DOWN - THE - BACK STRETCH

Ice racing is over after one of the most successful seasons in years. The next event will be the presentation of cups to the successful owners. In Old Spain window two of these are on display and they are very beautiful, to say the least. When passing take a peek at them. The donors are Milton Bell and Wellington McNeill.

S. Thane Belyea writes us from Gagetown, N. B., that Samuel J. Boyle, of Fredericton, N. B., died last week at the age of 72. He was the breeder of Bill Sharen, 2.04¼, and later sold him to Archie Alcorn, who made the sensational sale of the son of Captain Aubrey 2.07½ and Narroway W. 2.21½ to Thomas W. Murphy for $25,000 in American funds.

Mr. Belyea relates that he saw Mr. Boyle drive Bill Sharen to his four-year-old record of 2.16¾ at Fredericton in July 1919, and the late Peter Carroll was second to him with Addie B. Willam Sharen, for whom Bill Sharen was named, always drove him, but that day he had Harvest Hope, owned by Harry Jewett, in the same race. Mr. Belyea saw Bill Sharen go his last race at Woodstock, driven by Fred Cameron. He had gone two heats and was walking back to the stable when he dropped dead. He is buried in the infield at the Woodstock track and a suitable marker indicates the fact that the Maritimes greatest race horse is buried there.

One of our most enthusiastic race fans either at the Provincial Exhibition or last year, Old Home Week, is "Bud" C. Howard, Sherbrooke, Quebec, son of Senator Howard and son-in-law of Mayor B. Roy Holman. In a recent letter from him we have particulars regarding horses now being trained at Sherbrooke, which is also a very "horsey" city. Among those which "Bud" is interested in, and owned by his partner, C. L. Campbell, are Harry G., 2.04¼, by Single G. 1.58½, dam Western Girl, eligible to the 2.09 class, and at present being sought after by parties in Cape Breton to race in the Free-for Alls there.

Del Volo, by Wedgemere Volo, 2.04½, dam Del Whitney 2.00½. This mare is coming four years old and worked miles last season around 2.18 and will be ready for the fray this year . . . Victoria Harvester is a five-year-old trotter by Jerry Harvester, sire of Guy the Tramp 2.02¼. Victoria is eligible to the 2.24 trot. She took part in 12 races last year and won eight of them, and was timed in one of her races in 2.11¼. She is a beautiful mare, perfect trotting action, and looks to have a brilliant future.

Taker Harvester is a three-year-old by Caretaker 2.05½, dam Peerless Harvester by Peerless Hal 2.08¼, by American Harvester. This handsome colt is owned outright by Mr. Howard and he is just starting his education. He is a half-brother to Lord Sherbrooke 2.04¼, and another half-sister is Clarabelle that took a record of 2.08¾. Indications are that Taker Harvester will make good.

H. H. Ingram, who has many top notch trotters and pacers that have been famous on the Grand Circuit, and incidentally owned Lord Sherbrooke, until his four-year-old form, has a two-year-old ful brother which will be trained this summer . . . Among other horses that are being exercised on the streets of Sherbrooke are Barbara Grattan, 2.12, and Golden Peter 2nd, 2.11½, owned by Charles Coombs . . . The three-year-old Peggy Lee, that was third in the Canadian Futurity last season, is owned by Mr. Chute. The winner stepped in 2.09½ . . . A two-year-old pacer that has all the earmarks of greatness and plenty of speed inheritance is Dale Whitney, owned by Stanley Saunders. He is sired by that good Quebec winner Prince Dale 2.05½ and his dam is Del Whitney 2.00¾.

A rather important part of race horse management is the trainer, and the Campbell-Howard horses have one of the best in George Rediker. He is the man who raced Highland Worthy 2.05½ with such success in 1939, winning eight out of nine starts and equalling his record of 2.05½. Last year Mr. Rediker was hurt in his first race, and spent the remainder of the season in hospital. Thanks "Bud," for your horse news. Your friends here will read them with interest. Don't forget to send us some more later on.

In the long history of harness racing just 27 two-year-olds have trotted in 2.10 or better over half-mile tracks. It was not until 1926 that we saw a two-year-old hit the charmed circle over the smaller ovals. That year Ben White, making the greatest campaign ever made with one of that age and gait, won 10 races without a single defeat with Ruth M. Chenault. Her winnings totalled $37,337.50, by far the most money ever won by a two-year-old, and she set up a two-year-old record of 2.09¾ over the Munroe, N.Y., half-mile track. Since that time, 14 years ago, the records have been gradually lowered, first to 2.08¾ by The Virginia Senator in 1927, and in 1932 Calumet Delco set it at 2.07¾, and it was finally placed at 2.05 by Dean Hanover at Newark, N.J. Dean Hanover afterwards went on and took a record of 1.58½ as a three-year-old.

