

### Back Stretch

Patrick Primrose, an 8-year-old pacer, set a record of 2:02.7. He came last year and won a portion of the money, actually \$16,532 for the season, with all time winnings of \$30,130. In addition to the above horses Mr. Found's stable won places in several other races at the Bay Meadows meeting. Walter paid a visit to the Province last year, visiting his brother Harlan of this city and his nephew, Dr. E. M. Found and other relatives.

J. Henry DeWitt of Woodstock, N.B., is one of the top amateur trainers in Canada. Year after year he buys a trotter or pacer and develops it into a star and sells for a long price. One that will be remembered by local horsemen was June Morning, who he purchased from George MacDonald, raced to a better than 2:10 record and sold to Simonson Bros. of Maine, with whom she took a record of 2:04 1/2 and is now in the brood mare ranks, having a 3-year-old, Tab Direct, that took a record of 2:11 at Saratoga Raceway last year. He also visited Lexington and bought the yearling pacer Margy Frisco by Frisco Dale 2:00 at Tattersalls sale and last year she had a very successful campaign, ending up with a win at Saratoga Raceway, with a record of 2:08 1/2. Now she has a new owner, a Mr. Hiltz of Brockton, Mass., who must have paid a long price to separate this highly regarded pacer from our friend Henry.

We don't know whether he will add anything more to his string this year but he still has the pacer Dominion's Pride, that he won with at Saratoga and gave a new record of 2:07 1/2, and he also has Brighton 2:11 at Saratoga Raceway, and a 2:14 1/2. Preparations for Old Home Week racing at Woodstock have been made and the days will be August 1st to 6th. At a regular meeting of the Old Home Week Commission it was decided to have the following harness racing program, featuring a \$1,000 Invitational Pace, Monday, Aug. 1st; Night racing under the lights: 1 & 5 Dash, Pace-Purse \$300; 2 & 6 Dash, Pace-Purse \$350; 3 & 7 Dash, Pace-Purse \$350; 4 & 8 Dash, Pace-Purse \$400. Thursday 6-afternoon racing: 1 & 5 Dash, Pace-Purse \$300; 2 & 6 Dash, Pace-Purse \$350; 3 & 7 Dash, Pace-Purse \$400; 4 & 8 Dash, Invitational Pace - Purse \$1,000. The Driving Club are planning on two early meetings on one of the following dates, weather arrives and the progress of training will permit. Officials in the Woodstock Driving Club have enjoyed the confidence of their colleagues over a long period of time. The President, Bob Hamilton, was a harness racing official for the year ending 1955. Henry DeWitt was a Race Secretary and owner-driver. The above information was given to us through the kind thoughtfulness of Colonel Jim Calkin, whose interest in the Woodstock Driving Club and racing matters is well known.

It is tough on the management when a race track becomes so popular that entries to it over-crowd the available accommodation. That is showing up quite frequently at the early closing meetings of the night racing plants in the United States. Saratoga Springs has received entries involving a record number of approximately 830 horses and is turning back many of the nominations for the 107 early closing events of its 66 nights summer meeting. June 13 to August 7. The Raceway has 877 stalls but is well crowded when its Standardbred population tops the mark, as more than 26 per cent of the stalls usually are provided to stables for track, feed and bedding.

J. Earle Pemberton of Gloucester, N.S., a noted sports authority and good friend of this column, has sent us an article he wrote on Joe O'Brien which is a splendid one and was a feature in the Sydney Post-Record recently. Earle ends up with:

To Joe O'Brien  
No bigger than a bantamweight  
I've checked you drive around the course.  
The first time that I've ever seen  
A heart much bigger than a horse.

Responding to the challenge still,  
By neck and neck, be head and head.  
I've cheered you to the winning wire,  
Your heritage—a thoroughbred.

I only hope when you retire  
You find deep peace along the way.  
And may I add in parting words,  
We owe you Joe for a lot of hay.

Earle also sent us a story entitled, Little Men Made Big Contribution to the Ring, written by him, which appeared in the Post-Record. It showed a knowledge of the pugilistic game enjoyed by few and was most readable and interesting article.

In Edwin Keller's Hoof Prints we notice where in 1915 Tommy Murphy appeared in San Francisco at the World's Exposition to win the \$20,000 trot with his Peter Scott 2:05. Today Murphy is manager of the Allwood Farm Stables, whose star is the trotter Kimberly Kid 1:59, fastest trotter of 1954. Tommy Murphy not only won that stake but was also the greatest driver on the Grand Circuit of his era, placing many horses in the two-minute list and winning many of the important events the years he raced. It

was at that same San Francisco Exposition that the pacing mare White Sox by Del Coronado, won the \$20,000 pace and was afterwards sold to the late Bert Fenwick of Sussex, N.B. She was purchased from him by the late J. Stanley Wedlock of Charlotte-town and raced by the writer here and afterwards by Charlie Sweet, Sydney, N.S. She was a free-legged pacer.

It is with deepest regret that we refer to the passing of our friend John R. Williams early this week. Johnny, as he was better known to thousands of friends, was a prominent sportsman who had an acquaintance with football, hockey and harness racing and could give an authoritative opinion on any of these sports. From early spring until racing ceased, Johnny would be out in the mornings watching the horses train, timing and commenting on their abilities, with always a good word to say. He also had an ownership in horses and the last one he was connected with was the pacer Fairgo 2:10 2/5, that went a sensational heat at Summerside in practically his last start. We were all pleased to see Johnny's and his friend Sam Kennedy's horse come through because we knew it would make them happy. During his illness he kept up his courage and hopeful manner and when he was released from hospital we were all under the impression that he would be with us a long time. On behalf of ourselves and other horsemen, we wish to convey our deepest sympathy to his wife, his son John, his mother and other relatives.

Secretary W. G. Gillespie of the Prince Edward Island Harness Racing Club has received one of the largest entry lists, if not the largest, in years for its Futurity Stakes which will be raced in August. Many parts of the Maritimes are represented, particularly in the Three Year Old Pace, which has a record entry list of 32. The Two Year Old Trot and Pace also has a heavy entry list with 20 and the Four Year Old Trot has the biggest entry list that we can remember of one of the entries is from Ray Phillips of Cambridge, Mass. Since the inauguration of these Stakes years ago they have grown steadily in popularity and a great deal of this is due to the President, Dr. R. F. Seaman and the hard-working Secretary, W. G. Gillespie. As a result of their efforts hundreds of horses have developed into good campaigning propositions for owners and many of them have been sold for high prices. In those owned by the parties who have made the nominations below those of us who go to race meetings in the years to come will probably see some trotting and pacing stars that received their racing baptism in the Futurities of 1955 . . . . .

**TWO YEAR OLD TROT & PACE**  
George Calbeck, Summerside, P. E. I.  
Myron R. Bell 151 Kent St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Dr. Preston MacIntyre, Montague, P. E. I.  
Mrs. J. Donald Seaman, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Ira McCoubrey, Cavendish, P. E. I.  
Howard L. MacKay, Bangor, P. E. I.  
A. B. Cutcliffe, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Sam Birt, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Mrs. James Poulton, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
John Harkness, Summerside, P. E. I.  
Lester Rankin, Bunbury, R.R. 5, P. E. I.  
Stewart & Jenkins, Southport, P. E. I.  
Elwood Shaw, 40 Orlebar St., Charlottetown P. E. I.  
C. L. Dauphinee, 17 Bilby St., Halifax, N. S.  
James A. Shaw, Montague, P. E. I.  
Garnet Warren, Freetown, P. E. I.  
H. B. Willis, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Harold McInnis, Parkdale, P. E. I.  
W. G. Stewart, New Glasgow, N. S.  
George Semple, Kensington, P. E. I.

