

OUR DRIVERS AWAY FROM HOME

Our drivers away from home continued to keep their colors well to the front. In the list of 21 leading money winning drivers in 1954 released by the United States Trotting Association, Joe O'Brien, Alberton, P. E. I., is second with \$307,770.20 and Earle B. Avery of Woodstock, N. B., is 11th with \$139,375. In the list of leading race winning drivers Joe O'Brien is third with 111 races won. Joe was also the leading money winning driver at the recent race meet in California. In the balloting for Harness Horse of the Year, Scott Frost, driven by Joe O'Brien, is in second place to Stenographer with 423 points as compared to 464 for the latter. Scott Frost is owned by Sol Camp of Shafter, California, and is the first 2-year-old trotter to take a win race record of 2:00. The Sol Camp stable was runner up as leading purchaser of harness horse yearlings in 1954. Mr. Camp paid out \$90,500 for seven head, while the Allwood Stable of Far Hills, N.J., paid out \$141,000 for eight head.

A driver that is well regarded in the U.S.A. is Angus Allen, formerly of Halifax, who is now assistant trainer to Aubrey Rodney at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Mr. Rodney was the leading driver at Saratoga this year and "Angie" campaigned part of the Rodney stable at Vernon Downs and elsewhere. Don Larlee another well known former Maritimer has branched out very considerably and is now connected with the Rimouski Stable and has enhanced his reputation as a reliable trainer and driver this season. Another former Maritimer we wish to mention is Harvey Cormier of Moncton, who has been holding his previous well-earned reputation as a reinsman.

The stable of Harry Hirsch of Sydney, N. S., whose trainer and driver is Rennie MacDonald, which consisted of Roll On, 2:05 and Globo Trotter, 2:10 as the top horse, raced away from home all this year and won races at Dufferin Park, Richelieu, Blue Bonnets and Quebec City. Among the larger purses was a \$2,000 Free For All Trot won by Roll On at Blue Bonnets. He also finished first quite a number of times and Globo Trotter, 2:10 as the top horse, won a half a million dollars in June. June Bee, owned by Munroe & LaVatte, was a frequent winner for Rennie, one of the victories being a \$1,500 pace at Blue Bonnets, and she won at Richelieu in 2:08 4/5. Ohio Hal 2:09 in Rennie's stable, was a consistent competitor and won a good share of starts.

Worrell Lewis kept up his reputation as a reinsman by winning frequently with Shining Hour 2:10 1/5, owned by Mrs. Ralph Baggs, New York, and Jenny Lynn 2:06, owned by Mrs. Helen Cadegan, and Worrell also won with other mounts. The B. C. Cruickshank stable campaigned by Bert Cruickshank, consisting of Brewer's Gallon 2:00 4/5 and Just Rita 2:13 had their greatest success at Quebec City where Brewer's Gallon won 8 dashes in from 2:06 3/5 to 2:11 3/5. Just Rita was also a big winner there and lowered her record to 2:13. Bob Brown with a two horse stable, Skelter and Chris McElwyn 2:12 3/5, really went to town. Skelter (Troy) heading the parade at Quebec City on seven occasions that we have knowledge of, with five of them better than 2:10 and one of them in 2:06 1/5—a new record. Chris McElwyn (Troy) was a winner in 2:15.

Handbook 2:03 2/5 and Top Brass 2:11 5/5 from the Richard Ingle stable and driven by D. Rutherford, won a good share of their starts. Handbook pacing in 2:07 2/5 at Richelieu. Bud's Best by Calumet Budlong, started a winning streak at Dufferin, won several times taking a record of 2:12 for driver Ed Haley at Blue Bonnets. Ed also won there with High Pat Jr., Rusty Miller 2:13 1/5 and Reed's Cardinal 2:14, and D. MacDonald, Sydney, and Vanguard were a winning combination several times. Mr. MacDonald also drove Bud's Best once. Al Langille after the Maritime season was over won at Blue Bonnets with Sep Hanover and Abbott Maplecroft, and at Quebec with Sep Hanover, Just Lucky and

three trips with Abbott Maplecroft. L. O'Brien of Halifax raced Whirlaway 2:15 3/5, Mahlon Hanover and Mason's 49 2:13 for himself, and Victory Dale 2:05 3/5 for W. Babineau, Moncton, and won with all of them and gave a new record to Mahlon Hanover. In passing it may be mentioned that Del MacTavish made a trip from his stable in New York and won there on September 20 with Doctor J. A. formerly owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe, Truro, in 2:07 1/5. We have also noticed the name of Jennie Frisco as a winner for owner R. Buchanan, O'Leary.

