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closed the horse made a bite for the rug and then he stuck his face up in the air and made the most disgusting grimace you could imagine. "That'll cure him," said Art, and his friend Howard said, "Yes, and we fixed the fellow in the next stall the same way the other day." I wish we had known that last year as Buddy Clegg would tear his ribs off at every opportunity and we had a neck yoke made for him which was a very uncomfortable thing to wear.

One hundred and twenty three 3-year-olds have been kept eligible for the harness horse sports two biggest stakes, the Hambletonian for trotters and the Little Brown Jug for pacers. Final payments are due the day before each race. For the former, which will be raced at Goshen August 8th, 73 trotters are eligible and for the Little Brown Jug, which will be raced at Delaware on Sept. 18th, the number is 50. The Hambletonian will be worth \$95,000 and the Little Brown Jug about \$65,000. The winter book favorite for the Hambletonian is Duke of Lullwater, two-year-old of 1951. Other standouts are Hit Song and Hardy Hanover. The latter was bought from the W. N. Reynolds estate last fall for \$50,000 by E. J. Baker, whose Greyhound is also the world's trotting record holder with a mark of 1:55.4. He won the Hambletonian in 1935 as a 3-year-old.

Among the top eligibles for the Little Brown Jug are Meadow Rice 2:02, two-year-old for 1951, Thunder Clap, Gander and Reyno King. Three-year-olds that showed up particularly well at Santa Anita were Express Chief, that won in 2:03 for Bi Shively, and Vonian Chief, that was second to the aged pacer Swindle Sheet in 2:02.4. These two three-year-olds are in the Joe O'Brien stable.

Harry Pownall came up the hard way as a trainer, starting as a boy of fifteen swiping horses at Min-

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phases of wildlife as well as agricultural interests. Hunting, fishing, farming, the tourist industry, business establishments in the cities, etc., all suffer from this cause.

I have seen marsh fires set on well known duck breeding grounds, the Dunk River area for instance, and watched black ducks circling madly in the pall of smoke overhead. It was a foregone conclusion that those ducks had either nests of eggs, or broods of ducklings, in the midst of the fiery holocaust.

Derby horses will be turned over to trainer Ken Cartnall.

The management of the Truro track are assured of plenty of horses for this season and their first race meeting will be held tomorrow — May 24th — with half-mile heats. Stabled there at present is Johnny Conroy, the widely known reinsman and trainer, who has made Truro his headquarters for many, many years. In his stable are Lee Federal, owned by Mr. Ren-ton of Moncton, Single Streak, Joey Harvester, Rockford (a colt named after the late Prof. S. A. Rockford), owned by Fred Lahey and Well McNeill. The Dr. J. A. Donahoe stable consists of Buster C., Dudy Budlong, Doctor J. A. and four colts, all from Prince Edward Island. Ray O'Brien of Alberton, is handling the Doctor's stable. Doctor J. A. is the holder of the Maritime record for 3-year-old pacers—2:12.5.

Harley Harrison's stable is also there and among his horses is Royal Bank 2, 2:19.4, holder of the Maritime pacing record for 2-year-olds. He is owned by Frank A. Ryder of Moncton. Other trainers include Pop Trainor with Alice Clegg, Lloyd "Bunny" Walker of Halifax with Seven-Up-Direct, Lusty's Queen, Doctor L. B. Peerless Hanover, Harvest Time and Kerwin Hanover. Frank Daniels of Lawrencetown will train several there and Jack MacLeod of Yarmouth will have Carl Frisco, Follow Up, Jr., Mr. Middleton, Tony Mite, Tiny Budlong and Jimmie Clegg, also Ridgewood M., owned by Bert Steele, Real Fingo and Golden Dollar by Mrs. Muscatillis of Halifax. The Jimmie Given stable consisting of Hedgewood Chief 2:08.5, Bud Kalmuck 2:12 and Resourceful 2:14.5 are also there as well as Gay Law 2:07.4, Scott Weeks is training Nova G. and Aubrey Budlong and Wladie Carroll has Mollie Castle owned by Miss Joan Fraser of Dartmouth. The Cyril Dauphinee horses which include Gallant Bobby, Brian Grattan, Pepper Shaker, Edgar D., Victory Dale, Bruce Clegg, Andy's Right, Gallonage and John Clegg are being trained by Jack MacMillan and Buddy Cruikshank. Laurie O'Brien is expected there this week with Mason's 49 and other horses, and last but not least on the list is the stable of Clayton MacLeod, Westville, headed by Lola Hanley 2:08.4, leading heat winner in the Maritimes last season. Forty racing sessions are scheduled for 1952, according to an announcement by Carl MacKenzie, race secretary, who is also advertising Season Tickets for \$25, which would give the fan who attends them all a considerable discount on the regular prices.

neola Park and later acting as a groom for Alie Cornwall, who also taught him to drive. Three years later, in 1920, he started a public stable and operated it 17 years until he was 35. Then he was taken on as assistant trainer for Billy Dickerson, head of the famous Arden Homestead Stable of E. Roland Harriman. In 1943 on the retirement of Mr. Dickerson, Harry took over his duties. In 1951 he set ten records, seven with the trotter Star's Pride 4, 1:59, and three with the pacer Tassel Hanover 4, 1:58.4. He drove five 2:00 miles, three behind Tassel Hanover and two with Star's Pride, and won \$124,654 in purses. In 158 starts he had 47 wins, 41 seconds and 10 thirds. In addition to being a top trainer and driver Harry Pownall is one of the best liked horsemen in the business.

