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DOWN
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BACK STRETCH

Stewart A. McNeill, Summer-side, recently returned from a four month trip to California. Stewart is a real horse lover and as soon as he got his feet firmly set on the soil he commenced looking over the various stock farms. There was one that interested him particularly and the owner happened to be Mrs. Susannah Perry who has a band of brood mares and the good standard bred stallion Senator Perkins 2:02 1-2. She also has some thoroughbreds of high class breeding. Incidentally, it was at this farm that Phyl Lar had the wonder horse from Australia that had broken every running record in the Antipodes and was slated to compete in a series of races against the best thoroughbreds in the U. S. A. It was afterwards claimed that there was arsenic in the soil but the analysis did not show it and veterinarian Dr. Malloy gave the cause of death as peritonitis.

Stewart was soon on friendly terms with trainer Fred Scofield, who asked him if he would like to help them out in caring for the horses they were getting ready to race at Santa Anita in April. Stewart said nothing would please him better and so he put in a very delightful winter jogging or training in his shirt sleeves in the most beautiful surroundings that nature could devise. The top performer in the stable is Dan Grattan 2:01 1-4, but there were several others that gave promise and are probably winning their share of the money at Santa Anita. Unfortunately his visa ran out and he reluctantly bid adieu to sunny California. How would you like to live there permanently, we asked? "Well, I don't think so," said Stewart, "so much sunshine gets a bit on one's nerves. Here we have changeable weather and I guess it would be hard for us to get used to the other kind."

The Riverside Driving Club, Vernon, was one of the most active in the Province last winter. In all eight race meets were held, each packed with interest and tough competition. A pleasing feature at the conclusion of the season was the presentation of prizes to the winners. A special prize of a beautiful blanket donated by M. W. Wood, Southport, for the horse scoring the most points was won by the pacer Star Juno owned and driven by 16-year-old Elmer Fraught Cherry Valley, who was first in seven races out of eight, with an aggregate score of 31 points out of 35. Golden Aubrey, owned and driven by Levi Young, Ernscliffe, was second with 28 points and third prize was won by Michael Peter, owned by James Ryan of Avondale.

George B. Gay, Moncton, is putting on three afternoon points in the Moncton Speedway Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 23-24-25. The program is: July 23rd—2:27 Trot and Pace, purse \$400; 2:21 Pace, purse \$400; Junior Free For All, purse \$700. July 24th—2:21 Pace, purse \$400; 1:19 Trot, purse \$400; 2:19 Pace, Purse \$430. July 25th—Three Year

THE WORLD OVER
Player's Please



PLAYER'S NAVY CUT CIGARETTES

Old Trot and Pace, purse \$400; 2:29 Trot and Pace, purse \$400; Free For All, purse \$5,000.

The Free For All is sponsored by the Beaver Curling Club of Moncton which has a membership of 200, one of them being Mr. Gay. In order that they may derive a revenue they are selling sweepstakes tickets for which hundreds of requests have come in already. This is the largest purse ever offered by a track in the Maritimes for open competition. The owner of the winner will certainly pocket a big wad of dough.

R. S. (Rupe) Allen, well known contractor of Halifax, has retired the fourteen-year-old Victor Lee, p 2:07 t. 2:16, that made his first racing start in 1936 as a three-year-old pacer, taking a record that year of 2:14 1-2. He ended his track career as a trotter, winning the 2:24 trot, second division, at Old Home Week, August 13th, from a field of seven trotters and taking a record of 2:16. In the intervening years he was one of the busiest horses in Canada. He had many changes of ownership, first, Dr. Arthur Hopkins of Cooksville, Ont., and the next year Mrs. F. E. Hopkins. In her ownership as a four-year-old he won four races and reduced his record to 2:11. As a five-year-old in 1938 he was campaigned by A. G. Proudfoot of Campbell's Bay, Opt., and he kept him on the move from May until December. The Year Book shows 22 races and in 16 of them he either won heat or the race. He ended the season with a record of 2:08 and the honor of having paced a half over the ice in Toronto in 1:01 1-2.

