules which are planned to give maximum instruction in all phases of Air Force routine, the cadets spent their first day on a tour of the rambling Dartmouth base, were instructed in personal fitting of parachute harness against the day they would be flying, and attended various lectures.

But the young minds were far ahead of the events of the first day or the first several days for that matter. They were thinking in terms of the type of machine they were going to take their first "flip" in, the position they would fill as crewmen and the probable time of take-off.

"Could be a Doug or a Digby," opined LAC. Jimmy Foreman of Glace Bay, "but it would certainly be swell if these fighter kites could be flown dual."

The cadets will fly as regular aircrew members after a brief spell of "crewing-up" on the ground during which time they will get to know members of the flight or squadron with whom they will be working.

The cadets are under the command of Flying Officer F. Crane of No. 46 (Sydney Mines) Squadron; Pilot Officer H. C. Bourke, No. 60 (Charlottetown) Squadron, and Pilot Officers J. J. Cann and W. R. Crowell of No. 45 (Glace Bay) Squadron. Station Liaison Officer is Flight Lieutenant W. D. McClement.

146 Dead In Circus Blaze

HARTFORD, CONN., July 7—(AP)—The tragic task of identifying victims of yesterday's circus fire proceeded slowly here tonight and Mayor William Mortensen said some were so badly burned that recognition would be impossible.

Of the 6,000 watching the circus when the main tent burst into flames, 146 are dead and more than 250 others injured. Mortensen said a municipal funeral might be given those who could not be identified.

Meanwhile five officials of the Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey circus whose big top went up in a flaming puff of black, oily smoke yesterday, just as the applause for the opening acts of the afternoon performance was subsiding, had been arraigned and held in high bail on a charge of manslaughter.

Police court prosecutor James F. K Kennedy declared that preliminary investigation had established the fact that the huge canvas had been waterproofed a few months ago with a soltion of gasoline and paraffin.

So seriously did authorities consider the possibility of this as a factor in outdoor entertainments that state police commissioner Edward J. Hickey, who escaped with his life at yesterday's fire, ordered immediate disuse by a smaller show in Waterford of a tent processed in similar fashion.

Home After 109 Operational Flights

EDMUNDSTON, N B., July 7 — (CP)—Flt. Lt. Hugh Hay, D.F.C., who has made 109 operational flights over enemy territory, returned home today after spending three years overseas as an R.C.A.F. navigator. His last two flights were over the invasion area after D-day. He will spend a leave with his wife and two small sons before reporting to Ottawa for further duty. He is a son of Hood Hay, Moncton

Remember When

By The Canadian Press

Babe Ruth reached the big league 30 years ago today when Boston Americans bought him from Providence for a reported $2,900. In 1920, New York Yankees purchased him from Boston for $125,000 cash. Greatest home run hitter of all time, Ruth hit his peak with 60 in 1927.

MISQUITOES

W. K. S. GRADE V SOFTBALL TEAM

Back row, standing (left to right): Soper MacPhee, centre fielder; Douglas Harper, left fielder; Eugene Korrey, 2nd base; Stephen Gallant, short stop; Charlie Hine (captain), pitcher; Paul Jenkins, (spare); Jim Wood, 3rd base. Front row: Ivan Vessey (batter), right fielder; Karl Reardon, 1st base; Malcolm Joyce, catcher.

Russian Army Closing In Rapidly On Wilno

By RUSSEL LANDSTROM

LONDON, July 7—(AP)—Russian troops closed tightly around the outer perimeter of Wilno today, placing that ancient city, less than 100 miles from East Prussia, under artillery and air bombardment, and continued their westward sweep all along the 350-mile central front, Moscow announced tonight.

South of Wilno the Red army plowed within four miles of the important railway junction of Baranowicze and in the area of the Pripet marshes Soviet forces captured the district centre of Stolin, only 38 miles from Pinsk, the broadcast Russian communique said.

Nearly 800 towns and villages were taken by the sweeping advance on all fronts and more of Germany's disorganized forces were killed or captured.

