

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

An accident to Charlie Hum- the blacksmith who takes the shoeing of the S. A. Farm stable, was the cause of Joe O'Brien moving from the track with his 42-horse team of trotters and pacers to Santa Anita race track, where the Western harness horse meet- ing opened on March 14.

This track is one of the finest ovals in the United States, and it draws large audiences. The first start there was in the AA Trot, purse \$3,000; it was won by Victory Lynn, with Lumber Boy 2, and Bulch Hanover (J. O'Brien) 3; time — 2:10 1-5. The track was quite slow.

Charlie Humphrey was kicked by a colt and suffered a broken leg. He was taken to hospital for treatment, and it is expected that he will be able to return to work in a week's time. Another reason why Joe moved the big team of trotters and pacers was that having them at Santa Anita would save him the time and effort of driving back to the home farm track, some 125 miles away.

**PASTEST MILE**  
The fastest mile reported so far this season for a two-year-old pacer was stepped at Macon, Georgia, last week when the two-year-old pacer colt, Shadydale Gayson, was timed in 2:13 1-5.

The grandsire of his dam, Betty June, was sired by James R. Braden, p. 2:03 1/2. He is owned by Mr. Warren Dennis, Del. MacTavish, well-known driver from Lachute, Quebec, is training at DeLeon Springs, where he has a highly regarded two-year-old colt, Dares Direct. Another Quebec trainer, Maurice Michaud, had a pair of classy two-year-olds named "Vivid" and "Abbas Wick."

Mr. Baldrige, 2:06 2-5, that set a three-year-old record for a Canadian-bred trotter at Montreal last season of 2:06 2-5, is also training at DeLeon Springs. He is owned by Laurent Bourgeon, Montreal.

**GOOD TIME**  
Don Larlee, well-known Maritime driver, is training a stable of Aiken, South Carolina, and some of his two-year-olds have beaten 2:40, which is considered good time there. The Allwood stable, which is this year being trained by John Chapman, has been going around 2:35 with aged horses, and around 2:40 with trotters. The highest priced colt of last year, Ebby Hanover, has been training in the above notch. It was Ebby Hanover that Johnny Simpson bid \$59,000 for at Harrisburg sale last November, and Tommy Murphy bid \$60,000 and he was knocked down to the Allwood stable.

The annual Spring Speed Sale at Saratoga Raceway, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will be held on May 6 and 7. It will be handled by the Blooded Horse Sales Co. that have conducted successful sales in Delaware Ohio, for years.

**WELL PLEASED**  
George Woodside, a native of this province now residing in Fredericton, N. B., was very pleased when his extremely well-bred mare, Miss Abner T., dropped a filly sired by Parading Adios, 3:02 4-5. He is sired by Jean Scott, 1:57 1/2, and the dam is Jean Scott, by Main Scott, 3:08. Jean Scott was by Peter Scott, 2:15, sire of Scotland, 1:59 1/4.

Parading Adios took his record at Hamburg, New York, and it is still the track record for three-year-old pacers. Miss Abner T. is sired by Abner T. Clegg, 2:05, dam Sr. Vibrat's Margaret, by Sr. Vibrat.

Mr. Woodside went to considerable expense for this mating, leading Miss Abner T. for service to the Robinson Stock Farm of Albion, New York. Our correspondent, who so kindly gave us the above particulars, believes that the filly born to Miss Abner T. is the first of the Adios blood ever born in the Maritime provinces.

We looked up the career of Miss Abner T. and found that in 1956 she took a four-year-old record of 2:11 4-5 and was owned and raced by George E. Woodside, Fredericton, N.B. Her winnings were \$1,150, and she was the fastest Maritime-bred four-year-old pacer mare that season.

**CRACK DRIVER**  
Next to Joe O'Brien among the younger drivers who have reached the pinnacle of fame in the past decade, we would place Joe's friend, Del Cameron, who trains and races the horses owned by Joe's wife, New Bedford, Connecticut.

Del started his racing career as a 15-year-old, and caught the attention of the fans by winning with the pacing mare, Gay Dillon. In the intervening years, he has attained the distinction of being one of the top ten harness horsemen of all time, that have driven ten or more of the super-two-minute-speed champions. He is now training 29 trotters and pacers at Pinehurst, North Carolina, and among them are four horses with records better than two minutes — Newport All, 1:58, the joint champion three-year-old pacer of 1957, Jug Chief, 2:09 2-5, one of the great pacing stallions of the last few years; Newport Star, 1:59 3-5, that will be making his seventh campaign this year; and Newport Judy, 2:00. Our readers will remember that the pacing record for the Charlottetown track was made by Newport Chief, 1:59 3-5, on August 18, 1956, time 2:05. Newport Chief also won at Charlottetown in the first part of the 1957 Old Dominion Week program, but lost to Cameron in the second free-for-all race that same week.

for us and other during our stays there. Frank Adams had all the good qualities that go with a good citizen and a good sportsman.

**SAD NEWS**  
We have just learned of the death of Donald R. Turner of Dartmouth, N.S. Mr. Turner was born at Dartmouth on September 1, 1897, and early in life became interested in harness horses. During his career with the trotters and pacers, he showed ability to bring out the best in the horses that he campaigned.

In 1956, he astonished everyone with the transformation he made in the supposedly "no good" Far-scut, that he picked up at the Delaware, Ohio, fall sale of 1955 for the proverbial "song." In 1955 Far-scut had made eight starts and won \$9.37. In Don's hands,

in 1956, he turned over a new leaf and was the leading dash-winner in the Maritimes with 29 firsts, 11 seconds and 8 thirds, and winnings of \$4,102. That is just one instance where the skill, patience, and knowledge of how to handle horses was evidenced by our friend, the late Don Turner.