The following year he took part in 21 races and won 13 but his best year was 1940 when he raced in the ownership of J. S. Rivard, Donatona, Que. In 14 tough races he won six and took a record of 2:07. In 1941, Hyacinthe, August 8th. His opponent in the Free For All were Dominion Grattan 2:06 1-2, Colonel Tom 2:00, Lawyer Grattan 2:04 3-4 and Highland Prisco 2:03 1-4. Victor Lee won the first heat in 2:07, Dominion Grattan won the second in 2:07 1-4, Victor second, Victor won the third heat and race in 2:07.

In 1941 he made 13 starts and won either a heat or race in all of them. That winter he passed to the ownership of Al Langille, St. Stephen, N.B., and in 1942 made 14 starts in the Maritimes. He won heats from Chestnut Bars 2:08 1-2 and Duddy Patch 2:06 1-2. He could not defeat them but made the free-for-alls very interesting at every start. In 1943 he appeared in the stable of Roy Creamer, made eight starts, had two winning brackets, one of them a free-for-all at St. Stephen, which he won in 2:08. We did not find him in the Year Books of 1944 or 1945 but in 1946 he raced at several meetings as a trotter owned by Rupe Allen of Halifax. He made good at that gait, his best race being at Charlottetown.

Friends of Victor Lee—and they are legion—will be glad to know that Mr. Allen has arranged a very happy and comfortable retreat for the old warrior to spend his declining years in. A Halifax poet has penned the following tribute which appeared in Frank Power's column in the Halifax Herald, under the nom de plume of "Honest Abe."

I was talking with Rupe Allen
And it certainly puzzles me
How a man could really love a horse
Like Rupe loves Victor Lee.
And we strolled down to the Commons
The races to see
And we saw him win his last race,
This great horse Victor Lee.
At fourteen he is retiring
To live down by the sea
And roam the pastures of St. Margaret's
May God spare you, Victor Lee.
And Rupe will get another horse
This you will surely see
But he'll never get another
He loved like Victor Lee.

The announcement that races
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IN THIS CORNER
With His Bare Hands He Caught It (Says He)

Any doubt as to the interest being taken in baseball was dispelled Thursday night with the large attendance at the showing of baseball films at the Armoury when close to 200 prospective players were on hand to watch the screening of three pictures that proved entertaining and interesting.

It has been a long time since so much interest was evidenced in anything pertaining to baseball and with the boys and fans talking over the coming prospects and the ball being thrown around at every opportunity it becomes more evident with each passing day that the game is headed for its brightest season in years.

And it appears as if the 17th Reconnaissance Regiment team will be newcomers to the City League. At present and from official sources it looks as if Legion will not have a squad in the competition but the regiment team are ready to step into the breach and from all accounts will be able to furnish plenty competition to the other two squads.

Newcomers are usually looked upon more or less as "weak sisters" but such will not be the case with the Army squad, if and when they get in. In the ranks of the regiment are experienced ball-tossers who are ready to make a re-entry into the game and who will provide steady influence to the younger boys who will be breaking in.

And contrary to opinions expressed whenever the regiment team is discussed there will be no raiding of the other clubs. In two or three cases their lineup will effect other clubs somewhat but not to the extent of weakening either Rovers or Anchors.

That is one thing baseball officials will sidestep. Nothing wrecks a league more than to have a weak squad attempting to battle on even terms with stronger ones and well realizing this local officials will, in future meetings, attempt to get the teams matched as evenly as possible so as to provide the ball-hungry local fans with one of the best balanced City League schedules in years.

While plenty of stress is being placed on getting the courts of the Charlottetown Tennis Club in shape and this phase of the work is getting along rapidly, officials also are planning renovations to the grounds and clubhouse in an effort to restore their once magnificent appearance.

Lack of membership, consequent lack of funds and interest during the war years resulted in deterioration to the clubhouse, fences and stands. It wasn't anybody's fault but just a matter of not being able to do anything about it. Now however this is to be all changed during the revitalization period that is at hand.

Spectator stands are to be re-erected; fences and netting are to be repaired and painted; the clubhouse will come in for a lot of attention and when it is completed the grounds, buildings and courts will once more present the attractive appearance that was so much remarked upon in the late 1930's.

It will be an expensive proposition this year's officials are undertaking. However the splendid response to the membership campaign plus the interest being shown by non-active followers of the game bodes well for the success of the efforts and before the season concludes it is expected the Club will once again boast as large a list of members as it did in its heyday.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press
Walter Hagen, the old strategist who refused to be counted out, won his fourth British golf open championship 48 years ago today at Muirfield, Scotland. "The Hag" duplicated his previous year's score of 292—made when he clinched his third title—to lead runner-up Johnny Farrell by six strokes.

Annual Physical Fitness Dinner Last Night At Charlottetown Hotel

With His Bare Hands He Caught It (Says He)



Keith Thompson, St. Catharines, seen here, rushed into the water and caught this brown trout with his bare hands. The fish, weighing six pounds, nine ounces, and measuring 25 1-2 inches around, got off the hook in a foot of water.

Barbara Ann Scott Was 19 Yesterday

TORONTO, May 9 — (CP) — Barbara Ann Scott, the winsome Ottawa miss who won the world figure skating championship last winter celebrated her 19th birthday in Toronto today. Among other things she attended a radio program and was to be guest at a house party tonight.

Buddy Baer's Wife Sues For Divorce

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 9 — (AP)—Mrs. Ruth Baer, wife of Jacob (Buddy) Baer who twice unsuccessfully fought Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship, yesterday filed suit for divorce charging extreme cruelty. Mrs. Baer asks \$150 a month for support, possession of their joint checking account, their apartment house furniture and their 1941 automobile.

Scottish Hockey Season Ends

(By Bill Morrison)
DUNFERMLINE, Fife, Scotland, May 9 — (CP)—The 7 1-2 month Scottish hockey season, spiced with threatened strike action by Canadian players and peppered with a rousing game and peppered even four Scots, ended tonight. And the Canadians will leave for Canada May 17 with the best wishes of thousands of fans. The 70 Canadian players, brought to Scotland for the season, gave the customers the most exhilarating brand of hockey ever seen in the country. Many of the players have said they will return to Scotland next season. But many weather clubs in England are dangling before them the bait of more money for next season's play. The players, nearly all juniors, squawked loudly at the beginning of the season for better salaries but the difficulties were ironed out and the Scottish Ice Hockey Association came through with a weekly raise of £2 (60) and the players settled down to playing "heads up" hockey. The game caught on remarkably well in Scotland and "sold-out" signs were posted for almost every game. There now are more than 500,000 fans and more rinks are scheduled to be built as soon as restrictions are lifted.

"The Physical Fitness Department, under the supervision of Col. W.W. Reid, is playing a wonderful role in the advancement of athletics in this Province and would help many present to rise to fame and prominence as their forbears had". His Honor Lt. Governor J.A. Bernard stated last night during the course of a short address at the second annual Physical Fitness Dinner held at the Charlottetown Hotel.

The dinner attended by upwards of 245, both boys and girls and presided over by Col. Reid, was an outstanding success all the way through with representatives being present from schools as far north-west in the province as Tignish and as far east as Souris. A feature of the evening was the presentation of beautiful silver trophies which adorned the main table, the trophies being presented by well-known sports followers of the City and the Physical Fitness Department.

Included among the guests were His Honor Lieutenant Governor Bernard, His Worship Mayor B. Eacle McDonald, Rev. E. McInnis of Tignish, Rev. Roy Vessey, Murray Harbor, Messrs. P.W. Turner, Hawley Crockett, C.F. Archer, J.W.F. McCallum, Jr., principal of Queen Square School and H.W. Yeo, principal of West Kent School in addition to others.

Premier J. Walter Jones, Dr. C.F. Douglas, and L.W. Shaw, Island representative on the National Physical Fitness Board, sent their regrets at being unable to attend the function.

During the evening, announcement of the donation of two trophies was made by Messrs. Percy Gay and C.F. Archer, manager of the Forum. The Gay trophy is to go to the best all-around athlete at the coming interscholastic track meet to be held in September while the Archer Trophy goes to the winners of the intermediate school series between West Kent and Queen Square.

Two delightful solos were rendered by Mrs. Yvonne Murray with music during the evening being provided by an orchestra from the 17th Reconnaissance Regiment Band.

Chairman Col. Reid in his opening remarks told of his pleasure in having such a large attendance which had risen from 140 last year to 245 this year adding that the gathering was representative of the entire Island.

Speaking of the Department's program generally, Col. Reid stated that a great deal of the success attained was through the kindness and cooperation of volunteer workers throughout the province whose help had been greatly appreciated and whom he wished to extend at this time a hearty vote of thanks for their efforts.

In a brief review of the winter program he told the audience that hockey and skating had been very successful with the interscholastic ice racing program going over splendidly in its first year's trial. Looking ahead to the future, Col. Reid said that track and field work had been stressed heavily. On completion of the Memorial Field at Victoria Park which is to be dedicated to boys who have fallen in the past conflict would be second to none in Canada and it was hoped that in September a track and field meeting would be held open to all Island schools. Efforts would also be made, he said, in having like fields in Prince and Kings Counties but he urged his listeners to have patience as at the present time facilities throughout the Province were limited.

In concluding Col. Reid asked the volunteer leaders throughout the province to do all they could during the summer months to aid the Physical Fitness program and assured them that fullest co-operation would be forthcoming from headquarters in the City.

Lt.-Governor Bernard
Governor Bernard as guest speaker of the evening told his listeners the event would be a memorable one in their lives.

The Physical Fitness program is playing a wonderful role in advancing athletics, he stated, and in maintaining the athletic progress shown by Island athletes in the past. Paying a tribute to supervisor Bill Reid, His Honor stated the Province was to be congratulated in having him (Col. Reid) at its head, who was laying out a program that would help many in the audience rise to fame and prominence. Before concluding the speaker called upon Mr. Percy Gay to ask for three cheers for Supervisor Reid, the cheers being given heartily by the large gathering, followed by the singing of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

His Worship Mayor McDonald
His Worship Mayor McDonald, also representing the Premier of the Province after expressing his appreciation of being invited to attend the dinner, paid tribute to the work being carried on by the Physical Fitness Department and who was helping many in the audience rise to fame and prominence. In closing His Worship urged the boys and girls present to be athletes.



HUNTERS' CORNER
Whitlock's Pond, Dundas, has yielded some good catches of high class trout since the roads have become passable for car traffic. Local anglers reached the pond on April 27th, for the first try of the season and were rewarded with heavy catches. Very few went under the one pound weight and several topped the 2 pound mark.

Last Sunday May 4th, the water was murky and conditions not so favourable as on the previous Sunday and the catch was considerably lighter but the trout taken were equally as good as the week before. As yet no angler has bettered the 2 1-4 pound mark but we are expecting that trout up to 3 pounds and better will be hooked and landed before June is out.

One Charlottetown fisherman believes that he connected with one better than 4 pounds on the 27th. He had just affixed a large blob of plump, squirmy worms to the hook and cast off. Sticking the butt of the rod between his knees he proceeded to light a cigarette (try it sometimes boys, it seldom fails) when suddenly the reel commenced to screech and the line play out at an alarming rate. Taken by surprise the angler gave the reel a hard pull and the effort to slow him up, put the brake on too quickly in fact, and the rod snapped off at the top of the cork butt grip. In the ensuing confusion the trout spat out the glob of worms and made off. He'll be mighty suspicious of worms from now on and landing him will be a job for the fly fishermen.

The count of skunk snouts taken during the month of April has been completed and stands at 1748. That's a lot of skunk but for all that they are far from being clean. In the past 15 years, The days before the bounty when he took everyone at their face value and took the family out for evening strolls before the sun had set are gone forever. Many snappers and trappers found this out when tempted by the prospect of easy money and lots of it, they set out a line of traps when the \$3.00 came into effect. The skunk is anything but dumb and trapping some individuals is akin to trying to pinch the toes of an old red fox.