A former Island bred horse, Yankie Dale 2:09 3/5 by Playdale 2:04 1/2 was a frequent winner at Richelieu Park for owner George Henderson of Montreal. Yankie Dale unfortunately met with an accident which made it necessary to destroy him.

After racing ended at Moncton the Letcher Stable and horses in the Moreside Stable with drivers Lorne Letcher and Eric Moreside, headed for Quebec City track. The horses were Direct Mite 2:06 3/5, A. G. Scott 2:09 4/5, Chevie G. 2:16 4/5, Mighty Deb 2:08, owned by the Letchers, Rajah Hanover 2:13 3/5, owned by Myron Bell and Suffolk Chief 2:14 3/5, owned by Cmdr. G. H. Buntain. They were in the toughest kind of competition but won a share of the money in most of the events they started in.

Earle Semple left early in September for the Maine raceways taking with him Dean Gallon with a record of 2:09 4/5 made at Charlottetown. Jerry's Nightmare 2:09, Mary Merk 2:08 3/5, Sir Chuck 2:13 4/5, Little Delbert 2:14, and Sandra P. Dean Gallon won his first start in 2:08 2/5, and he also won at a mile and one-sixteenth the same night. After that he could not secure any more starts. The other horses had their share of wins there also. Sometime after the stable returned home Richard Loque of Sydney, one of the largest auto dealers in Nova Scotia, got a price on Dean Gallon and eventually became the owner at a reported figure of \$20,000. Two 2-year-olds figured in the deal. Whispering Willow by Ensign Hanover 1:59 3/4 and Taurida Bay by Goose Bay 2:00 3/4. They are in the stable of Len O'Meara and are owned by Earle Semple, while Dean Gallon is in training at Sanders Russell's track, Stevenson, Alabama.

J. Henry DeWitt of Woodstock, N.B., who raced successfully in New Brunswick and nearby Maine, decided to try his skill against the drivers at Saratoga Springs Raceway, N.Y., and won both starts August 22 with the 4-year-old Mazy Frisco pacing to a new record of 2:08 4/5 and the 5-year-old Dominion's Pride also lowering his record to 2:07 4/5. Henry bought the latter horse with a record of 2:12 4/5, lowered it to 2:10 4/5 at Fredericton and now he sports the above tab.

During the summer Claude O'Brien and Len O'Meara, who had been attached to the stable of Sol Camp in Shafter, Calif., since the previous fall, returned home. They enjoyed their stay there very much but both came to the conclusion that there's no place like home. Claude gave early lessons to such stars as Scott Frost 2:00 and Butch Hanover 2:02 2/5, one a world's record holder and the other a top 2-year-old trotter of the season. Claude also drove several members of the stable at the Yonkers Raceway.

And now we come to a young driver, James "Roach" MacGregor of Charlottetown, who has achieved a really wonderful reputation the past season through his exploits with the stable of the popular sportsman Andrew Perry of Summerside. After the local racing season was over he moved the Perry stable consisting of Bay State Pat 2:10, Yuta 2:10 4/5, Jo-Jo Spencer 2:10 and Winnifred G. 2:18 2/5 to Quebec City Raceway, where they made a deep impression on the horsemen and fans. Yuta won several dashes and lowered her record to 2:09 1/5 and Bay State Pat competed against probably the fastest horse in Canada—H. B. Chief 1:58 3/5—and in the Free For All Pace Sept. 18, purse \$1,200, was photoed out to H. B. Chief in 2:05 1/5 in a far from fast track. Later Bay State Pat won off by himself in 2:06 1/5,

which makes him the fastest new performer in the Maritimes, and possibly the fastest new performer in Canada over a half-mile track.

Bay State Pat was sold to Andrew Perry as a trotter, was trained at that gait and won a race and took a record of 2:17 driven by Mr. Perry, at Summerside, July 15. A few days later the hoppers were added to his equipment and on August 6th at Summerside he paced to a win in 2:15 1/5 and on August 14 he won in 2:10 at Charlottetown's Old Home Week, which was the fastest mile paced at that meeting. He was driven in all his pacing races by "Roach". Jo-Jo Spencer did not let the stable down at Quebec, winning several times, driven by "Roach", and the trotter Winnifred won for assistant trainer A. Burbine, who had won four times with her in her own home town.

