

Hunters Corner

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ings of song and insectivorous birds, young chickens, corn, potato sets, or what have you. The skunk consumes large quantities of harmful grubs but he also digs out the nests of bank swallows by the hundreds every June, and patrols the sand dunes till the common tern is driven to nesting on inland pasture fields or on top of pillars around seaward bridges, etc. In places like Brackley Beach, South Lake, Morrison's Beach, etc. where the eggs of terns could be counted in hundreds before the advent of the skunk, a single nest is now a rarity.

Such interference with Nature's balance is bound to have unfavorable repercussions. As mentioned earlier no move of any kind whether it be a Crow Contest or something else, ever pleased everyone.

I have heard farmers sing a crow's praise till they raided their chicken coop or pulled up an acre of corn or a few bushels of potato sets and then their tune abruptly changed.

Three young hunters of my acquaintance related to me an accident that happened last Wednesday afternoon. They were out in quest of crows and to get some fresh air and exercise in the process of crow hunting. They were three manly chaps and while walking along the edge of a hayfield they passed a friendly time of day with a farmer cultivating turnips on the opposite side of the fence. He was sitting on the cultivator which was hitched to a team of horses. Maybe the heat of the day was getting him down for his face was a fiery red and his reply was in keeping with his complexion: "Fly to h... out of here. Who gave you permission to shoot crows on this property?"

The elder of the trio elected himself as spokesman. He had an idea that they were across a line fence and asked this question: "Mister, is this your land we're shooting on?" "What difference does that make?" "It makes all the difference in the world" was my friend's reply; "if we're on your property we'll leave at once. If we are not then the farmer who owns it can decide whether or we are causing any damage."

I asked the boys what he said to that. "Nothing," was their reply. "He just turned his little two wheeled chariot and went off down the drills." Politeness never does any harm even if used in connection with ordering hunters

off one's property. Sometimes a bluff works and sometimes it doesn't. Knowing those hunters as I do I don't think they'll ever do anything to worsen farmer-sportsman relationship if given half a chance.

Back Stretch

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that showed up which is evidence—if any is needed—of the value of our outside tracks. They are really the places where the new ones are tried out and from them we will get many of our future champions. All credit to the men who conduct them and give such encouragement to the breeders. Race No. 3 had eleven starters and one of the best trotting prospects for years showed up in Guy Harvey, owned and driven by Fred Reeves of Summerside. Guy is by Simcoe Harvester and his dam is Ima See. He was trained at Charlottetown for several years and showed considerable speed but did not seem to be able to carry it. Last winter Mr. Reeves brought him down to the Maritime Ice Championships and won the trotting trophy, having a big edge on his competitors. This year quite a number of reports have come out of the west about this horse but were discounted by the fact that Mr. Reeves lives seven miles from the Summerside track and the only way he could get there was by truck as the road is paved, but despite that good use was made of the soft roads in the vicinity by the astute Mr. Reeves and when the word Go was given in the first dash he marched straight to the front and never looked back, stepping in 2:16 3/5—mighty good going for the heavy wind. He also won the second and third heats from behind from a good bunch of pacers and a trotter.

Interesting to many will be the fact that his dam, Ima See, was out of Ima Guy, a mare brought here some years ago by Willard Kelly when he also brought down Kalmuck 2:15 1/2. She was in foal to Kalmuck and Ima See was the result. Ima Guy was a daughter of Guy Axworthy 2:08 1/2 and the redoubtable race mare Ima Jay 2:04 1/2 that held the world's record for an eight heat race trotting. She was one of the toughest mares that ever stepped on the Grand Circuit and her name and that of her driver and owner, Harvey Ernest, will go down inseparably through the years. In the first heat of the race we liked Daisy Budlong and this nice drive given her by George McIntyre. She finished second—well up. In the second heat Dorothy Won't Tell, owned and driven by Layton Pettigrew, went an equally nice race in 2:17, and in the third heat Cal-

umet Onward, owned and driven by Harold Stead, was in second place in 2:17 2/5.