The capture of Stolin in the Pripet marsh region was the first evidence that Russian troops had crossed the pre-war Polish border in that area. This drive had outflanked the rail junction of Luniniec just east of Pinsk

The two German Generals taken during the day—bringing to 15 the number captured since the start of the Soviet offensive—were identified by Moscow as Lt.-Gen. Traut, commander of the 78th German assault group, and Maj.-Gen. Mueller-Dulow, commander of the 246th infantry division.

SOMEWHERE IN NORMANDY, July 5 — (AP) — Tom Henry of the Washington Star, visiting the Underground headquarters of a captured high-ranking German general, picked up a pair of dice from a table Back at the command post he casually rolled the dice—and found they were loaded

Trail Rangers Camp

The annual Trail Ranger camp is in session at Marshfield. Sixty-five boys from many widely separated areas in the province are together under canvas. The program consists of worship, Bible study, group and team games, campfire programs and many other features that make up camp life.

The camp is divided into four groups that are in competition along various lines for the grand award that goes to the winning group at the end of the camp. Each group has a leader (the Big Chief) and a Little Chief. These are — Group 1 — Big Chief, Rev. Clyde Hicks, Montague, Little Chief, Donald Mutch, Cherry Valley; Group 2 — Big Chief, Rev. Herbert Buntain, New London, Little Chief, Cecil MacPhail, Bonshaw; Group 3 — Big Chief, Rev. Henry Baak, Marshfield, Little Chief, Gordon Leard, Cascumpec, Group 4 — Big Chief, Rev. Roy Vessey, Murray Harbour, Little Chief, Gordon Godfrey, New Wiltshire.

The Camp Director is Rev. D. F. MacDormand of Saint George, N.B, who is the representative of the Maritime Religious Education Council under whose auspices this and many other camps for boys and girls are held in various parts of the Maritime Provinces. Other leaders at camp are — Rev. Wallace MacPherson, St. Peter's Bay, Ivan Robinson of Charlottetown, and Vernon Clark of New Wiltshire.

Many Kinds of Mulches Useful in Victory Gardens

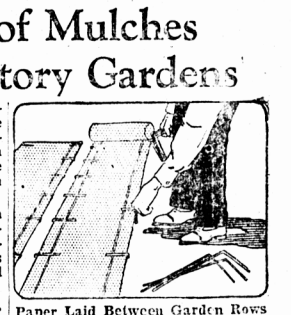
By covering the garden soil between rows of vegetables with some kind of mulch, water can be conserved and the work of cultivation reduced in hot weather. Some crops do better when mulched than when cultivated.

Many kinds of mulch have been tried, from stepping stones to concrete walks, and including asphalted paper, newspaper, various forms of vegetation such as straw and lawn clippings, and boards.

Samuel M. Higgins of Orlando, Fla., reports that he uses waste lumber to do much of the work of cultivating his garden and conserve water. He has plenty of lumber, thanks to a hurricane which delivered it to his door. After spading the garden he never steps on the soil. Boards are laid to form a walk all around the 28 by 60 foot garden, and then a walk is laid down each row. Standing on this walk he opens drills, sows the seed, and then in dry weather he covers the seed rows with boards until germination takes place.

By shifting the boards which lie between the rows, he kills weeds without hoeing. He reports that under his system the soil never hardens, and even heavy rains do not pack it down, because it is never walked upon.

Mr. Higgins' method is in effect a movable mulch. Like the paper mulch which was tried out a few years ago, it checks evaporation, and kills weeds; but by moving it from time to time and exposing the soil to sun and air he avoids many of the disadvantages of a fixed covering.



Paper Laid Between Garden Rows and Held Down by Wire Staples, Keeps Down Weeds, and Keeps in Water.

Under some conditions a fixed mulch works well, but under others it does harm. Many gardeners have found paper mulch fine in the moist spring weather, but bad in the dry summer days, when it raises the temperature of the soil under it and bakes it hard.

Excellent results can be obtained from a heavy mulch of lawn clippings, applied a little at a time. The first application should be well mixed with the top soil; and then it may be built up to several inches in thickness, so that weeds are kept down and evaporation checked, but at the same time rains are allowed to penetrate the soil. Tomatoes especially like a mulch of this kind.

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