He was a careful and conscientious driver, ever ready to accord his opponents their fair share of the track, and his "know-know" of how to improve a trotter or pacer when asked for advice.

Don Turner will go down in the annals of Maritime racing as one of the best. To his relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy for the sudden and unexpected passing of a true friend and great horseman.

**HUNTER'S CORNER**  
**Trout Should Be In Good Condition By April 15th**  
March, with its chill breath and blustery winds, is on its last lap and smiling April is just around the corner. April is better known as the trout fisherman's month — the fifteenth is the day a long winter's dreaming becomes a reality and the legal date to wet a line.

This columnist is predicting a successful opening day on the fifteenth if the weather is at all favourable. Trout will be active and in better conditions. The rivers and brooks were open and full running practically all winter. With no frost in the ground, with the exception of a few inches on top on occasion, the worms, a food dear to a trout's heart, did not go deep under ground and numbers were washed into the streams during heavy rains of mid-winter. Naturally with food for the taking trout were active all season.

**DIFFERENT YEAR**  
Our previous winter was entirely different. Every pond, stream and river was sealed under a heavy coat of ice and snow. Water levels were low and the trout in a semi-dormant state from December until late April. I never remember trout being in such poor condition as they were on the opening day, 1957. They were sited as a horse with the heaves and more fit for the ash can than a frying pan. There were exceptions of course, but on the whole April trout last season were far below par in respect to table qualities. Its food that puts the flavour in trout and they have such a vast variety to choose from after Nature comes to life. To this columnist way of thinking trout do not begin to get their real trout flavour until May 1st. I am referring to fresh water trout naturally.

I note by a news item in the local Press there is a possibility that a number of our controlled ponds will be kept closed until July 1st for the benefit of tourists. I believe that one of our nationally known trout biologists made the suggestion in his report to the Department concerned. Since the write-up appeared in the Press there has been comment on the subject along the line that our trout biologists are contradicting themselves. One angler made this remark to the writer: "They tell you in one breath that it is impossible to fish a pond out with ordinary angling methods and in the next breath they say a pond can be fished out before July 1st."

Another remarked: "Authorities advocate a year 'round season on trout one year and the next advise keeping certain trout fishing areas closed until July 1st so as to save them for the Tourist trade. — just what goes?"

This columnist has no brief for an all year open season on trout nor never had. I think I made that point clear in my column. However, I can see the point in preserving a number of our trout ponds until July 1st for the benefit of tourists. I feel certain that the Biologist concerned did not wish to create the impression that

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Frank Adams will be missed and mourned by thousands of friends that he made in his journey through life. We can think back with pleasure on the warm welcome we would receive when we brought horses to race at Halifax, and the trouble he would take to make things comfortable

I am quite sure this was the incident that caused Dr. Smith to advance the suggestion quoted.

**DAM BUILDING**  
This columnist is a strong believer in dam building. They serve a four-fold purpose. They benefit the Angler, trapper, hunter and farmer. It is probably the farmer who benefits most of all. Apart from the sport angle such dams preserve moisture and maintain our water table without much Agriculture would cease to be an occupation.

Trout fishing is a major attraction for tourists and yet it has been woefully neglected. I say this without fear of contradiction. If I had the money that has floated down the drain with the Pheasant Program during the past three years I could build fifty dams. I don't mean pip squeak

dams one could toss a stone across but those that would flood twenty acres and better — dams that not only ourselves but future generations would enjoy and benefit therefrom. Suggestion to is reasonably sound from a tourist stand point but there is a snag in offering — Who is going to watch the ponds between April 15th and July 1st?

a pond could be 'fished out' by October 1st but meant rather that the cream could be skimmed — the trout cream I mean — from any specific pond or dam between April 15th and June 30th. A pond does not have to be fished out to put a crimp in the trout fishing. **WON'T BITE**

For an example: A Pond may contain two thousand fishable trout its peak population. With such a number there is strong competition for food. Remove half that number and the trout become finicky. A trout with a full stomach is not going to grab the way unless it is an old sockdologer in a cantankerous mood. This is no guess work. It was tried out at the Hatchery Pond, Southport. A week before the Pond was due to be drained it was thrown open to Public fishing. The first day scores of anglers lined its banks or fished from boats. If my memory serves me correctly the catch on the first day was in the vicinity of 600. All trout taken were measured and weighed.

After the third day the catch fell off sharply and the last two days the take was so small the Biologists were certain the pond was depleted. Many anglers never had a nibble for two days. There was a big surprise in store when the pond was drained — a surprise for anglers as well as biologists. It still held between 900 and 1,000 trout. The number left in the pond was about equal to the number taken out by angling.

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**Goyette To Get \$1,000**  
MONTREAL (CP) — Phil Goyette will get \$1,000 whether he wins the National Hockey League's rookie award or not. The slim little centre has co-starred with veteran Maurice

Richard in Montreal Canadiens' two wins over Detroit Red wings in their Stanley cup semi-final series. In the mid-season voting Phil was far back of Frank Mahovich of Toronto Maple Leafs and Bobby Hull of Chicago Black Hawks.

"We don't expect Phil to win the official award," said Canadian Managing Director Frank Selke. "The first-half voting for Mahovich and Hull was so heavy Phil could scarcely overcome it. "But our club believes he is the best rookie in the league today, and, just as we did when Henri Richard was nosed out of the rookie award two years ago by Glenn Hall, we intend to give Phil \$1,000 from the club, which is what he would get from the league if he were winner.

**CAPE OFFICIAL DIES**  
CAPETOWN (AP)—P. J. Olivier, administrator of Cape province, collapsed and died at his Capetown home Thursday while acting as host to Prime Minister Strijdom. He was 58. Olivier had been absent from his office since Feb. 8, when he had a heart attack.

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