Eddie Coles of Mayfield was probably the happiest man at Park View when little Buddy Clegg that he has been training and bringing along so carefully this season, rewarded his efforts by winning the first and second heats and taking a record of 2:19 2/5. Buddy showed real speed in the first quarter of the first dash, stepping to that marker in 31 3/5. In the third heat a broken huddle spoiled his chances of a possible win. Another pacer we liked very much was Bessie Budlong, owned by A. Beaton, Flat River, and well driven by Leo Collins. She has a lot of class. Simcoe Peter, owned and driven by L. Bagiole, went a nice heat and took a record of 2:22 2/5. The four-year-old Norweme Grattan, owned and driven by L. Pettigrew, was a good second to Buddy Clegg in the first and fastest heat. An unfortunate accident was the death of the promising pacer British Hal, owned by John T. MacLeod, Bradabane. It was thought that he swallowed his tongue as he seemed to be staggering for quite a piece. This same thing happened two horses at the Charlottetown race track, one in a workout and one in a race recently. It was no fault of the trainer or driver in any of these cases. When a horse exhibits a tendency to do this the usual practice is to tie his tongue, but some horses will not race this way and chances have to be taken.

Our congratulations to other winners at Park View, viz: Harold Stead the first two heats of race No. 1 with O. U. Volo, and Dr. Preston McIntyre and driver Leo Collins for winning the third heat in this event with Miss Comandante. Also to owner-driver Sam Kennedy for winning the last two heats of race No. 2 with Jean Henley and stepping the fastest heat of the afternoon—2:15 1/2—and to Linus Mulligan and driver Teddy Weir for winning the first heat of race No. 2 with Tiny Budlong 2:12.

We note where the Sydney free for all pacers were visitors at the Sackville Raceway near Halifax, on Wednesday, and as expected took away the largest share of the \$1,000 Free For All, Scott Spencer (Harrison) winning all three heats and Vella La Vella (MacDonald) 2-2-2. Judd, Crusader Chief and Victory Dale were 3-4-5 in the summary, best time 2:11. At the last two race meets in Cape Breton Vella La Vella was able to head Scott Spencer, but the latter is now evidently back in form and is turning the tables on her. Laurie O'Brien's Colleen Adam, one of the best bred mares in the Maritimes, seems to have taken a new lease of life. We notice where she has been winning at Truro and Wednesday at Halifax with 1-1-2; with Josedale Victory Miss that went such a fast mile at Goodwill races last fall, 2-2-1; three other starters, best time 2:18 3/5. Little Johnny Clegg—another of those Cleggs—owned by Bert Cruickshank, won the No. 2 Classified with 1-3-1, and the three-year-old Resourceful, that took a time record at Charlottetown last fall of 2:19 as a two-year-old, won the middle heat in 2:50 for owner-driver H. M. Sweeney. Johnny Clegg's third heat was in 2:16 2/5; his record is 2:14 2/5. In the No. 3 Classified we note where Flora Direct (H. Boutillier) won the first heat in 2:22, then Marlene C. came on and won the next two heats and race. In third place was Bonnie Budlong.

Ten years ago, October 2, 1940, she won the named trot and pace at Bridgewater, with 3-2-1-1, Jean Henley 2-1-3-3; Silent Joe 1-1-5-4; Brian Yorke 4-4-2-0; Hillside Scott 6-3-5-0; O. U. Volo 5-6-6-0; time, 2:14 1/2, 2:11, 2:12 1/2, 2:14. She was owned then and is still owned by Samuel Walker of Halifax and has, we understand, raised several foals.

A steady trek of visiting horsemen are making their way to the stall at the Charlottetown track occupied by Argot Pointer 2:09 3/5, a six-year-old stallion by the California sire Pegasus Pointer. Coal black and shining like a silk hat with perfect symmetry of form, he is certainly a handsome sight. We congratulate owner Horace B. Willis for having the pluck and enterprise to buy this horse and we feel confident he will make the headlines. Of course as we said about Josedale Clipper coming from Johnny Conroy's stable, we can repeat the same thing about any horse coming from Billy Hood's stable—one could expect him to be in apple pie order.