Among the horses that Joe O'Brien took over for Sol Camp of Bhafter, Cal. recently, is what is called the "Cinderella harness horse" Prince Jay 1:58.4, that came near being sold for \$100, but has since brought Mr. Camp \$73,295 in winnings, most of it in 1951. Sol Camp raises potatoes and cotton in a vast acreage in California and acquired Prince Jay when he was "thrown in" with his dam, Maxie Jay, in a deal. The colt was sold as a trotter but he trained very badly so Camp put him up for sale. His trainer found a buyer who would sign a cheque for \$100 and was just about to do so when he changed his mind and said, "Any horse that's not good enough for Camp isn't good enough for me." The trainer decided to shift Prince Jay to the pace and he soon began to improve. Today he is one of the sports all time pacing greats. The five records he set last year are, race record for pacing geldings on a mile track — 1:58.4; same for two heats — 1:59.4, 1:59.4; race record for pacing geldings on a half-mile oval — 2:03.7; same for two heats — 2:00.7, 2:01.7; race record for 1 1/4 miles regardless of gait or sex — 2:15.4.

The Joe O'Brien stable arrived at Roosevelt Raceway this week from Santa Anita. Joe and Mrs. O'Brien had preceded them by rail a few days previously. The horses total 40, 24 of them for owners William Huff, W. C. Evans and B. C. Cruikshank, and sixteen for Sol A. Camp. Whether all these horses will be retained in Joe's stable we cannot say. The top trotter in the outfit is Brewer's Gallon 2:09.4, that was second in his final start at Santa Anita in 2:02.4. Among the best of the Evans horses is Modern Counsel, a 3-year-old nacer, Stewart Hanover 2:05, a trotter by H's Excellency, Neuhew Hal, a 2-year-old pacing colt by Hal Dale, Vonian Chief, a 3-year-old with a mark of 2:06, that was a frequent winner last season, and Scotch Miss a 3-year-old green pacing filly by Scotland. For William Huff of Hancock, N. Y. he has Fan Dancer 2:08.5, Mailman, a 3-year-old that took a record of 2:04.4 and was second as noted above in 2:02.4. For E. T. Docherty of Hackensack, N. J. he has Dallas Hanover, a trotting colt by His Excellency Toledo Hanover, a trotting filly by the same sire and Miss Paris Way, trotting filly by Bombs Away. For Mrs. John S. Crowl of Altadena, Cal., he has the trotting mare Dame Dee 2:04.4 and the pacer Caesar Tass 2:10.4. The A. L.

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Trout also suffer from the after-effects of fires or unmanaged cutting of woodlots. Erosion fills up what were once promising trout pools and the fish are forced to move out.

About ten years ago I knew a beautiful trout pool on the Black River. It was a deep hole that had been gouged out from under a bank that was kept from caving in by a matted lattice of roots that spread out from the heavy spruce trees that lined its banks. Trout up to 4 and 5 pounds in weight made this pool their headquarters here as it was near the head of the tide of this particular stream.

Ten years ago someone cut down the trees in the vicinity. It was a slap-happy job. The stream was left littered with tops and limbs but this wasn't the worst feature. Shade, a necessary item in respect to trout pools, was removed and the sun had a clear slant into this particular hole. As the summer advanced and the heat of the sun grew in intensity the water became so tepid that the trout moved out. In later years the lattice of tree roots rotted away and the bank caved in. What happened to this particular stretch of water is happening to scores of other streams and pools every year.

Water levels are also effected when the land is cleared of its forest growth and in many instances the health of a community is endangered. This crescent shaped province cannot afford to be denuded of its wooded areas beyond its present status in respect to its woodlots. Its only a relatively short run to the open sea and unless we have sufficient forested areas left the water from rains and melting snows will rush pell mell seaward and our greatest industry, agriculture, will suffer accordingly. It is high time that strict cutting regulations were instituted and enforced. Its no use to lock the stable after the horse is stolen.

It is encouraging to note the way our eastern brant have made a comeback. The number stopping off on their migration northward this spring is well above average. They are remarkably tame. A few days ago I stopped the car beside a bridge spanning a tidal estuary. Approximately 30 brant were feeding within ten yards of the car. When it stopped they began to swim off, fanning out in pairs with their feet making miniature boils in the water, like under surface feeding trout, but in no great hurry. Brant are beautiful birds. They ride so high and buoyant in the water, its a pleasing sight to watch.

As yet no broods of black ducks have been reported but I imagine there are some out. The earliest brood I have recorded seeing was on May 18th. After the 24th, fishermen should have news to report in respect to broods. Its amazing the number of black ducks present this spring. They are all potential breeding birds and it has been many springs since I saw so many black ducks in evidence. Here's hoping the hatch is good and we have a bumper crop this fall.



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