In the list of 27 stars there is not a single gelding. Eighteen of the 27 are colts and 9 are fillies. It is expected that this year the list will be swelled by several as early training in Florida and Pinehurst show a number of prospective stars.

The great matron Margaret Arion (3) 2.10½, the world's greatest living producer of trotting speed, has produced a filly, a full sister to Princess Peg (3) 2.00¾. She is also a full sister of Prince John (3) 2.03½. Margaret Arion also produced Protector (3) 1.59¼ and the Marchioness (3) 1.59¼, both world's records when made. Other notable mares to produce this season include Elizabeth Heberling (3) 2.03, winner of 24 races and one time a valued member of the Mae West stables in California.

The wave of low temperatures which swept the United States last week made training difficult, particularly at Indianapolis and points in Michigan as well as New York state. Temperatures dropped 30 to 40 degrees and several inches of snow fell in certain localities. When we read about what is happening in other places, we must conclude that our own little Garden of the Gulf is not such a bad spot to live in after all.

There was sold at Hutchinson, Kansas, last week, a pacer that would have gladdened the hearts of many horsemen could he have been brought to the Maritimes — Jerry Patch, eligible to the 2.10 class. Jerry started in seven races last season, and won five of them and heats in the other two. He showed ability to pace in 2.04 over a half-mile track and all tracks looked alike to him. Very few attended the sale because of the bad weather and Jerry was knocked down for only $1,025. What a bargain!

George Hamid, who has booked most of the attractions used at Maritime fairs and most of the fairs in Canada and Eastern United States, operates the Trenton, N.J. race track, and it will be the scene of the New Jersey State Fair this season.

Friends of Tommy Berry, noted reinsman, will regret to hear that he met with a rather serious accident at the Orlando, Florida, track last week while working out the three-year-old trotter Baron. The end of one of the reins became entangled in the speed cart, Berry reached down to disentangle it and his hand was caught and injured so badly that it was necessary to rush him to a doctor for relief. Some of the small bones were broken and he will not be able to use the hand for some time.

L. G. Duffy, writing in The Harness Horse, says: "There is an old saying to the effect that some people enjoy our sport to such an extent that they are willing 'to race for money, marbles or chalk,' and it would appear as though the owner of the Canadian pacer, Lord Grattan, 2.13, belongs to this group of fanciers, as he started Lord Grattan 2.13, in seventeen races the past season and the gelding was victorious in ten and second in six, and his card showed that he only earned the meagre sum of $438.15 in consequence of such an unusually consistent campaign. Question — How much did those which were second, third and fourth, get?"

The record for consecutive victories in a single season by a pacer is 17, credited to the Ontario mare Bertha Patch 2.07. She made her outstanding campaign in 1932 and in her 18th start was in a very hot mix-up in which several horses and drivers were injured. It looked as though she was all through for the season the evening of the accident, but the next week she was right back in the headlines again scoring another win. Then in 1933 she won 12 more races, making a total of 30 races won in two seasons, almost if not quite another record.

Among the pacers that have won 16 races in a season are last year's great four-year-old Doctor Baker, 2.02½, Zenith 2.00¾, still going strong and second only to Single G. 1.58½ in total victories. His 16 were scored in 1938 and his 17th start which he failed to win was a nip-and-tuck affair. The pacer Franklyn Pierce 2.08¼, named for a former President of the United States, won 16 starts in 1913.

The record for consecutive victories by a trotter in a single season stands to that iron-sided campaigner Peter Scott 2.05, sire of Plucky Scott 2.06, and grandsire of Playdale 2.04¼, both owned here. Peter Scott was sold to Tommy W. Murphy in the Spring of 1915 by Walter Cox for $50,000. Everybody laughed because it was not considered within the realms of probability that he could win more than a portion of the price paid. The critics were sure of it, particularly when he was beaten the next week at Detroit by Lee Axworthy. Then he struck his winning form heading 16 summaries in a row and earning over the $50,000 paid for him.

The Canadian pacer Grattan McKillop 2.05½, by H. E. Hatch's good sire Peter McKillop (2) 2.21¼, stands with Hi Pat 2.00, as regards consecutive races won in 1940. He started without a record, and after a couple of races got right down to business July 27th and continued winning to the close of the season, with 11 races in a row. His record in 2.05½, is said to be no measure of his speed and he is slated for two-minute honors this year.

Uniformed Canucks Are barred from Crossing to U. S.