We would like our readers to distinctly understand that we were under great handicap in our endeavors to secure the racing results on tracks outside the Maritimes, and for that reason a number of winning performances have no doubt been overlooked and our wish is that our readers will take this into consideration. When the Year Book arrives, as it will early next Spring, full credit will be given to every trotter and pacer that raced in the United States and Canada and the Year Book is free to all members of the United States Trotting Association.

SPEED BROUGHT IN

When the 16th annual auction of the Standardbred Horse Sales Company opened at Harrisburg, Pa., November 8th, there were quite a number of Maritimers present to bid on some of the almost one thousand horses that were put up for sale. The following is a list of the purchases: Garth Trax 2:09 4/5, a trotter by Tryax, dam Caroline Watts, elig-

ible to the 2:19 class, and Jet Master 3, p. 2:08 1/5 by Brown Prince, dam Sally R.—both purchased by P. J. Cadegan, Glace Bay. Mighty Boy, p. 2:02 3/5, t. 3, 2:09 3/5 by Volomite, dam Arion Girl—H. M. Sweeney, Bridgewater, Mr. Nibble 1, 2:10 1/5 by Nibble Hanover; Black Majesty p. 2:08 3/5 by His Excellency 1:59 3/4; Don Trux 2, 2:10 1/5 by Donald Trux, dam Tillie M.; Farscut p. 3, 2:07 1/5 by Spud Hanover—all purchased by Lloyd MacAulay, Sydney. Saunders Hanover p. 2:08 3/5 by Billy Direct 1:55; Lucky Logan by Peter Astra 2:01 1/2; Bonnie Mite p. 2:08 by Bonnycastle; Judge Morris L. 2:09 2/5 by Nibble Hanover; Jimmie Counsel p. 2:04 4/5 by



DEAN GALLON 2:08 2/5

Winning the Free For All Trot at Charlottetown Aug. 11th in 2:09 4/5—the fastest mile trotted in the Maritimes in 1954. He was owned and driven by Earle Semple of Kensington, P. E. I.

from parties in Quebec: Madeline Smart, 2-year-old filly by Curly Smart, dam Kitty Kent by Kent Bumpas; Captain Smart, a 3-year-old pacer by Curly Smart out of Sue Abbe by Bert Abbe. The Captain started 12 times this year and took a record of 2:17. Cold Night, a 4-year-old pacing mare by Curly Smart, dam Sue Abbe by Bert Abbe, that took a record of 2:27 3/5 as a 3-year-old Arion Smart, 4-year-old pacer by Curly Smart, dam Mildred A. by Arion Guy, J. E. Wood, Buctouche, brought in the 5-year-old pacer Pole Star by Curly Smart, dam Abbie Jane by Bert Abbe, and Dave Pellerin of Shediac has Miss Smart, 2-year-old sister to Captain Smart, Home Talent, a 5-year-old pacer by Curly Smart out of a Peter Henley mare, and Angel Star 2:16, a 4-year-old trotter by Curly Smart out of Queen S.

Don Trux has recently changed hands having been sold by Lloyd MacAulay, Sydney, to Clovis Bellevue of Moncton. Leonard Barrieau, Moncton, has just brought in the 10-year-old trotting mare Shooting Star, 2:07 4/5 by Follow Up. Henry Murphy, Moncton, purchased the pacer Minnie G. 2:13, by Callie G.; also Miss Carthy 2:11, a 10-year-old pacer by Caretaker, eligible to the 2:17 class.

The above completes the list of known imports to the Maritimes and our best wishes go to the enterprising and enthusiastic horsemen who brought them in. It also completes our Review of the 1954 racing season which we trust will give pleasure to our readers and afford a picture of the happenings of the past that many of them have witnessed and can readily call to memory.

We would be remiss indeed if we did not extend our most grateful thanks to Mr. Rupert Godfrey, proprietor of the Photo Chart System and an expert technician, whose worth has been widely recognized in the Maritimes and in Quebec. Mr. Godfrey's Photo Chart pictures are undoubtedly the best produced in Canada and naturally so, because he has the rights for the best picture system in America. Mr. Godfrey is a very busy man while the racing season is on, with trips to Moncton, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, overseeing his employees and equipment there and also at Charlottetown and Summerside. The pictures which are in our Review were all taken by Mr. Godfrey's cameras and reflect his good work.