Argot Pointer has winnings of \$4,854 charged up against him and is eligible to the 2:17 race. Billy Hood explained to Mr. Willis that the Pointer horse had not been driven any fast miles although he had been trained 90 heats. He advised a couple of tune-up trips before cutting him loose. One of these was given him on Thursday, the first quarter in 36 seconds, the half in 1:08 2/5, the three-quarters in 1:42 and the mile in 2:13 with the last eighth in 15 seconds, with driver Willis wearing a broad smile at the finish. Next

week he will show his wares at Covehead where Charlie Willis is putting on one of his usual stalling programs. Charlie certainly has the knack of pleasing the public. There is never a disappointing race meet at Covehead and "The Parlor Track" aptly fits his oval. This year he has widened the first turn and carried out a number of other improvements involving considerable expense. We certainly look for a banner crowd at Covehead.

Billy Hood was up behind a real pacer last Thursday at St. Stephen when he won the Free For All with Private George 2:02, stepping the first heat in 2:07 1/2. June Morning won the middle heat in 2:08 and reduced her record by one and one-fifth seconds. The track record is 2:05, made by Walter Dale 2:00 1/4.... Dick Simms is back from a trip to Old Orchard, Maine, where he handed over Lucky Spencer 2:10 1/5 to the McGee & Snow stable there. He said the racing is all under the lights at the famous beach resort and there are large turnouts of spectators. It is the only remaining mile knite-shaped track in the world. Dick said it appeared cuppy and slow and did not note any fast time.... Peter Budlong 2:10 1/4 won a race in Maine in 2:12, which shows the old boy is still to be reckoned with.... Proximity set up a new world's record for trotters in a race over a half-mile track at Roosevelt Raceway when she raced under the wire in 2:01 1/5. That makes the fourth world's record she has broken this season.

They were certainly turning on the speed at St. Stephen, N.B., this week. In addition to the fast miles mentioned before, no less than three in 2:10 or better were stepped in Wednesday afternoon's program. Tab Hanover, owned by Simonson Bros., Bridgewater, Maine, won the No. 1 Classified event in 2:09, 2:10, 2:13. Brutus Scott, driven by Billy Hood, was 3-2-2, and Indiana Boy, Eter, 2-3-4. In the No. 2 Classified Donald G. R., owned by Weldon Fleming, Juniper, N. B., and driven by Roy Barnett, won the first heat of the No. 2 classified in 2:10, and Ola Budlong, owned and driven by Henry DeWitt, the second heat in 2:10 with Donald G. R. winning the third heat and race in 2:14. Richard Budlong, owned by Wilson Coker, Woodstock, N. B., won the No. 3 Classified with 3-1-1; Whizaway, Hood, 1-4-3. Time 2:18, 2:16 and 2:19. Frank MacKay, East Royalty, and all of us will be calumet Budlong's 2:02 1/4 speed string qualities—two of his best entering the 2:10 list in an afternoon is something to be proud of. Our thanks for the above information to presiding judge Col. Jim Calkin of Woodstock, N. B.

Statistics for the forty day harness meeting held at Santa Anita track, California, showed a total attendance of 271,938 people. The daily average for the Pari Mutuel was \$337,359. Seven new world's records went into the books. Proximity set three of them at 1:16, 1:18 and 1:14 miles. She was driven in all these events by Clint Hodgins, a Canadian. Prince Jay set up a world's record pacing for 1 1/8 miles. He was driven by Joe O'Brien. Clint Hodgins won the most driver's money with \$50,370. Next in line in money won was Eddie Cobb with \$44,427. Joe O'Brien was next with \$43,380. Joe O'Brien was tops in wins with 24, Hodgins had 22 and Cobb 17.

A thoughtful friend from P. E. I. now residing in Toronto sends the highlights of Toronto's big race meet:—

"Attended the races at Thorncliffe on Saturday. It was a typical 'Old Home Week' day, which made racing at its best. Sam Hy, a five year old bay horse by Bob Lee, dam Volie Lee, and owned by Wes Litt, Stratford, Ontario, proved he liked the weather too, when he came flying down the home stretch in the Open Pace and Trot, to the mile in 2:06 2/5, a new mark for Sam Hy, and new track record for Thorncliffe.

"In the second race of the day—the 2:24 Cond. Pace—Nancy Budlong, who is owned by Harry Ingles of Brighton, Ontario, finished 4.

"Driving a splendid race, Hon. Earl Rowe of Newton Robinson, Ontario, won the 24 Trot Stake with his Earl Todd in 2:11 2/5. Lady Lee P. driven by H. Proudfoot, M.P., Ft. Coulonge, Quebec, finished 5, and after the race, her owner congratulated Earl Rowe on his victory.

"In order to distinguish each driver, No. 1 in each race wears Red; No. 2, White; No. 3, Royal Blue, and so on. Each color is carried in three different sizes, so that all drivers may be assured of a proper fit.

"During work-outs, horses may be identified by their saddle cloths. On Saturday the horses in the first race all had red saddle cloths, the second race, white saddle cloths, the third, blue, the fourth, gray, etc.

"Harness racing at Thorncliffe started July 3, and will continue until August 19th. Races are held every day, and start at 4:30, while on Saturdays and holidays, the post time is 2:30.

"As you probably know, Thorncliffe has all the equipment necessary for night racing, but due to the present ruling are unable to race under the lights. Last Thursday night a band concert was held at the track which was lighted up and horsemen exercised their horses, much to the delight of the big crowd."

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\$20 will be given the driver driving the fastest heat trotted during the meet and \$20 to the driver driving the fastest heat paced during the meet.

\$10 will be given the caretaker of the horse trotting the fastest heat and \$10 to the caretaker of the horse pacing the fastest heat.

\$5 will be given to the caretaker of each horse winning a race in the trotting and pacing classes during the meet.

\$50 will be given to the owner of the horse that beats track pacing record of 2:05 1-2 except as provided for below; \$50 to the owner of the horse that beats track trotting record of 2:07 1-2 except as provided for below. In case two horse beat the above records then the awards go to the fastest horse. If two horses tie for the awards the money will be divided equally.

ENTRIES CLOSE JULY 24, 1950, with G. H. Buntain, Secretary, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

(ALL RACES MILE HEATS)

Horsemen by wiring at our expense notifying us of their arrival will be met at the train and their baggage transferred to the grounds without cost to them, also taken away without cost to them.

Every effort will be made to make the horsemen's stay pleasant and send them away feeling that they have been well treated.

All races to be raced on the Dash System. Money Division will be 33, 28, 17, 12, 5% if eight or more horses start. If less than eight start money division will be 40, 30, 18, 12%. Entry Fee 3%. No deductions from money winners.

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Addition entries of an individual ownership may be made in any class by the payment of 1% on closing date but entries of separate ownership, although in the same stable, must pay installment in full.

Two entries of the same ownership may start in the same race providing the full 3% is paid on each starter, the drivers having the approval of the judges.

In all classified events the owner or agent will be notified by registered mail giving the classification of his horse or horses which will be mailed August 1st.

Rejection must be made by Rejection Slip accompanying classification and returned by registered mail to reach us not later than August 8, 1950, 11 p.m. No telephone rejections will be accepted.

Telegraph rejection will be accepted providing it is received before August 8, 1950, 11 p.m.

Any owner or agent wishing to withdraw after rejection date of classification may do so with the permission of the judges who must have a veterinary's certificate stating the horse or horses are not in condition to race, otherwise entry fee will be forfeited.

Horse will be classified irrespective of record, gait or money winnings, but if possible trotters and pacers will be raced in separate classes.

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