DOWN -THE- BACK STRETCH

The Manchester Farm, Galt, Ontario, will no longer be the leading Canadian harness horse breeding centre. Because of the death of its owner, F. S. Scott, some months ago, all the stallions, brood mares, colts and fillies were disposed of at a great sale which took place early this month. Buyers were in attendance from five provinces of Canada and several parts of the United States. In the last ten years this farm has forged to the front and left its impress in no uncertain manner on the racing annals of Canada and the United States. A two-minute trotter and a two-minute pacer sprung from its soil and the Year Books are mute evidence of the sterling performers it has sent out annually. It is no wonder then that buyers were eager and anxious to bid on all offerings at its dispersal.

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Thirty-two standard bred stallions, brood mares and colts brought $8,607, an average price of $270. The highest figure realized was for the chestnut stallion Mr. Van 2.07 1-4, who had won in the fastest company over both Canadian and American tracks. Alexander Parsons of London, Ont., a dealer in every type of horse and a man whose colors have been constantly to the fore in many race meets the past few years, was the high bidder on Mr. Van his cheque for $1,700 doing the trick. It has been reliably stated that a cheque for $5,000 had been tendered to and refused by Mr. Scott last year after Mr. Van won at Hamburg, N Y. Be that as it may, we are confident that the new owner has picked up a very worthwhile horse and one that should be good in the very fastest company.

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A Mr. April of Montreal was the largest single purchaser, taking eight. The Grattan Royal stallion, Oro Grattan, was secured by William Herbert of London, Ont. A Maritimer, Howard Johnston of St. John, N. B. bought the three-year-old Mary Lee for $435. She was considered one of the best of the consignment. Apparently he was the only buyer from the Maritimes.

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We are glad to receive a letter from our friend, S. Thane Belyea, now a resident of Fredericton, N. B. Thane has been very busy since moving to the capital of N. B. but has finally got settled. Earle Avery has written him that Love Song, Top Hanover, Weatherman and Bell Boy are being trained by him at Houlton, Maine, and that the track is in wonderful condition. Wendell Wathan is expected there with five head this week. Earle is of the opinion that the Nova Scotia circuit will be as hard a place to race as there will be anywhere because there are so many good horses now in the Maritimes. Thane also informs us that Al Langille has moved to Amherst with Victor Lee 2.07, The Baker 2.06 1-4, Hollyrood Anna 2.10 3-4 and a three-year-old full sister to Victor Lee.

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Among the recent transfers of horses is the purchase by John Hogan of St. John, of the gelding Tom Gentry from Roy Creamer of St. Stephen. Johnny Conroy has secured the services of the well known caretaker Harry Mount. The above and the good news that Thane will be with us for Old Home Week pretty well comprises the horse news from Fredericton way.

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Emery Campbell, St. John, N.B., writes us that he has been reading about that iron horse Heatherbell 2.08 1-4 in Down the Back Stretch, and states: "I once owned him and sold him to the late W. J. Alexander, who raced him at Moosepath where he ran away with Mr. Alexander and injured himself so badly that it looked as though he would not survive. Treatment with lime and other medicaments brought him around in less than two months and after another month's preparation he was started at St. Stephen races and won the Free for All, trotting the fastest heat, I believe, ever trotted over that track—2 16. The pacing record is held by Walter Dale.

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"Some time ago I noticed the advertisement of a stock farm at Pana, Illinois, and I purchased the two year-old stud colt Buck P. C. Grattan, by Dominion Grattan 1.59. Also another two-year-old sired by Parker. The Grattan colt is a beauty and gives every evidence of being a fast horse. The other colt is young and smaller but is also a real nice colt. Earl Latimer of this city has a very nice stud three-year-old called King McKane, by King Spruce 2.07 1-4, out of Kitty McKane 2.16 1-2. He was raised in your province and is well liked here."