OTTAWA, March 28 —(CP) — Since the United States is a neutral country Canadian soldiers, airmen or naval ratings while in uniform may not cross the international border despite the close cooperation of the two countries in the war effort, External Affairs Department officials said today.

So far no effort has been made to obtain permission from the United States to allow members of the Canadian defence forces in uniform to enter that country, it was said.

Orders in the three defence forces forbidding uniformed members from entering the United States have not been relaxed, a defence department spokesman said.

For example a Canadian soldier in uniform would not be permitted to ride across the state of Maine on a Canadian train from Montreal to Saint John, N. B., or to ride in an airplane that crossed the border en route between Montreal and Moncton.

Asked whether a Canadian soldier in uniform stationed at a border town could cross into the United States for a few hours visit, the defence official said it would be a breach of the order.

SOLDIER SENTENCED TO DEATH

LONDON, Ont., March 28 —(CP) —Gnr. James McGuffin was convicted by an Assize court jury late today of the murder of Charles Kennedy in a London beer parlor Feb. 28.

McGuffin was charged with shooting Kennedy and George Stonehouse but the jury considered only the indictment involving Kennedy's death.

Mr. Justice MacKay sentenced the 22-year-old soldier to be hanged May 30.

Use Minard's for dandruff.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Tangle in Exhibition Hoop game

Prince of Wales College and the Grads basketball teams tangle tonight in an exhibition match, it was announced yesterday. The Grads, seeking their third straight victory, are meeting a college team fresh from their triumph over a Saint Dunstan's University squad in the opening of the intercollegiate championship. The game promises to provide plenty of action.

Talk was heard yesterday of a series for the City championship to follow the intercollegiate play. If such a series materializes it is expected the Grads, Saints and P. W. C. teams will participate.

Tonight's game will be at Y.M. C.A. at 7 o'clock.

Gains four Stroke lead In Tourney

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 28 — (AP) —Ben Hogan took a four stroke lead in the first round of the $5,000 "land of the sky" open golf tournament with a four-under-par 67.

Open champion Lawson Little, who matched par with a 71, was tied for second place with Sammy Byrd, the former Yankee outfielder.

Fisheries Expansion Helps Allied Industries

Proof of the claim that "Industry Helps Industry" is to be found in the reports of instructors of the Dominion Department of Fisheries who operate on the Atlantic coast giving instruction and advice to fish processors and manufacturers of certain types of fisheries products in the various fishing villages.

Take, for instance, the manufacture of boneless cod, one branch of the Atlantic fishing industry. In the words of one instructor, "the more boneless cod there is manufactured, the more are the benefits derived by the communities concerned by increased revenue to the fishermen and their families". And not only those directly concerned in fishing benefit. Allied industries reap their share of the reward, too. For example, there is the shook and box manufacturer who supplies the essential boxes and containers for the processed fish.

One such manufacturer who has found success in the expansion of the boneless trade has his plant on the Bay of Fundy shore of Nova Scotia. Just a few years back, this particular man operated only a small road-side sawmill. With the expansion of the demand for shooks and boxes, brought about mainly by the development of the boneless fish trade, he established a box factory and shortly found it necessary to put two large sawmills in operation to furnish the supply of lumber necessary to operate the factory. Now he ships boneless cod boxes and shooks to many points in the Maritimes, as well as to the Gaspe coast. To take care of the growing demands for these products he has also found it necessary to build an extension to his factory.

All this means, of course, added employment in both the sawmills and factory as well as adaded employment in the fish processing plants themselves. Both are due to the expansion of the boneless fish trade.

Demand for boneless cod is increasing both in the local markets of the Maritimes and in the United States where a large portion of the production, particularly of western Nova Scotia is marketed. The increasing attention given to the quality factor in production of boneless cod, stressed by the department's instructors, is playing an important part in this development. Quality pays in any business and this is doubly true in the fishing industry where quality products serve both to hold present markets and to bring about expansion of new outlets.

BUCHAN'S HERO WAS IRONSIDE

TORONTO, March 28 —(CP) — The exploits of Richard Hannay, hero of John Buchan's Greenmantle series and the "The 39 Steps," were based on the career of Field Marshal Lord Ironside, former chief of the Imperial General Staff, it is revealed in Howard Swiggett's introduction to the last novel by the former governor-general of Canada, "Sick Heart River," published by Musson.

In his introduction, Swiggett says that Harold Nicholson, British M. P., wrote in Foreign Affairs last July that the second Lord Tweedsmuir was presented to Lord (then Sir Edmund) Ironside during a review of the 1st Canadian Division at Aldershot. Lord Tweedsmuir at that time told Lord Ironside that Hannay's exploits had been based on the field marshal's career.

