

Back Stretch

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A few months later she was sold for over double her purchase price and has since lowered her record from 2:06 1-2 to 2:02 1-5 and the expectation is that she will eventually pace in two minutes and then be retired to the brood mare ranks.

Everything points to this Province being a great source of supply to meet the demand for racing material in the United States, and it is important that every owner of a brood mare should endeavor to have pedigrees complete so that when they sell a colt or filly there will be no difficulty in having it registered.

And now we hear from our friend Frank MacAlduff of St. Stephen, N.S. "Just a few lines to let you know that I am with the Saddler Coal Company's stable and have Yankee Girl 2:10 1-5, her record in 1:59 1-4. Abbe Edna by Abbedale. Abbe Edna is owned by Wendell Wathan and is at the Walnut Hall Farm and will be bred to Volomite. She has two colts by him, I like Yankee Girl very much and hope to lower her record in the coming season. She has speed and the manners of a queen. I also have her half sister, Edna's Girl. She is due to foal in March, by Volo H. 2:04 1-4. Edna took a record of 2:12 as a two-year-old and as a six-year-old took a record of 2:10 1-5. She is now eight years old. Her sire is Wynnot by Guy Axworthy and her grandam was the famous pacer Edna Early 2:02 by The Wolverine. Other horses in training here include widow's Pride, 2:06, worthy of 2:06 2-5. Edna B. 2:09 1-2. Graham Hanover 2:09 2-5, also three in the stable of Billy Keyes, one in William McGibbon's and three in John McEwan's. I have lovely quads at the track and like the people very much. Thanks, Frank, and glad to hear from you.

York Rifle Club

The shooting at the York Rifle Club is again in full swing and we give notice to the holders of the Dennis Cup that they are in for keen competition. Scores for Jan. 13 are as follows:

Table with names and scores: H.T. Vessey 98, Angus Clancy 97, W.E. Hardy 97, W. Crockett 96, Dewar Swan 96, Vernon Duck 96, Peter Proud 95, Lloyd Vessey 95, D.S. Taylor 94, Howard Watts 94, Bob Barwick 93, R. Newson 93, Louisa Vessey 93, Harold Watts 92, Bill Cooke 92, Rupert Vessey 92, Roy Vessey 91, Leigh Vessey 91, Stuart Vessey 88, Harold Taylor 88, Bob Watts 85, Willard Murray 83, Vernon Dennis 81, Raymond Dennis 81, Kenneth Hemphill 80, Donald Crockett 80.

CONVERSATION STOPPER

Dumb conversation, a plant found in tropical Africa, has an acid juice which paralyzes the power of speech of one who chews the stem.

QUICKIES

BY KEN REYNOLDS. The basketball team has played two games in Summerside winning both of them—the first against Schurman's 46-39, and the other against the R. C. A. F. 42-38. Just a word of warning—the Senior Prom is coming up on Wed. Feb. 2. Don't leave it too late to get your dates, boys. School Teams Go To Montague Tonight. It was learned last night that the Prince Street boys and girls teams will make a trip to Montague tonight where they will meet the two corresponding teams from Montague High School in a twin hockey feature in the local rink there. The two schools who have provided plenty of keen competition and fast hockey in the past, are expected to put on a first class show for attending hockey fans.

The WEEK at S. D. U.

Shakespeare said it: "And oftentimes excusing of a fault, Doth make the fault the worse by the excuse."

This is a fact known to everybody but it took a Shakespeare to put into just the right words the thought that was the knowledge of the masses. You and I, well, we know we make excuses. We would not be normal if we did not, at some time or other, make excuses for our actions and think that we had done right. And often we would be correct in our thinking. There are times when we should make excuses; but there are times when we should keep quiet. The task is to be able to judge into just what class our own individual case falls.