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F31322, Pte. R. H. Craswell, Halifax Military Hospital, Cogswell St. Halifax, writes us in part: "Just a line to let you know that I am a patient in Halifax Hospital and read with interest Down the Back Stretch every week. I have been three weeks here but hope to soon be well enough to return and with luck will take in Old Home Week, which I always enjoy. Would like you to give my kind regards to all the boys and all the race fans and I wish you and Mr. Boulter and all the Association the best of luck for this coming summer's races."

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From far away Calgary, Alberta, J. M. Delaney writes that he happened to meet up with A. H. Mayland a few days ago and in the course of conversation, that gentleman gave it as his opinion that Black Prince 3, 2.10 was the fastest Canadian-bred three-year-old pacer racing on Canadian half-mile tracks in 1942. This youngster is by Prince Direct 2.15, a full brother to Winnipeg 1.57 3-4, dam by Phil Patch 2.05 1-2, second dam Silver Direct, dam of two in 2.05, third dam Alberta, by Direct Hal 2.04 1-4. Black Prince started in fourteen events last season and had winning brackets in nine.

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Mr. Mayland is a horse fancier. At his ranch he breeds standard breds, thoroughbreds, stallions and ponies. Horses raced under his ownership at various times included Silver Bars 2.03 1-4, Merry Bars 2.04 1-4, Betty Bars 2.11, Barbara Bars 3, 2.19, Prince Direct 3, 2.15. Horsemen will remember that Mr. Mayland sent his horses here to race some years ago, just missing the exhibition. They were in charge of Bob Isnor.

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"Calgary boasts two race tracks, the Chinook mile track, five miles south of the city, and Victoria half-mile track at the fair grounds almost in the centre of the city. At present the mile track has a large number of runners or thoroughbreds as they are called, being trained over it. You will note by the clipping from the Calgary Herald that there will be a seven day race meeting commencing on May 15th here."

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The above covers our correspondence for the past week and we would like to express to those who have written our appreciation for their efforts to make this column of greater interest to our readers.

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In a bit of a hurry last week we neglected to mention for the benefit of our Saturday readers the very successful meeting of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club which was held May 11th. George A. Callbeck was re-elected President, C. H. Horton Vice-president and D. K. MacLeod Secretary. Directors, Willard Kelly, Wellington McNeill, George McIntyre, Harry O'Brien. A schedule of racing for the season was drawn up and passed as follows: Summerside, July 5th, Kensington, July 14th, Summerside, July 21st, Montague, July 28th, Charlottetown, August 10th to 13th inclusive, Summerside, August 25th, Montague, Labor Day, September 6th and Charlottetown Goodwill races September 15th and 16th.

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Fitting reference was made to the passing of that grand old horseman Gordon Dawson of Summerside, one of the active founders of the colt futurities and a friend of hundreds of horsemen throughout the length and breadth of the land. A resolution of sympathy was passed to his sorrowing relatives.

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The President, Vice-president and Secretary-Treasurer of the Provincial Exhibition were accorded an interview with the newly appointed Premier, J. Walter Jones, M.A., B.S.A., last Tuesday and arrangements were made for the co-operation of the Provincial Exhibition Association and the Provincial Department of Agriculture to make Old Home Week and Provincial Live Stock Fair and Poultry Show an outstanding success.

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The opening day will be Tuesday, August 10th, when all the stock and exhibits will be in place at twelve o'clock noon. Judging will commence that afternoon and continue until Friday. It is expected the exhibits will be larger in number than even last season. A great racing program and twelve acts of vaudeville will furnish entertainment for afternoons and evenings. No efforts will be spared to make the event worthy of this province and its people.

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The cold, backward season has meant slow miles and plenty of them being trotted or paced over Maritime tracks, but it also means that the horses will be sounder and stronger for the racing ordeal that lies before them. There is still plenty of time to get in condition for July 5th and we look to see well trained, good mannered horses take the word at Summerside for the opening of the circuit in Prince Edward Island, and at Truro and North Sydney for the opening of the circuit in Nova Scotia.