The take of skunk was pretty well distributed over the Island with the area west of Summerside having an edge on the rest of the province. This question was recently asked this columnist: "How many skunks do you think are to be found on the Island?" I replied: "Somewhere in the vicinity of 15,000." We have slightly over fifteen thousand occupied and unoccupied farms in this province plus a considerable acreage of barrens, swampland and sand dunes. Hundreds of them are also to be found in our towns and villages with the city of Charlottetown no exception. Dozens are turned in to the bounty office every year that were killed in the city.

I am not going to state that we have a skunk on every farm in the province but I do know that we have close to a dozen on some of them. Averaging one skunk per farm is not an over estimate and will make the count around 15,000 and not take into account those found on the commons and urban centres. After a month of intensive drive against the skunk and the total kill less than 2,000 this fact has been forcibly brought home to sportsmen and farmers alike that we have a real problem on our hands to keep this pest within reasonable bounds. The skunk is very prolific and hardy and left unmolested for a couple of years is all the time it will need to make them as numerous as they ever were.

May 8th still sees thousands of geese present in the province. Concentrations of close to 300 birds are not uncommon. I have seen geese linger, sometimes in flocks of 20 odd birds, until May 22nd. It's unusual to see so many large flocks present at so late a date and possibly presages a late, cold spring. We sincerely hope not.

The count of breeding black ducks has taken a brighter trend this past week but we are still far below the number present last spring. A meeting of the P. E. I. Fish and Game Association is to be called early next week to set an opening date for the duck

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Phillies Take Over National League Lead

(By The Canadian Press)
Philadelphia Phillies knocked Brooklyn Dodgers out of first place in the National League last night as they downed the Brooklyn crew 6-5 in an 11-inning acrid thriller. Boston Braves and Chicago Cubs, both victorious in their afternoon games, moved into a first-place tie and shoved the Bums into third place, a full game behind.

Stan Musial To Undergo Operation
NEW YORK, May 9 — (AP) — The World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals, already beset with multiple troubles, suffered a further serious blow today when their great first baseman, Stan Musial, was found to have acute appendicitis and was ordered to undergo an immediate operation.

Musial, left behind when the rest of the Cards entrained for Pittsburgh, booked passage on a plane leaving here late today for St. Louis, hopeful that an additional examination by the club's physician, Dr. Bob Hyland, would gain him permission to postpone the surgery.

"I'd hate to leave the lineup right now," Musial lamented. "It isn't hurting much today."
Dr. C. R. Palmer, house physician at the hotel where the Cardinals stop, recommended an operation at once and yielded only reluctantly to Musial's plea that he be permitted to fly to St. Louis.

Musial, voted the most valuable player in the National League last year, became ill Thursday and did not participate in Thursday night's game between the Cards and Brooklyn Dodgers.

An operation, which appeared inevitable, would lose Musial to the Cardinals for perhaps a month—just when Manager Dyer's drooping champs were beginning to show some signs of snapping out of the slump that plunged them into the National League cellar.

Hard Luck Newhouser Suffers Fourth Defeat

(By The Canadian Press)
Hard Luck Hal Newhouser went down to his fourth defeat yesterday as Chicago White Sox broke a 27-inning scoreless streak to down Detroit Tigers 2-1 and move back to the top of the American League standings after one day in second place.

Orval Grove pitched a seven-hitter for the Pale Hose, while Newhouser gave up nine.
Chicago scored in the first inning when Lloyd Christopher singled with a single. Dave Philley singled him to third and Christopher scored while Cass Michaels was forcing Philley at second.

Detroit pulled into a 1-1 tie in the sixth. Dick Wakefield singled with one out and scored on Pat Mullin's second double of the afternoon and his 10th of the season. Sox pushed over the winning run in the seventh. Don Kolloway, sitting in at third base for ailing Floyd Baker, opened with a single, Luke Appling sacrificed him to

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