**THREE YEAR OLD PACE**  
Dr. J. T. Aitken & H. O. Downey, Fredericton, N. B.  
Mrs. Keith Thomas, 7 Tower Rd., Halifax, N. S.  
A. & L. Stable & Brood Farm, Montague, P. E. I.  
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Marne Kennedy, O'Leary, P. E. I.  
B. M. MacWilliams, Summerside, P. E. I.  
Harold Cudmore, Harrington, P. E. I.  
E. W. Turner, O'Leary, P. E. I.  
S. J. MacDonald, P. O. Box 54, Souris, P. E. I.  
James MacGregor, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Frank H. Calbeck, Box 217, Summerside, P. E. I.  
Mrs. James Poulton, 96 Richmond St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Irene & Bob Stevenson, 5 Conolly Ave., Parkdale, P. E. I.  
Wilbur MacArthur, Kensington, P. E. I.  
J. C. Underhill, 27 George St., Campbellton, N. B.  
Elwood Shaw, 40 Orlebar St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
W. L. Munroe, 90 Edward St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
C. L. Dauphinee, 17 Bilby St., Halifax, N. S.  
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J. Linus Mulligan, Kinkora, P. E. I.  
Peter McMahon, Kensington, P. E. I.  
Peter McMahon, Kensington, P. E. I.  
Lester Chappell, 51 Russell St., Summerside, P. E. I.  
R. D. MacFadden, Hunter River, P. E. I.  
R. D. MacFadden, Hunter River, P. E. I.  
Charles F. MacKay, Northam, P. E. I.  
James W. O'Brien, Elmsdale, P. E. I.

### Hunter's Corner

fighters, a bang-up scrap sometimes takes place. In the woods or under a vacant barn such a wrangle need have no distressing results except to the participants themselves. If her ladyship has bedded down for the winter under an occupied dwelling the aftermath is an experience never forgotten for those who happen to be in possession of the floors above. The nose-smarting, acrid odor permeates every crook and cranny of the house and will even start one's eyes watering. The worst part of it is the flavour lasts and sometimes lingers, maybe in a vague sort of way, depending on the weather, for months.

#### The skunk family is scrupulous

H. B. Willis, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Maynard MacMillan, Central Royal, P. E. I.  
Gratton McHugh, Tignish, P. E. I.  
Joseph Power, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Ervin, I. Jay, Kensington, P. E. I.

#### THREE YEAR OLD TROT

George Calbeck, Summerside, P. E. I.  
George McCoubrey, Cavendish, P. E. I.  
George H. Brookins, Kensington, P. E. I.  
Colin W. Burt, Kensington, P. E. I.  
Lester Rankin, Bunbury, R.R. 5, P. E. I.  
C. E. Sobey, Wilmot Valley, P. E. I.  
Lorne Kelly, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Elwood Shaw, 40 Orlebar St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Lee Howard, Cornwall, P. E. I.  
Dr. Frank Bowness, Kensington, P. E. I.

#### FOUR YEAR OLD TROT

Dr. Preston MacIntyre, Montague, P. E. I.  
A. L. Stable & Brood Farm, Montague, P. E. I.  
Lorne Nicholson, Breadalbane, P. E. I.  
Ray E. Phillips, 318 Franklin St., Cambridge, Mass., U. S. A.  
Reg. Sonier, Box 865, Summerside, P. E. I.  
R. T. Holman, Summerside, P. E. I.  
Mrs. Helen Chappell, Box 505, Summerside, P. E. I.  
Edward Carrier, Cherry Valley, P. O., P. E. I.  
Lorne Kelly, Charlottetown R.R. 1.  
Lorne Kelly, Charlottetown R.R. 1.  
Elwood Shaw, 40 Orlebar St., Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Chester M. Birt, Peake Station, R.R. 1.  
James W. O'Brien, Elmsdale, P. E. I.  
Stanley Mayhew, Kinkora, P. E. I.

by clean in habit and will not foul up their living quarters unless under dire emergency or under pressure of an abnormally high temperature. During my long years as game warden I have been called on many occasions to referee a family quarrel among skunks or else to try and clean up the resultant mess. Not infrequently I wind up deeper in the mess than anyone else but as a game warden is supposed to be the remedy for all wildlife ills . . . so what?

This season was no exception. In a residential section of the city two families occupy a double tenement house and under the kitchen of one section a demure lady skunk attired in a glossy black fur coat with a broad white strip down the back has established a cosy flat. The family in the kitchen could look out the window on occasion and watch her taking her constitutional in the yard. Sometimes she'd sit on her hunkers and gaze at the children's faces, framed in the window and then, with that peculiar hippy roll favored by lady skunks would ankle through her apartment entrance. Maybe the gentleman skunks have it too but I've never noticed. I'm willing to bet if my better half reads this column she'll remark: "I'll say you wouldn't."

Everything was under control until a big, aggressive suitor in a rather shabby dark coat with short, finger- with white epaulettes on the shoulders moved in. She must have given him the impression that he was high man in her life. He sure was a busy little fellow with his carrying in mouthfuls of dried grass and other soft material. A feather bed wasn't too good for his lady love. Like a lot of other gentlemen he buzzed off every night and didn't return before 6 a.m. His little housekeeper was keeping the home fires burning with no interest in any other male once he came into her life so why not enjoy his rambles through the soft spring nights . . . that's what she thought.

What a rude awakening was coming his way! He arrived home one morning last week at 6:30 p.m. (that's the time the gas bomb went off) and found another guy ahead of him . . . a guy just as big and crusty as himself. We can only guess where he was but as her apartment was just past his must have been in the feather bed he was so thoughtful in providing . . . there was no other place for him to go. Everyone in both the apartments above tumbled out of bed when the lid blew off and the pungent odor of skunk filled the building.

That morning when I arrived at the office the phone commenced to ring. Yep, I told the callers I had the right medicine for that guy . . . a new type trap

### Sport Echoes From Prince County

—In playing cards, you can sometimes win big stakes with an ace in the hole. In O'Leary Thursday night all the aces were in the hole, and they knew it. So they went to work with grim determination and played what was probably the best game of their career. We never before saw the Aces backcheck as they did in O'Leary on Thursday evening. They stuck to their checks like leeches, and as a result of that, and some fast skating and good combination play, took the Maroons by the surprising score of 7-0. Dave McInnis was in top form, especially in the second period, with Gay in the penalty box, the Maroons unleashed a power attack such as you don't very

guaranteed to kill a skunk instantly without scent. The trap had been sent to me a few days previously by the Canadian Association for Humane Trapping from Toronto. I was asked to try it out. Here was the opportunity I was waiting for.

I set the trap, which is an intricate contraption of steel springs, and told the lady of the house to keep her children out of the yard. I assured her that it would be curtains for never when he got in the trap. I looked at the trap about ten o'clock that night but it was undisturbed. That night I was awakened from a sound sleep about 11:30. At first the door bell sounded as if it were a mile away but I finally stumbled downstairs and opened the door. My callers were two members of the Mounted Police.

One of them, a sergeant now, with whom I have been on many patrols in the past, laughed and remarked: "Jenks, there's a skunk in that killer trap of yours but he's a long way from being dead . . . the phones are hot at the office." It took me a matter of minutes to throw some dust on and hop into the police car. I felt as conspicuous as a pimple on a monument when I arrived at the scene of my trap setting. Doors and windows were open, heads were out and the sound of strangled coughing filled the night. Figures were framed in doorways as I got out of the car, feeling as "pint sized" as it is possible to feel, and flanked by two six-foot Mounties, entered the gangway. No one spoke a word but I could sense what they were thinking and wishing: They got their man this time and we hope they keep him in jail for six months." What followed is another story.

often see in those intermediate games. The pressure on the Aces was blistering but Mr. McInnis refused to bow before the storm of rubber aimed at his cage.

In all fairness it must be said that the O'Leary team did not turn in one of its best games. The boys were playing in their own rink where they know all the angles, but they just couldn't un-track themselves, particularly in the first and third periods.

It would have been hard to single anyone out on that Ace line-up Thursday night. Of course, Bonnie Howatt got the "Hat Trick" with three goals, and McInnis saved as many labelled ones in his end of the ice, but the boys, every one of them, fought like tigers for every inch of ice, and they just wouldn't be denied. Maurice Cannon, we think, is learning to play defence pretty well. He puts all he has in it, and stopped some dangerous looking rushes. Woodside played his best game of the year, and Garth Gay was his old dependable self. Summerside fans as a rule, feel pretty safe with old "scoreless" waiting back of the blue line for the enemy to come barging in.

We presume the Aces will now play the winners of the Milton Hornet-Montague Primrose series for the Island title. If Milton wins, the pattern of last year will repeat itself, with the Aces playing O'Leary first, and Milton next. The Hornets must have a lot of stung when they eliminated such a power-packed team as the Parkdale Flyers. We were hoping that the Aces would get another crack at Parkdale, but it looks now as if these two teams won't meet again.

Our juveniles lost an exhibition game to the Kensington Juveniles 5-3, and this would make it look as if Summerside might have a chance to win the Island Crown. Kensington humbled a Charlottetown sextet, but possibly not the strongest juvenile team in the Capital City. The game between Summerside and Kensington was played in Kensington rink, and a home and home series might be pretty even between these two clubs.

Freetown Royals have put out the Mount Pleasant Hawks, and will enter the finals in Intermediate "B" Hockey again at a neighboring settlement, who boast having the redoubtable Albany St. Pats. This series should be a humdinger, and let's hope the cold weather lasts until this series and the games of the "B" competition are over.

KARACHI, Pakistan (Reuters)—Prince Aly Khan, who has been married twice himself, officiated at the weddings of 75 couples here in the last two days. He conducted the ceremonies as son of the head of the Ismaili sect of Moslems, the Aga Khan. Asked about his own plans, he said: "I have no thought

### Hockey Player Blamed In Death

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—A coroner's jury today ruled "gross negligence" by hockey player Gordon Henry caused the death of his wife in a January traffic accident.

Assistant District Attorney William H. Saye said 26-year-old Henry, goal tender for Hershey Bears, will be charged with involuntary manslaughter. Henry and three others were injured in a head-on collision Jan. 19. His 25-year-old wife, Leone, died a few hours after the accident. The Henrys, natives of Owen Sound, Ont., lived in Hershey.

### Moscow Radio Says Yanks Play Rough Game

LONDON, (AP)—Moscow radio Thursday accused the United States hockey team of "playing a rough game and often violating the rules" in the world championship match against Russia in Krefeld, Germany, Wednesday night. Russia, reigning world champions, defeated the United States 3-0 and shares top place in the tournament standings with Canada.

Moscow radio claimed the spec-

tators "warmly acclaimed the good and correct game of the Soviet hockey players. At the same time the rough game of the American athletes more than once evoked considerable indignation from the spectators." The broadcast said in the middle of the third period a United States hockey player "hit the hand of the attacking member of the Soviet team, Babich, with his hockey stick." Babich could not continue playing because of the injury. Western sports writers said Babich was injured when John Crockett of Melrose, Mass., swung a stick overhead and crashed it unintentionally on the Russian's raised arm.



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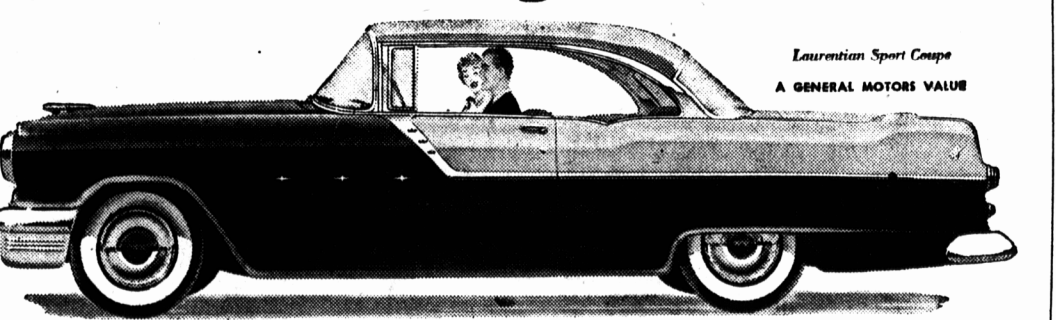
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