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It is a pleasure to watch the horses work out at the Charlottetown track any morning. While they are only moving around 2.40 yet they show considerable class and quite a few are outstanding. The track is in nice shape soft and springy, and will work into probably as good condition as any recent year.

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The fact that Earle Avery and Wendell Wathan have only just recently gone to Houlton, Maine, shows that our New Brunswick and Maine horsemen are not at all ahead of us. In fact it would not be surprising if they are a bit behind as weather conditions in Maine and northern New Brunswick have been later even than here. Up in Ontario where spring usually comes in about the middle of April, this year it was May 15th when the farmers got on their land.

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All signs point to a revival of racing interest in the province of Quebec. Almost every paper we pick up carries news of horses being bought or brought in. At least seven tracks will operate as a sort of circuit, with the big city of Montreal's Richelieu Park holding the limelight during the summer months, and Quebec Exhibition track most active with its big Exhibition in September. At Valleyfield, which is close to the present habitat of our good friend "Big Jim" Pendergast, racing will be held quite frequently throughout the summer.

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The French-Canadian is a great lover of horses and it is not surprising that he is getting back nearer to nature after having tried out the product of Henry Ford and others who improved on him. Waggons and all sorts of contraptions are said to be at a premium and who knows but what the enjoyment and better health which people obtain from the simple life may not mean a continuance of that regime "apres la guerre."

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We learn on good authority that the New Glasgow Racing Club has purchased the Free for Aller Hal B. Direct 2.04 1-4 from C.M. Alexander, St. John, N.B. This horse was imported from Ohio some months ago by Mr. Alexander. He was bred and received his early training in Ontario. After showing some fast miles he passed to American ownership for a long price and raced very successfully. He can step a good half mile track in 2.05 or 2.06.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Paul Waner, taking a new lease on life with the Brooklyn Dodgers and batting around .368 lays most of the credit for his vastly improved stickwork on the glasses he wears now continuously. Used to wearing the specs at shows, reading, etc., it was not until this year that the former star of the Pittsburgh Pirates began wearing them continuously and the results have really been amazing.

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Speaking of them Waner likes to think the specs have been responsible for his comeback and expresses the following opinions:

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Not that glasses—eyeglasses, naturally—are anything new to him. He wore them in high school until he mace the error of placing them in his hip pocket while playing shinny on the ice, and for the last 10 years he has worn them at pitcure-shows and for prolonged reading.

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It wasn't until this year that he decided to give them a thorough trial in baseball, however, and the results have been remarkable.

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"I tried them out practicing down in Florida this spring," he said today. "I worked on bunts and ground balls so I'd get used to them and wouldn't be afraid of getting hit. Now at the plate I never think of getting hit.

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"I'm near-sighted. Even back in my Coast League days I'd go to a show and couldn't read the subtitles they used to have then. That was 20 years ago. I didn't realize how much they would help me in baseball until I tried them this spring, though.

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"When I first tried them in games they would bring the batter so much closer to me that I'd think I was in too far, and consequently I'd back up and Leo Durocher would yell at me for playing too deep.

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"The main thing I notice wearing them at the plate is that I can see the ball leave the pitcher's hand, and trace its flight sooner.

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"This helps me to pull the ball better. Before I couldn't get a good line on it until it was halfway to the plate.

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"It's always been my theory that the really good batters have a tendency to be near-sighted. They can see the ball better when it nears the plate.

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"I like to think it is the glasses which have helped me to get away to such a good start this year. Maybe I'm wrong, and I would have done it without the glasses. But I do think I can bat better than .300 this year. Those glasses really are swell, and if Lloyd (his brother) ever returns to baseball I'm going to urge him to try them."

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And if Brother Lloyd does return he probably won't need much urging. In fact, if Paul keeps on hitting, half the players in the majors will be trotting down to the nearest oculist.