We would also like to say that this Review could not be made possible but for the cooperation of Maritimer race secretaries and other persons who have gone to a lot of trouble to help us. To all the above and to our reading pub-

lic we extend our best wishes for a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

IN MEMORIAM

As we approach this part of our Review in which we chronicle the passing of loyal friends of our sport, we experience a feeling of great sadness as we realize the loss sustained by their relatives and friends and all those who knew them in their journey through life. Among them will be found one who in his early years broke the ties binding him to home and family and went West and by hard work and ability became a leading citizen of Alberta. Then there was one who made a success in silver fox and other farming and in breeding trotters and pacers, whose splendid performances on the turf will be remembered for many years. Another had visions for the improvement of his home town and built a magnificent hotel and later with others rebuilt the Moncton Raceway. Still another by hard work and enterprise provided for a large family who are a credit to this Province. Two others donned drivers' silks and by their performances entertained thousands and left an enviable name for their fairness and other good qualities.

Still another was so popular that he was a perpetual mayor of his home town and passed away while serving in that capacity; and there was a good sportsman from Summerside whose favorite race mare became one of the most popular campaigners in recent years. Another was years ago secretary of the Montague race track and also helped the race game in many other ways. Each and every one of them made their contribution to our sport, and the last named on the list was one of the leading race

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Chief Counsel—all purchased by J. A. Ferguson, Sydney. Sir Joseph p. 1:58 2/5 by Volomite; Sir Joseph is the fastest pacer ever owned in the Maritimes; Ted Genesee 2, by Rodney 1:57 and Brookline, a yearling colt by The Widower 1:59 1/2; the above trio were bought by H. R. Bevan, Charlottetown. Impact p. 2:05 by Chief Counsel 1:57 3/4—Mrs. Emma Mustacalis, Halifax. Tom Day by High Day—Al Langille, Jr., St. Stephen, N.B. Hants Hanover 4, by Ensign Hanover 1:59 1/2—William A. Clark, Fredericton, N. B. Maritimers were also present as buyers at the Blooded Horse Sales held in Delaware, Ohio, early in December. They were high bidders on Guy Barron t. 2:10 4/5 by Guy Day 2:04 1/4, eligible to the 2:22 trot—Dick Armstrong, St. John, N. B. Gay Music t. 2:10 3/5 by Gay Song 1:59 3/4—Gerold McKim, St. John, N.B. Mr. Excellency t. 2:08, eligible to the 2:18 trot, by His Excellency 1:58 1/5; Roy Scott p. 2:09 by Highland Scott 1:59 1/4, eligible to the 2:17 class; Bonnie Spencer p. 2:09 by Prince Spencer 2:01 1/4, eligible to the 2:21 pace; Honey's Rascal, a 3-year-old trotter with a trial of 2:17—C. M. Alexander, St. John, N.B. Senator Quay p. 2:10 by His Majesty 1:59 3/4—Alexander & Lawson, St. John, N.B. Onton Adam p. 2:11 by Calumet Adam 1:59 3/4—C. C. Wilson, St. John. Bolu Volo p. 2:15 2/5 by True Volo and Jimmie Hal p. 2:04 4/5 by Hal Dale 2:02 1/2, dam Little Nell 2:04 1/5—Alexander & Lawson, St. John, N.B. The following were purchased in Quebec: Dr. Harmony p. 2:06 and True Guy p. 2:17—Harry Wood, Moncton. Bernice's Choice and Nakomis Express—S. H. Horseman, Moncton. These purchases were made by Cormier & Bernard of Buctouche.

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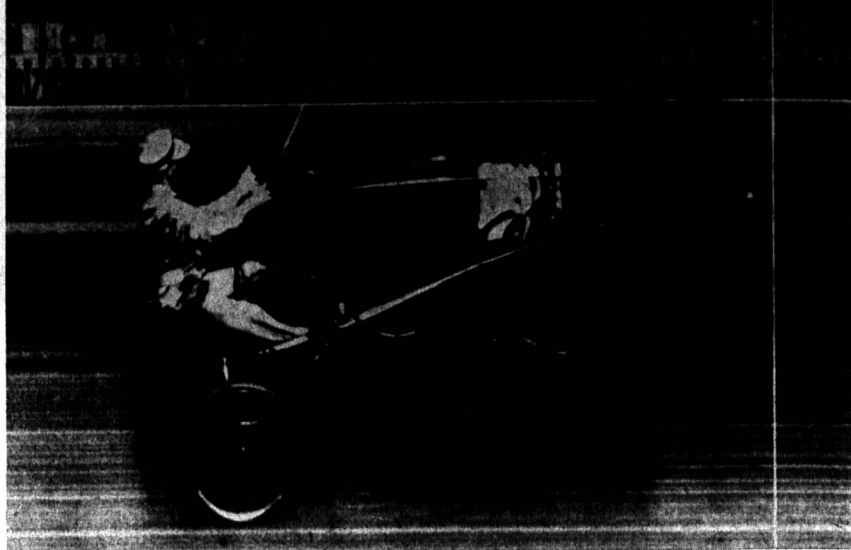
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A TRIBUTE TO THE HORSE

Evangeline Booth, the gifted commander of the Salvation Army in the "Rider and Driver," pays a beautiful tribute to the horse. The horseless age, which was predicted when the motor came, she says, has not arrived, and never will. She continues:

"From the very beginning of all things, through the march of the centuries in every sphere of life, the horse has occupied a significant place. In sport, in art, in literature, in romance, in tragedy, in drudgery, in love, in religion, in life and in death, this reliable, courageous, every-ready for command servant of man has proved himself a most potent factor. His fleet hoofs have flashed light from the pebbled path of every poet; his arched neck and tossing mane have taxed the skill of the ablest sculptor's chisel; his attractive figure has made realistic the story of every class of literature—historic, fiction, fact and Biblical; the delight of childhood, the desire of man, the sure trust of old age, this faithfully through all time has plowed the fields, and hauled the loads, and penetrated the wilderness, and waded the rivers, and with blood-stained flanks has carried the warriors in battle, and tossing snowy mane has borne the victor home through triumphant arch, and a thousand times ten thousand worn by toil and lack of food to a mere skeleton, has pressed on with his task with a patience, perseverance, and a sweetness of temper that one could almost call divine."

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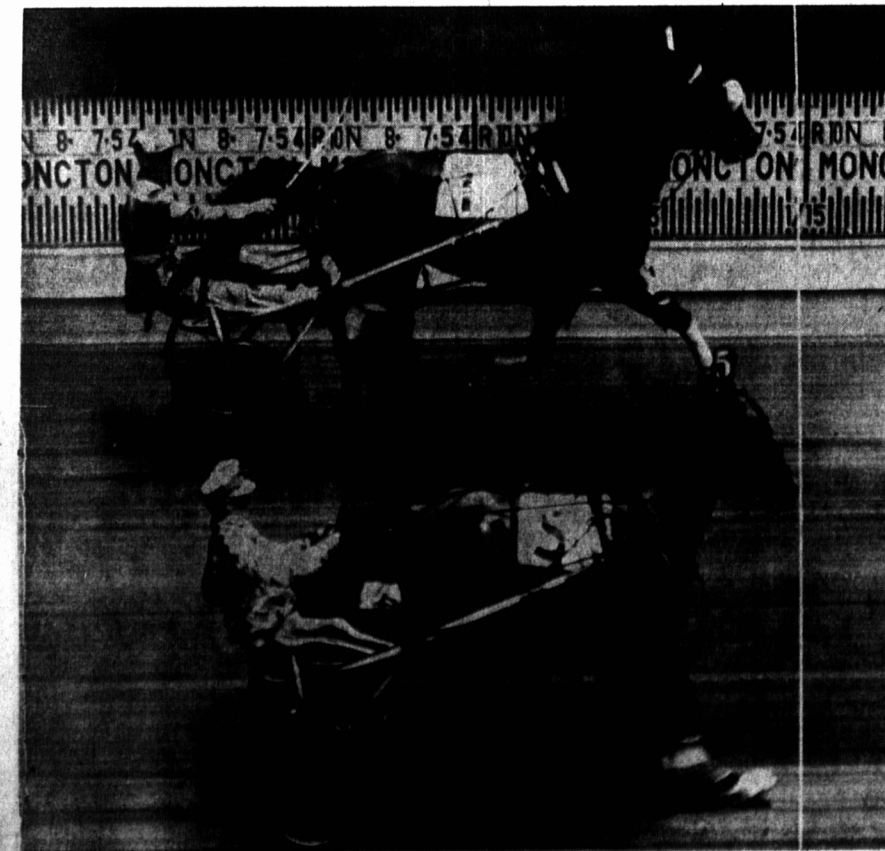
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MIGHTY BOLD 2:08 4/5

Holder of the track pacing record of 2:08 4/5 at Moncton, N. B., made Sept. 18. He was owned by the Hillview Farm, Woodstock, N. B. and was driven by Frank McAluff, Alberton, P. E. I.