

Back Stretch

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This season to win it against such stars as Yankee Hanover and Pronto Don in a new track record of 3.09 for the mile and a half trot.

James "Roach" MacGregor arrived home from Harrisburg late Thursday night and said it was a wonderful show. He had never seen anything like it. Horses were sold with lightning speed and the money turnover was tremendous. He thought that Harry Hirsch had bought a very high-class pacer in Victorious Guy 2.02 and that he also had a wonderful trotter in Peggy Lee Frisco, a three-year-old that took a record of 2.08 and will be eligible to the slow classes next season. He said the Cape Bretoners were picking up horses like plums off a tree and that a dozen and two vans filled with their horses came home prior to the one in which Roach shipped My Darling 2.08 1/5. The writer asked "How do you like My Darling?" Roach said, "That's just what she is, a real darling, handsome and a beautiful pacer. I really wanted her more than any horse I saw at the sale." So congratulations to Wendall Barbour on getting a wonderful pacer.

Now here are some of those that he remembered as being bought by the Cape Bretoners: Loretta Lee 4, 2.12 1/5, a seven-

year-old chestnut mare by Kuno, that had earnings of approximately \$6,000 last year and was eligible to the 2.22 trot. She was purchased at Yonkers prior to the Harrisburg sale. Inuus Truax, a four-year-old chestnut pacing mare that took a record of 2.13 over a half-mile track. She is by Donald Truax 2.04, sire of the world's champion money winning trotting gelding, Pronto Don 1.59 3/5. She was first at Hamburg in her fourth start and is said to be a 2.10 pacer. Futuramic 2.09 2/5, a four-year-old brown gelding by Cardinal Prince 1.59 3/4, dam, Ethel Hanover 2.12, dam of three in 2.10. He secured his record this summer at Saratoga on a muddy track, coming from sixth horse position and was eased up at the finish. Has been photoed out several times in 2.08 and 2.08 2/5 and was timed in 2.07 2/5 at Ocean Downs. He is absolutely sound and perfect mannered, wears loose hoppers and goes clean and can trot in 2.20 with pacing shoes. Looks to be a real buy. Vickey Hal 2.14 by Victorious Hal 2, 2.03 1/4, dam Hattie V. 2.06 1/4. She is eligible to the 2.21 pace and was photoed out in much faster time.

Texas Brewer, a four-year-old bay gelding by Direct Brewer 2.04, dam, Symbol Belle 2.08 1/4, dam of Flying Stone 2.05 2/5. This gelding is bred in extreme speed lines and is a grandson of Billy Direct 1.55, world's champion pacer. His dam's family traces back to Symboler, a family founder and his grandam is Belle McKiyo 2.04. He was racing at the time he was consigned and his record was not given. Miss Judy Hal 3, 2.09, a three-year-old bay filly consigned by James MacDonald of Washington, Indiana. Her sire is Victorious Hal 2, 2.03 1/4, sire of Victorious Guy 2.02 and many others. Her dam is Judy Reynolds, dam of High Frequency 3, 2.03, her first foal. Miss Judy Hal 3, 2.09 is her second foal. She is a small, fast filly and tough as oak and always strong at the end of her miles. Has been raced lightly this year, mostly at fairs, and won in 2.12 at Fayetteville half-mile track in Indiana. She is another good prospect. In addition to the above there were others that Roach could not remember and he said that Art Lipton had bid over \$7,000 on a free-for-all and would not be coming back empty handed.

The stallion Floradora has been exported from Italy to New Zealand for service there in 1953. He is by the American sire The Laurel Hall 2.06 1/4 and out of the noted brood mare Alma Lee 2.04 3/4. He was shipped from the United States and took a race record in Italy of 2.07. Floradora's third dam was Volga E. 2.04 1/4, a close relative to Peter Volo 2.02.

Levi Harner, who led all drivers at Buffalo Raceway and Batavia Downs this year with 106 victories and has as injuries are concerned, was thrown from his sulky on the final night's racing at Batavia Downs and suffered a broken leg. Five horses were in-

volved in the mixup but the other horses were uninjured.

This afternoon the 100-day winter meeting commences at Dufferin track, Toronto. Stable facilities at Dufferin can accommodate only 225 horses but additional stables are available for the expected horses at nearby Long Branch and Thorncliffe raceways where they are transported free of charge on race day to Dufferin. Dufferin track is a very old fifty years ago and is right in the side Toronto. In the winter time and spring it is the harness horses and in the summer months the runners. It is so profitable from the racing point of view that the owners do not wish to dispose of it for real estate purposes.

We were delighted to have a letter from our good friend Colonel James R. Calkin of Woodstock, N. B. with racing information we asked for and also answering a question re Margy Frisco. Here is the answer: "Henry DeWitt's filly, Margy Frisco, is a two-year-old and took her record out in fifth horse position in a field of aged horses at Woodstock, July 21st, time, 2.19 3/5. She was the best two-year-old I saw this year and was growing fast and Henry has decided to save her over. A cup of tea on her rump would not spill a drop when she is at speed. Her sire is Frisco Dale and her dam was a full sister to Ann Vonlan, so that speaks for itself. Henry bought her in Kentucky last fall. Thanks, Colonel, and if any horses have been bought at Harrisburg or elsewhere by Woodstock or other N. B. parties please wire us the names collect. We also wish to thank D. E. Frost, Man-

Hunter's Corner

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same trait of gazing off into distant space with a dreamy, thoughtful expression on his pan. It pays dividends to be able to read a dog's thoughts.

Timmy was right. We found the covey in the second growth and they boiled out of there in ones and twos with wing beats beating a tattoo and squealing in high pitched notes. There were open glades here and there but the birds had an uncanny knack of getting a tree or clump of trees between them and the gun they knew was ready to bark. I had four chances and connected twice. They were a brace of lovely game birds, heavy, fat and velvety to the feel and were far different in looks from their drab first of October counterparts. A Hungarian partridge in full plumage is a handsome bird when decked with the feathers of the autumn. I saw St. John Raceway and Lindsay McGoon of St. Stephen, and Charles L. Clarke of Moncton for race summaries, which have been of great help to us in compiling an Annual Review of Harness Racing in the Maritimes.

Attention is directed to the For Sale ad of Patchen Volo 2 and 2.09 2/5 and Norine Gratten 2.19 3/5, owned by Dr. J. A. Delaney of Summerside, P. E. I. These pacers are very modestly priced and as the Doctor states, should easily win their price next season. Norine Gratten has filled out to be a very beautiful mare and she should reduce her record easily by four seconds. Patchen Volo is good in his class, as all will remember who saw him race this season.

in its coat of many colours. I would gladly exchange a pair of early October Huns for one November beauty. It was a good half mile from where this covey made its initial flush and the point where I got into action.

I have talked to a lot of gunners this past two weeks who have expressed their ideas on season dates. The consensus of opinion is that October 1st is too early for Huns, pheasants and geese and is a little too early for ducks although this species of game is generally in better shape on October 1st than are the other three species mentioned. October 10th is considered a reasonable compromise on all four. October 16th would crimp the blue-wing teal shooters rather badly. Personally I have no interest in an early October goose. I have shot too many September geese in the old days when they arrived in large numbers after the first week of the month. Late hatched pheasants are pretty scrawny birds the first week of October and it's a waste of good meat shooting them before the 10th. Compare a November pheasant with one shot on October 1st and you'll wonder why you wasted a shot on the first one.

The most recent amusing episode connected with goose hunting concerns a goose hunter from Kensington. He is an expert with a goose call and has so many decoys he takes two helpers along to assist with the loading and unloading. According to his contention, or former contention, anyone who gets excited when geese swing in to decoys is either a sissy or a crow shooter. . . . certainly not a goose hunter.

A short time ago this hunter was rigged out and with daybreak

Girl Guide News



GUIDER-SCOUTER DANCE

The annual Guider-Scouter Ball will be held this year at the Charlottetown Hotel, Wednesday, November 19th. Guiders will be guests of their Local Associations. Any friends of Guiders wishing to attend may procure their tickets from the Field Secretary, Phyllis Cutcliffe, 232 Queen Street.

... the gun was empty, he'd forgotten to load. That reminds us of the fellow who emerged from a rooming house that was on fire. He spoke to a man in the crowd: "I never

got excited. I took my time and got dressed. Put on my hat and coat and even tied my necktie. "Yes, I see you have on your hat and coat . . . but where are your pants?"

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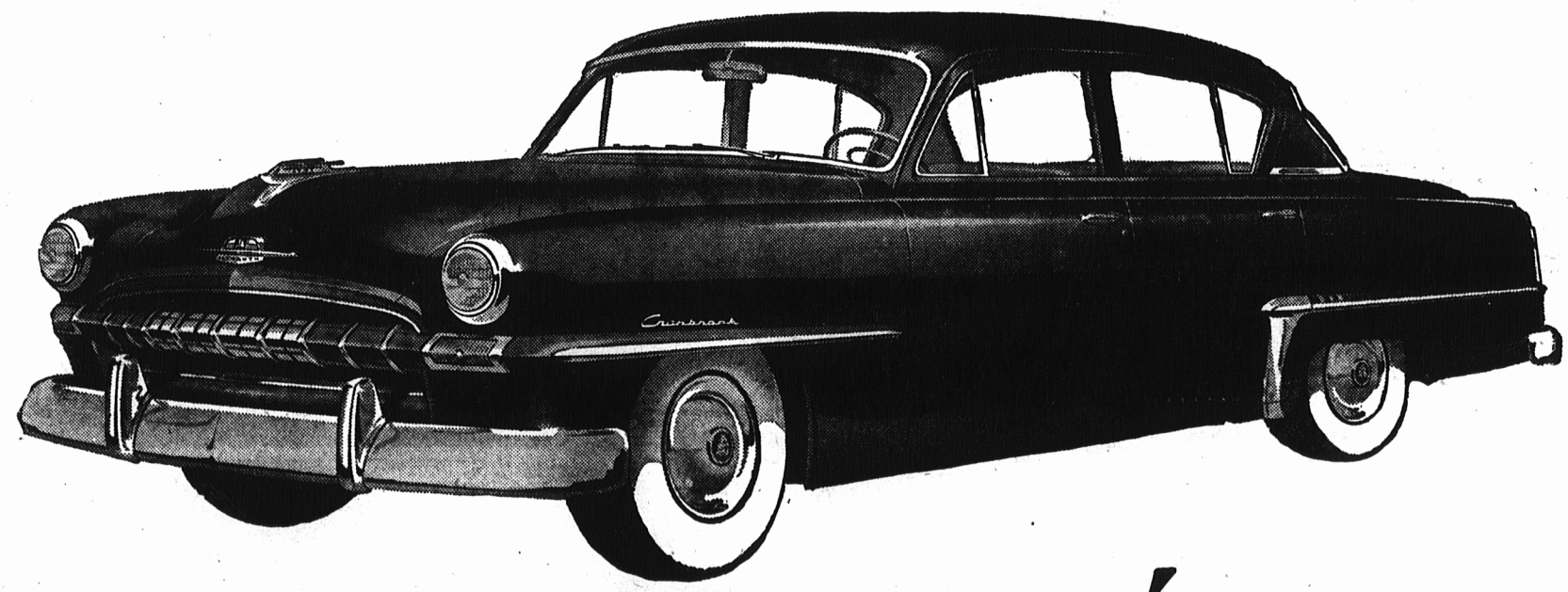
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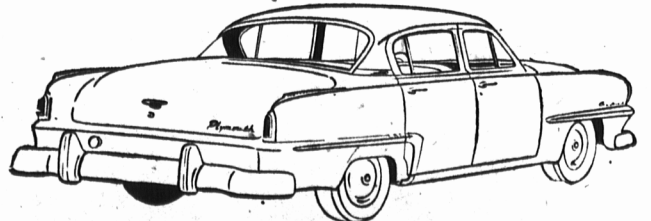
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