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Hector Racine, recently gave members of the Montreal Gyro Club the "inside story" of Larry MacPhail's sudden shift from the Dodgers to Uncle Sam's Army last year.

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Racine recounted how he was a guest on Larry's boat cruising down the Atlantic Coast when war was declared by England.

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They listened to the speech by the King. After it was over, MacPhail was deeply moved, and told his guests that as soon as the United States was in the War, it wouldn't be long before he was back.

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MacPhail was as good as his word, just as he was in all dealings with the Royals. Larry told Racine that day: "I don't know what this means. War is hell." Larry was in the last one long enough. Racine thinks Larry one of the most patriotic men he ever met, a soldier at heart.

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Hal Peck, the Chicago outfielder, is now wearing a specially built baseball shoe for his left foot, from which he accidentally shot off two toes last winter. The baseball shoe has a pad of rubber covered with soft leather to take up the room where, as Peck puts it: "My two toes should be but aren't".

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Jimmy Dykes of the White Sox says that Dick Wakefield of the Tigers is the best looking prospect of the new crop of players in the American League this year. Next in line his vote goes to his own rookie outfielder, bespectacled Tucker Thurman.

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Thurman was heralded as a fine fly chaser with a great throwing arm. He has proven this already in addition to showing promise of being quite a hitter.

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Manager Jack Adams of the Red Wings says that one of the big reasons he is so high on Johnny Mowers as a goal-tender is that the Red Wing custodian is "an even worse loser than I am". Certainly there are few greater competitors in hockey today than Mowers.

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Paul Thomnson, manager of Chicago Black Hawks in the National Hockey League, said recently the league has "every intention of carrying on next winter" but added: "Just what we will use in the way of hockey players is a problem."

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"It may be youngsters of 17, or we may have to play fellows a bit older," he went on. "The thing is that the National Hockey League, at the moment in any event, will endeavor to carry on."

Five Teams Entered In Ball League; Provisional Schedule Is Drawn Up

Five teams, composed of squads from the Navy, Army and Air Force were definitely entered in the City Softball League at a well-attended meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. last night.

The meeting was presided over by Councillor Dr. F. C. Dougan with Wallace Scantlebury as secretary.

A committee composed of Sub-Lieut. D. P. MacLennan, R.C.N.V.R., Cpl. A. E. Richards of the Army and LAC. L. H. Roy of the R.C.A.F. was appointed to draw up a schedule. After the meeting the committee met and drew up the following schedule of games, that will be submitted to the next meeting for approval. According to the provisional schedule the opening game is slated for Thursday night next with the Army and Navy tangling in the opening fixture.

Following is the schedule drawn up:

May 27—Army vs. Navy
June 1st—Air Force vs. Y.M.C.A.
June 3rd—Air Force vs Monarchs
June 8th—Navy vs. Monarchs
June 10th—Y.M.C.A. vs Monarchs
June 15th—Army vs. Y.M.C.A.
June 17th—Army vs Air Force
June 22nd—Army vs Monarchs
June 24th—Navy vs Air Force
June 29th—Navy vs Y.M.C.A.

Second Section

July 1st—Army vs Navy
July 6th—Air Force vs Y.M.C.A
July 8th—Air Force vs Monarchs
July 13th—Navy vs Monarchs
July 15th—Y.M.C.A. vs Monarchs
July 20th—Army vs Y.M.C.A.
July 22nd—Army vs Air Force
July 27th—Army vs Monarchs
July 29th—Navy vs Air Force
August 3rd—Navy vs Y.M.C.A.

Eight To Start In 84th Running Of King's Plate

TORONTO, May 21 (CP)—Out of a total of 45 nominees, only eight horses are scheduled to trot to the gate tomorrow for the 84th running of the King's Plate at Woodbine race track And of the eight, only three horses seem to be attracting the following of the fans to any considerable degree.

Arbor Vita, Willie Morrissey's colt which will be ridden by Tommy Aimers, is drawing the most attention and on past performances stands a good chance to beat out the other two favorites, Gallant Foe from Jim Heffering's Riverdale stable and Tulachmore who is carrying Bill MacDonald's colors.