But some people go to extremes. Some have an excuse for everything; others never attempt to excuse themselves for anything. The former, I hold, are more prevalent than the latter. And I think this is as it should be because if we do not at all times hear the truth, we at least hear some interesting stories. Like the lad who, a few short years ago, told Rev. Dr. McMahon that he had missed the schoolboy's eight o'clock Sunday Mass. It had been a cold and frosty morning but Father McMahon asked him why he'd missed.

"Well, Father, I didn't hear the clock go."

"Did you set the alarm the night before?"

"Yes, Father."

"Well, wasn't the clock keeping good time?"

"Yes, Father."

"Didn't the alarm go off in time to wake you?"

"No, Father. It—it didn't go off at all."

"Oh, I see, the clock broke."

"No, Father."

"Well then, boy, what happened?"

"Well, well, please, Father, the clock froze!"

See what I mean? Ingeniously, Good excuses always make good listening. The trouble with those who make excuses is that they too often fall into the rut of using the same old ones over and over again. This is a poor attitude to take if like trying to pass an exam without studying for it. We can't do it and we can't expect much from the professor if he knows we're not studying. On the other hand, the knowledge that a student is making a conscious effort inclines a professor to look a little more leniently on that student. In a like manner, the knowledge that a person is making a conscious effort to be original in his excuse should at least lighten the censure in the mind of his listener.

Not that I encourage the making of excuses. Far be it from me to encourage anybody to spend his spare time thinking up ways and means to escape some chore or some function where his presence is requested. And any person doing such a thing should remember that even though his will is his own, still his excuse is one that has probably been heard a thousand times before.

All of which is leading up to one thing. To those of you who may have noticed, there was no "Week at S. D. U." last week: I have no excuse.

Rink manager Mark McQuaid has the ice in really excellent condition, and a special skate is to be held tonight. Undoubtedly many from Charlottetown will attend.

Your columnist was talking to Des Durge at Thursday night's game. Des is a graduate of last year's class and has been in bed with a back injury for the past few months. He's been up and about for a couple of weeks now and hopes to be as good as new soon. For a number of years Des was with the team on the football and basketball teams and a defenceman on the hockey team. We asked Des if he'd been skating or playing hockey since he was able to be up and about and he said all right, "this winter would be confined to a few rough and tumble games of 'forty-fives'."

Moncton High School Team Wins At S'ide

The Moncton High School hockey team defeated Summerside High by the score of 3 to 1 at the Crystal rink in Summerside last night. The Monctonians were considerably heavier than the local boys and controlled the play much of the time, although their first counter was of the fluke variety going in off a defenceman's skate from a lateral shot by McDougall. Summerside's lone tally was the result of a pretty play when Joey Schurman carried the wafer in along the right ice lane and passed over to his brother, Paul, who shot the puck past Steeves from right in front of the net. Joey Schurman got bruised across the chest half way in the last period and was forced to retire from the game. Delaney played a star game in the net.

Summary:—First Period Penalties: L. Schurman, McMichael.

Pictou Defeats Bearcats 8-5

TRURO, N. S., Jan. 21.—(CP)—Pictou Maripacs, at the bottom of the Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior Hockey League, upset Truro Bearcats 8-5 tonight. Gummy Gilroy played an outstanding game for Pictou in the nets and he got good help from the rest of the team. Mark and Ab MacKinnon on defence.

M.A.H.A. Begins Weeding Out The Ineligibles

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 21.—(CP)—The Maritime Amateur Hockey Association today began weeding out ineligible from one senior outfit within its jurisdiction and indications are that the same treatment shortly. North Sydney Victorias were ordered to drop four unnamed players registered outside the Association. The order stemmed from C. A. H. A. policy to restrict the number of imports to four for each club in the Maritimes.

A special Cape Breton Senior Hockey League meeting will be held to rule on the North Sydney players. Until a decision is reached, the players will remain in the lineup. Two of the four players may be allowed to stay with Vics if Glace Bay Miners and Sydney Millionaires—the loop's other entries—raise no objections.

Pirates Seeking Good Pitcher

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21.—(AP)—General manager A. Roy Hamey of Pittsburgh Pirates is a man of convictions. And one is that the Bucco baseballers are only one pitcher away from being the top bladesmen of the big league.

Discuss Hockey Plans In Borden

During yesterday morning officials of the Department of Physical Fitness visited Borden where they had the privilege of addressing the school children and laying the groundwork for the Paperweight, Pee-Wee, Bantam and Midget hockey in the town of Borden. Through the co-operation of Mr. Reg Messers Jack and Pep Darrach, the program has been made possible and every effort will be made to co-operate with the youngsters of Borden by getting them into the general scheme of Island play, etc. in which their progress will be watched with much interest.

Bulldogs In 6-5 Win Over Stellarton

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Jan. 21.—(CP)—Rose MacMillan's overtone goal with 25 seconds to go gave Antigonish Bulldogs a 6-5 win over league-leading Stellarton Royals here tonight in a regular Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester Senior Hockey League game before 1,100 fans.

CANADIAN SHARKS A dozen different kinds of sharks are found in Canadian waters.

74 Eligible For 1949 Hambletonian Stake

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Miss Tilly, sensational Connecticut-owned three-year-old filly, heads the list of 74 eligibles for the 1949 Hambletonian Stake, the Hambletonian Stake, the Hambletonian Stake announced today. The trotting classic, harness racing's Kentucky Derby, will be held at Good Time Park, Goshen, N. Y., Aug. 10. Thus, for the second consecutive year Connecticut looms large in pre-Hambletonian speculation. Demetrius Hanover, owned and driven by the Bethel, Conn., amateur, Harrison Hoyt, captured the 1948 race in two straight heats. Miss Tilly, a sturdy bay owned by Charles W. Phellis, Greenwich sportsman, became the largest money-winning two-year-old trotter of all time last season. The daughter of Nibble Hanover captured five major stake races over mile tracks without the loss of a heat, collecting \$49,876. Thus she displaced the Peter Chenault filly, Ruth M. Chenault, leader in earnings since 1926 with a total of \$37,377. With 15 starters in the 1949 Hambletonian, the gross value of the event would be more than \$67,000, making it the second richest Hambletonian since Guy McKinney won the inaugural in 1926. Value of the first Hambletonian was \$73,451. Before the Jan. 1 payment was due, 141 trotters had been kept eligible for the 1949 classic, but 67 failed to come through with the \$250 necessary to remain in good standing. A final payment and starting fee of \$500 is required before 11 a.m. Aug. 9, the day before this year's race.

Hunters Corner

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sought and foxes were a secondary consideration. The hunting party originally consisted of five men and two city gunners and two more from Kingston—Golden Smith and his son Lorne... and George Kitson, their host. As the hunters made ready to move off Freddy Kitson, a young lad in his teens and a son of George, signified his intention of joining the party. Freddy had never done any hunting and he went along more or less for the lark. The only shotgun left for him was a single barrelled 410 the smallest shotgun made that takes a shell not much bigger than a lead pencil.

The six hunters had only been in the woods a few minutes when the hounds gave tongue and the hunt was on. The boys thought it was a strange acting rabbit for it was only a few minutes minutes till the sound of the chase died in the distance. Far from being discouraged the hunters plodded on in the general direction the hounds took. Golden Smith despite his 80 years was keeping along with the younger fry with both eyes open for whatever moved.

Over an hour went by and the hunters decided to adopt a waiting game and finally in the far distance the dim baying of a dog could be heard but faintly. Freddy was standing with his back against a tree and wondering just what made him join the hunt in the first place and had come to the conclusion he'd as soon be at home doing the chores about the barn. Suddenly he blinked his eyes. 30 yards in front of him a beautiful silver fox leaped lightly over a log and stood for a split second looking at him. A split second was all the youthful gunner needed. The little 410 came up in a smooth movement and a sharp report sounded on the winter air. His aim was true and the shot charge, small though it was, caught the fox square between the eyes. The silver beauty never knew what hit him.

The rest of the hunters gathered around and gazed with amazement upon the prize and with equal amazement upon the youthful hunter and his "pip squeak" shoo! iron. Mr. Golden Smith was the first to break the silence. "It's a real beauty. Twenty dollars," he said, "that's the same fox that escaped from my ranch a few weeks ago". An examination showed no markings in the ears and the young Nimrod proudly carried home the fruits of his marksmanship. He incidentally the only game bagged during the day. Needless to say another fox hunter has been born and we could do with a few more good ones if the present fox-population is to be whittled down to a more balanced proportion.

Think Austrian Girl May Be Skating Queen

MILAN, Italy, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Eva Pawlik, clubby Austrian girl, is Europe's favorite candidate to succeed Barbara Ann Scott as amateur figure-skating queen. In 1948, Miss Pawlik was a consistent runner-up to Barbara Ann. The Ottawa champion now is a professional, having left amateur ranks last June. The Austrian's star bids for the first of Barbara Ann's vacated titles in the European figure-skating championships here Jan. 28-30. The European championships now are closed to non-European skaters following Barbara Ann's winning in 1947 and 1948 of that crown. The European competition, a warm-up for the world championships in Paris two weeks later, will be restricted to European skaters for the first time since it was started in 1901. That means that Dick Button, the sensational United States skater who, like Barbara Ann, won the United States, European, World and Olympic titles last year, also will be absent. Top candidates to succeed him as king of European rinks are Edi Rada of Austria and Ede Kiraly of Hungary. Rada finished third and Kiraly fifth in the Olympic winter games.

THESE OUGHTA BE A LAW!

IN ALL THE YEARS, SUMMER & WINTER, THEY WENT STEADY. BENZADRINE'S BOY-FRIEND SAVED HER FROM THIS PNEUMONIA MODEL. HOW'S ABOUT A DRIVE INSTEAD OF A MOVIE, BENZADRINE? I'M TRYING TO SAVE MY DOUGH SO I CAN BUY A REAL CLASSY CAR! AND WHEN HE FINALLY CAME UP WITH A BRAND NEW PERKLE 8, JUST WHO IS IT HELPING HIM ENJOY IT? LOOK, BENZADRINE! THERE GOES FOLLICLE IN HIS NEW CAR! I HEAR YOU TWO JUST BROKE UP. Thanks to GRACE McCARTEN, CHICAGO, ILL.

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Dieback In Birch Costly To Quebec

QUEBEC, Jan. 21.—(CP)—Dieback, a mysterious disease whose origin continues to baffie entomologists, is believed responsible for stripping Quebec's forests of the sturdy birch. Just what the plague has cost the province so far cannot be estimated in terms of dollars and cents, Department of Lands and Forests said today. Thousands of dollars already have gone into extensive survey.

"Only more and more research can eventually check the situation," the provincial entomologist said in his latest report. Preventive work meanwhile is stymied until such time as the death-dealing what-is-it has been definitely identified, he added. Reports of an infestation of birch, probably from the same source came out of New Brunswick in 1932. Later it invaded Quebec and Northern Maine. It then spread through the Gaspé and thickly-wooded Matepeque Valley, and now is menacing other parts of the province. Symptoms of the plague are more easily discernible in summer when the slow death of the birch wood can be observed in stages. The tree is stricken at the top first. Little by little the leaves shrivel up, until at long last they look like thousands of scrawny, skinny fingers clutching at the sky.

Among the most recent of several theories advanced on the cause of dieback is one which suggests that a virus is gaining some headway in the field, possibly from a sucking insect. The minute organism can be seen only under an electronic microscope. U.S. foresters in 1948 were reported to have had some success in checking the disease after

pests to provide the most competition for Miss Pawlik are Jeanette Altwegg, the British champion, and two young Czechs, Jirini Nekolova and Alena Vrzanova, who finished fourth and fifth in the Olympics.

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