SWEDEN'S MOBILIZATION

STOCKHOLM —(CP) — Explaining why many conscripts were recalled to mobilization centres at short notice, the government said "we must naturally make sure that Sweden has the most efficient neutrality guard possible."

NO WINDOW-DRESSING

CANBERRA —(CP) —Berlin realizes all the more as war goes on Australia's promise to stand by Britain is "no window dressing" said Premier Robert Menzies, announcing the Commonwealth has plenty of raw materials

Use Minard's for dandruff.

Former Athlete Dies in Sydney

SYDNEY, N.S., March 28.—(CP)—A former well known athlete in Maritime Collegiate circles, Pat Heron, 31, died in hospital here today, following a general illness. He was a native of Sydney and was educated at Sacred Heart School, St. Mary's College, Halifax, and St Dunstan's University, Charlottetown.

Games tonight

(By The Canadian Press)

ALLAN CUP

East:—

Eastern Semi-final — Toronto Marlboros vs. Montreal Royals at Montreal (Third of best-of-five series, Montreal leads 2-0.)

West:—

Western Semi-final—Trail Smoke Eaters vs. Lethbridge Maple Leafs at Calgary (Fourth of best-of-five series, Trail leads 2-0, one tie)

Western Semi-final—Port Arthur Bearcats vs. Regina Rangers at Regina (Third of best-of-five series tied 1-1).

MEMORIAL CUP GAMES

East:—

Eastern Semi-final—Oshawa Generals vs. Toronto Marlboros at Toronto (Fifth of best-of-seven series, tied 2-2)

Bruins, without Cowley, uncertain Series favorites

BOSTON, March 28—(CP)—Boston fans, eager to attend 16,200 strong—that's all the fire department allows in Boston Garden—tonight established Cooney Weiland's Bruins 7-5 favorites to defeat Toronto Maple Leafs when they meet Saturday in the fifth game of their Stanley Cup semi-final now deadlocked at two victories each.

Both teams arrived during the day from Toronto where they divided a pair of games, Toronto winning 7-2 Tuesday and Boston taking last night's game 2-1. The series opened March 20 here with a 3-0 Boston victory while the second game, here March 22, went to the Leafs, 5-3.

Weiland and Manager Art Ross are resigned to doing without centre Bill Cowley for the rest of the season. His knee, injured in a collision with Dave Schriner in the first game, was hurt again last night when Jack Church checked him. He missed the second and third games of the series.

Young Art Jackson will again take his place between the high-scoring wingmen, Roy Conacher, and Eddie Wiseman. The rest of the Bruins and all of the Leafs were in top shape when they arrived.

West:—

Western Semi-final — Saskatoon Quakers vs. Edmonton Athletic Club at Edmonton (Fourth of best-of-five series, Saskatoon leads 2-1).

BOWLING RESULTS

HOLY NAME BOWLING

Big Four League

Old Timers:—			
P. McQuaid	240	146	267
J. Hughes	186	176	185
V. Coyle	141	225	218
J. A. Bentley	167	175	234
Rev. Dr. McMahon	293	163	337
Total—3053.			
Five Aces:—			
R. Bradley	198	203	184
J. Callaghan	211	299	232
A. McCloskey	169	227	207
G. Stewart	181	238	175
E. Robin	231	272	218
Total—3245.			

High single Rev. Dr. McMahon 337.
High three Rev. Dr. McMahon 793.
Old Timers—2 points.
Five Aces—3 points.

Monday Night at 7 o'clock:—
Ladies League: Pixies vs. Woolworths Wings.
At 9 o'clock:—
Big Four League: Blue Birds vs. All Stars.

Announces Provincial Playoff dates

MIDLAND, Ont., March 28 — (CP) — George Dudley of Midland, President of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, said tonight that if Montreal beats Toronto Marlboros in the third game of the eastern semi-final at Montreal tomorrow night, the first game of the eastern senior hockey championship series will be played between Sydney and Montreal in Ottawa Monday night. Montreal leads the best-of-five series 2-0.

He said Sydney would use Ottawa as home ice for the remainder of its eastern final games, as decided at the semi-annual meeting of the C.A.H.A. In Port Arthur last January. If Toronto wins Saturday night at Montreal and goes on to win the semi-final series, the first game of the eastern final will be played at Toronto. The eastern final series will be best-of-five games.

Wings will Be shooting For a win

CHICAGO, March 28—(CP)—It will be a last-ditch stand for Chicago's Black Hawks here Sunday night when they take on Detroit Red Wings in the second game of their best-of-three Stanley Cup semi-final series.

One game down, and one game away from elimination, the Hawks are counting heavily on the return of two injured players—Bill Thoms and Bill Carse—to strengthen their lineup in the game that may end their hockey for the season.

The Hawks have been fighting the injury jinx since the playoffs started. They were minus two and sometimes three of their steadiest performers when they eliminated Montreal Canadiens in a bruising series by the odd goal in three games, and they were still nursing injuries when they dropped the opening semi-final game to Detroit 3-1 last night.

The Red Wings will be at full strength for the Sunday tilt. The team that has blazed a comeback trail since its collapse in 1938 after two successive championships, will be shooting for a win that would finish the semi-final series and give it a few day's rest before tackling the winners of the Toronto-Boston seres in the Stanley Cup finals.

Says Ontario Took lead in Auto restrictions

TORONTO, March 28— (CP)— The Ontario Department of Labor suggested the manufacture of new model automobiles be prohibited one year before the Federal Government took this action, Hon. Norman Hipel told the Provincial Legislature during the budget debate today.

The Labor Minister said it had been ascertained that 500,000 hours of labour were required to produce tools and dies for new model cars and the claim was advanced this energy should be diverted into the production of airplanes.

"The suggestion was not followed until a year later," he added.

Mr. Hipel said the Federal Government would not consider refresher courses for older mechanics when his department first mentioned the matter and it was not until last June that consent was given. Since that time nearly 4,500 men have taken these courses and nearly 90 per cent of them have been placed in jobs.

The minister said he had been advised yesterday that in future war contracts there would be a clause saying that a certain proportion of older men must be considered for employment in carrying out the contracts.

Speaking as Minister of Welfare, Mr. Hipel said the total number of persons on relief had dropped from 212,459 in January, 1940, to 71,000 last January. The expenditures were reduced from $1,730,000 to $628,621.

MIXING GASES

SYDNEY, N. S. W. —(CP) —The New South Wales government will introduce legislation requiring gasoline distributors to mix benzol or power alcohol with gasoline to reduce imports of fuel supplies.

FORUM

SATURDAY

3 — 5 BIG

Afternoon Skate

15c—25c

NIGHT

8—10 REGULAR

Saturday Night

FROLIC

15c — 25c

Grand Ice Tonight

NOTICE TO SPEED SKATERS

The annual Provincial Speed Skating Championships will be held at the FORUM on FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 4th. Practice workouts will be held next week for all bonafide entries. Entry lists will be open at Forum, Monday. Age class from 10 years up to senior. No preliminaries. All races final. Winners declared on points only.—1st place 30 points; 2nd place 20 points; 3rd place 10 points. Every race a thriller.

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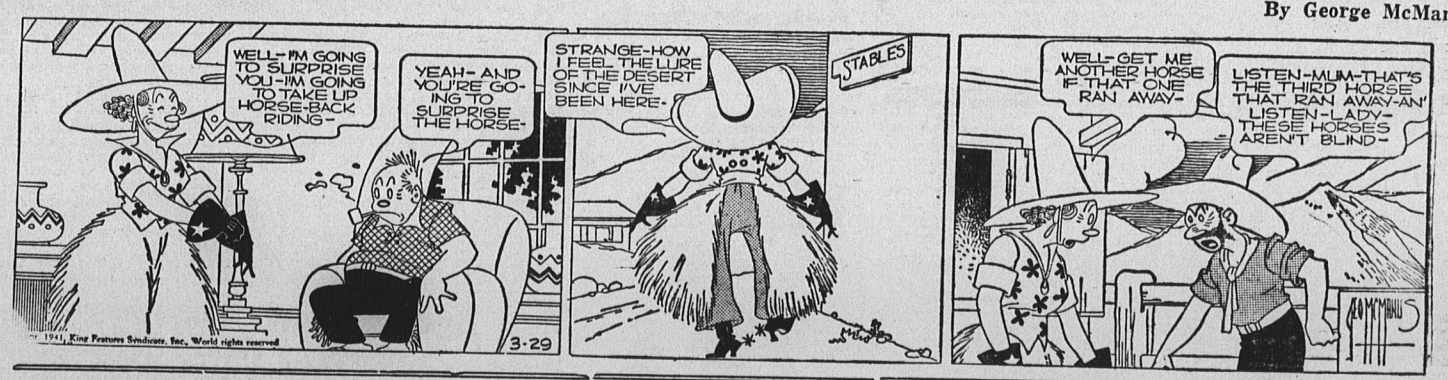
BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



Thimble Theatre—Starring POPEYE

TIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS

By Edwina

TILLIE THE TOILER — BETRAYED BY A BLUSH!

By Westover