Grandpal will carry Harry Hatch's colors in the plate event tomorrow along with Sweepgold.

Pacific Isle from Walter Northgrave's string and Mrs. R. E. Webster's grey Syngo may prove to be the dark horses of the race, for both have been running well in practice heats. Little has been heard about Paolita, Charlie Hemsted's hope, but reports from the track are that it is not proving as fast as the other seven starters.

Montgomery Wins Title From Jack

By SID FEDER
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, May 21 —(AP) After three years of knocking on the throne-room door, Bob Montgomery finally won the world lightweight championship tonight by roaring down the stretch to outpoint the high-favored Beau Jack in 15 bruising rounds before a near-capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden. Montgomery scaled 134; Jack 135.

After letting the bouncing Beau work off all his steam through the first five rounds, Montgomery came along to punch both of the one-time Georgia shoe-shine boy's eyes almost shut, half floor him and then wing away in one of the fiercest brawls seen in the Garden ring in years.

At the finish, the Associated Press gave the rugged Philadelphian seven rounds, voted six for Beau and called two even as Jack was dethroned in his first defence of the crown the New York State Athletic Commission handed him last December after the temporary "abdication" of Sammy Angott.

In winning, Bob was "blessed" with title recognition in New York and New Jersey. The National Boxing Association has declared the championship vacant.

Eight years ago Bud Donavon of Winnipeg was the only one of 10 Canadian entries to reach the fourth round of the British amateur golf championship at St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire, England He played brilliantly but was eliminated in the fifth round.

Royals Win From Bisons In Tenth

MONTREAL, May 21 (CP)—Johnny Corriden, injured Montreal outfielder, came in as a pinch hitter in the 10th inning today and blasted a line single into left field to give Royals a 4-3 victory over Buffalo Bisons.

Royals had two men on base at the time, and the single brought Luzio Olmo home from second base to give Wes Flowers his first victory of the season. In going the route, Flowers let the Bisons down with seven hits while the Royals were reaching Floyd Giebel for 13.

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Giebel and Unser; Flowers and Howell.

Girl Guide News

CHURCH PARADE SUNDAY, MAY 23rd.

All Charlottetown Girl Guides Guiders, and Brownies are reminded to be in Rochford Square at 10.30 a.m., in full uniform, to take part in the Annual Church Parade.

Captains and Brown Owls are asked to have one marker for each Company and Pack before Miss Mabel Matheson, District Captain, at 10.30 sharp.

The parade will proceed from Rochford Square at 10.45 a. m. to Zion Presbyterian Church and the Basilica where the Companies and Packs will attend Divine Service In the event of rain, the meeting place will be in the Church Halls, not Rochford Square.

For further information regarding above Captains or Brown Owls please get in touch with Miss Mabel Matheson, District Captain, or Miss Lillian Duchemin, District Commissioner.

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Terms: $3.00 at time of service. $5.00 more when mare proves in foal. Mares at owner's risk.

KENNETH JENKINS,
Mount Herbert

Red Sox Lose 13-Inning Encounter To Tigers

DETROIT, May 21 (AP)—Detroit Tigers, playing their seventh extra-inning game of the season, pushed home a run in the 13th frame today to defeat Boston Red Sox 2-1 in the opener of a four-game American League series.

With two out in the 13th, Tony Lupien muffed Joe Hoover's popfly for a two-base error and Roger Cramer singled to score Hoover. Rangy Tex Hughson, who scattered seven hits, suffered his second 1943 defeat, and lefty Hal Newhouser, who yielded nine hits and fanned 10, gained his first victory.

Two walks, a single and a passed ball produced the Boston run in the first. Dick Wakefield and Ned Harris put together doubles for Detroit's run in the fourth.

The game was notable in that the Tigers sent up a pinch-hitter in the ninth frame for Rudy York, their big slugger. Rip Radcliff replaced big Rudy, was passed intentionally, and finished out the game at first base.

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Hughson and Partee; Newhouser and Richards.

IN THE STUD

SIMCOE HARVESTER

4 year old record 2.04½.
5 year old record 2.04¼.

will be at O'Brien Stables, Alberton, most of the season.

Terms—$20.00 at Alberton.
Terms—$25.00 away from home.

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TRURO DRIVING CLUB
HARRY O'BRIEN in Charge.
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Quoit Play To Begin

The Rochford Quoit Club is now in full swing and all members are asked to be on hand for the official opening on Wednesday afternoon.

The quoit beds are in good condition and everything points to a good season. Members of the club were invited to bring a friend to play any evening.

FIGHTER DOWN UNDER

One-sixth of New Zealand's population is under arms.

SUMMERSIDE HORSE RACES

DOMINION DAY
JULY 5th

Willard MacDonald
Secretary

PLAYDALE (7091) GRADE A.

Race Record (4) 2.04 1-2 — weight 1290 lbs. By SCOTLAND, 1.59 1-4—Sire of two world's champions ROSELAND, 1.56 3-4 and SPENCER SCOTT, 1.57 1-4.

1st Dam ELIZABETH RIVES, 2.08 1-2 by GUY AXWORTHY 4, 2.08 3-4. — 2nd Dam MABLE TRASK, 2.01 3-4, dam of VANSANDT, 2.00 3-4, LU TRASK 4, 2.03 1-4 by PETER THE GREAT, 2.07 1-4.

KALMUCK 65076

RACE RECORD 2.15

By PETER THE GREAT, 2.07 1-4

Dam ESTER BELL, 2.08 1-2 by MONBELLS, 33526 — 2nd dam EXPRESSIVE (3) 2.10 by ELECTIONEER 125.

Owing to labor, gas and tire shortage horses will not be trucked to meet mares. Will stand at owner's stable. Service fee $15.00, payable Nov. 1st. Mares at owner's risk.

WILLARD KELLY

By WEBSTER

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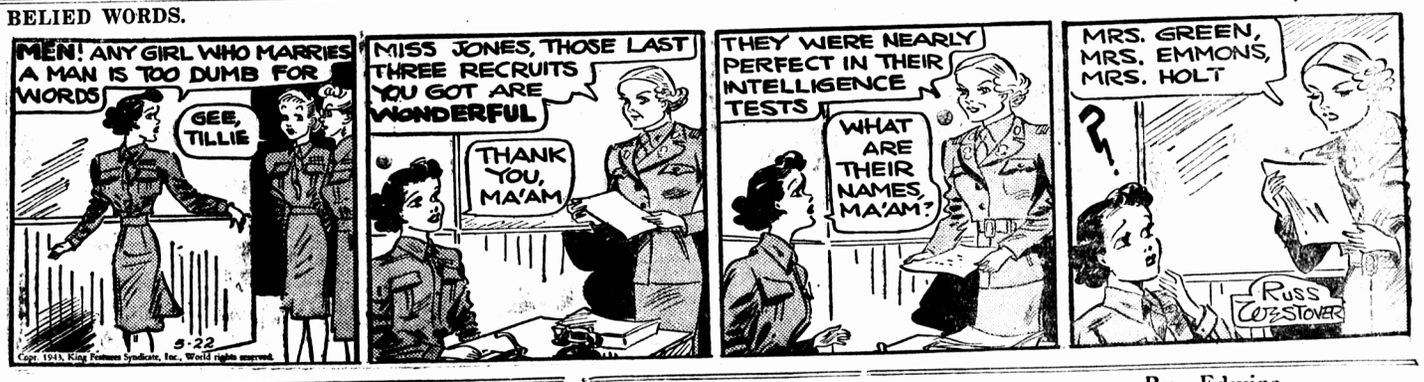

By Edwina

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBBS

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER