



# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year card from George A. Calbeck, Summerside, has a photo on it of George holding the beautiful young mare Watch Shirley Ann. She of course is by Watchim 2:06, whose performance on the Charlottetown track have been watched by thousands of Islanders. Although it is years since Watchim has been retired from the turf he still holds six track records and it looks as though they may possibly remain on the books for a very long time. They are: Chatham, N.B., 2:08 1/2, made July 1, 1944; St. Stephen, N.B., 2:06 3/4, made August 25, 1944; Bridgewater, N.S., 2:07, made October 3, 1941; Sydney, N.S., 2:09 4/5, made Sept. 26, 1945; Truro, N.S., 2:09, made Sept. 13, 1944; Charlottetown, P.E.I., 2:07 1/2, made Aug. 17, 1945. Watchim was driven in all the above miles by Billy Hood.

Among the other Christmas cards received was a photo of June Bee 2:06 with Rennie MacDonald of Cape Breton, who gave her her record in the sulky. Rennie is now in Ontario. There again our good friend Rankin McLaine sends one showing him holding Pet Hanover, with his little bulldog Timmie sitting on Pet's back. Rankin signs the card "Pet Hanover." And Harry Hirsch of Sydney sent one of Cornwall with driver George Mauger in the sulky. We hope to reproduce it in our Review.

### REGISTRATIONS

Registrations have been coming in quite lively and among others we sent away an application for Gracious Girl, owned by John J. Ryan, Peake's Station. Her sire is Jim Reed of Missouri, (better known as George Washington), and the dam is Gracious Lady by Protector 1:59 1/2. For John E. Peters, New Glasgow, P.E.I., Silver Conto, a 5-year-old mare by Ill Conto 2:13, dam by Bellini Scott 2:09 1/2. For Wilbert Dickie, Cape Traverse, P.E.I., Coronation Lass, a 3-year-old chestnut mare by Jolilly 2:05 1/4, dam, Alla's Guy by Clover Guy.

For Clarence Woolridge, Covehead, P.E.I., Rhodola Hal, a weanling by True Hal 2:06, dam, Rhodola D. 2:09 1/2 by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1/2. For Elmer Smith, Emerald, P.E.I., Miss Lady Clegg, a weanling filly by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1/2, dam, Little Aubrey by Kalmuck. For Alton Carr, Harrington, P.E.I., a 2-year-old bay gelding, Stormy C, by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1/2, dam, LaCopia Lass by Watson Peter. She was bred by Roy MacMillan, O'Leary.

For Harry Green, Morell, P.E.I., Captain Cash, a yearling black horse by Real Money 2:09, dam,

Polly by Colonel Aubrey 2:07 1/2. For L.M. Howard, Cornwall, P.E.I., Lady Budlong a weanling bay mare by Calumet Budlong 2:02 1/4, dam, Margaret G. Frisco by Peter Frisco, grandam, Margaret Grat-tan 2:15 1/4 by Gratton Royal 2:06 1/4, and for George G. Fraser, Dartmouth, N.S., a 5-year-old dark bay mare, Sadie Harvester, bred by Wilfred McQuillen, Peters Road. She is by Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1/4 and her dam is by Orola.

For Omer Neill, Milton Station, Gail Spruce, a chestnut mare by King Spruce, dam, Ola Axworthy by Bud Axworthy, and for Stanley Mayhew, Kinkora, the following: Sonny Brown, a 3-year-old bay gelding by Jolilly, dam, Queenie Axworthy by Captain Aubrey, Jolilly Zip, a 4-year-old chestnut gelding by Jolilly, dam, Le a Aubrey by Colonel Aubrey, Jolilly's Luck, a 3-year-old chestnut mare by Jolilly, dam, Morey Guy by Clover Guy and Climax Abbe, a 3-year-old chestnut gelding by Abbe Worthy, dam, Kate Direct by Frisco Direct.

All the speculation as to what the stallion Good Time 17 4-5 would bring was settled at Tatter-salls fall sale of breeding and racing stock held at Lexington, Ky. where 248 head sold for a total of \$387,000, an average of \$1,556. The second highest price ever paid for a Standardbred at auction was realized when Good Time, feature of the W.H. Cane dispersal, brought a final bid of \$120,000 from Charles Hill of the Hill Distributing Company of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Hill races an extensive stable and is also president of Hillards Raceway.

He was owner for only a matter of hours as the terms of the lease agreement between the late Mr. Cane and Castleton Farm permitted that farm to match any offer in the event that the horse was sold for any reason during the term of the lease. The following day Castleton Farm exercised its option so that the champion is now its property. He will be standing at a fee of \$15,000 and his book is full for 1957. During his racing career he won over \$318,000 and is second in the all time list only to Pronto Don. He is the sire of the world's record holding 2-year-old pacing filly Good Counsel 1:58 1-5.

A very good friend of this column has sent us a clipping from the New York Times. "One of the greatest guys left us Saturday night, Fred P. Duffy, Executive Manager of the Hotel St. Moritz. Made us all cry when he suddenly got very tired and went to sleep. Every staffer and permanent tenant at the St. Moritz mourns."

The writer became well acquainted with Mr. Duffy during the time we were secretary-treasurer of the Charlottetown Hotel, Ltd. and Fred was the head waiter. Everyone thought the world of him and it was freely predicted when he left to take a position in New York that he would become one of the top hotel men there and that prediction was justified. Hundreds of friends in this province will sympathize with his wife and family in the loss of a very kind husband and father.

As this column appears just prior to Christmas we would like to wish all our readers and horsemen friends throughout the Maritimes and elsewhere a very Happy Christmas.

### THE VOTE

A despatch from Jim Harrison publicity director of the U.S.T.A., Columbus, Ohio, has the following: For the second straight year Saul Camp's great trotter Scott Frost has been named Harness Horse of the Year, the U.S. Trotting Association announced recently. The Shafter, Cal. 4-year-old polled 60 first place votes from a panel of 95 turf writers and rolled up 783 points on a 10-7-5-3-1 basis. Scott Frost drew exactly five times as many first place votes as runnerup Adios Harry and almost doubled the aged pacing star's point total of 417. It marked the first time that a horse has repeated in successive years since the poll was established in 1947. The pacer G o o d Time is the only other double winner but there was a four-year spread (1949-1953) between his first and second ayards.

The 2-year-old pacing sensation Torpid, finished third in the poll with 11 first place votes and 322 points. The aged pacing mare Dottie's Pick and the 2-year-old pacing filly Good Counsel finished fourth and fifth each collecting three first place nods and 287 and 222 points respectively. Handing the aged competition as easily this year as he did the 3-year-old opposition in 1955, Scott Frost carried little Joe O'Brien to victory in 18 of his 21 starts and was second the other three times.

The son of Hoot Mon-Nora dropped his first two decisions of the year to Galophone and then ran off a string of 17 straight wins before bowing to Jean Laird in 1:59 1-5 in the second heat of the \$75,000 American Trotting Classic at Hollywood Park. A week later, Scott Frost came off that defeat to humble Jean Laird in track record time of 1:58 3-5 and seal up Harness Horse of the Year honors. The champion earned \$85,851 this year and his lifetime bankroll stands at \$365,685, within hailing distance of the all-time mark of \$332,363, registered by the now-retired Pronto Don. Scott Frost's racing debut was delayed this year because Camp elected to stand him for a brief stud season in February and March during which he was bred to 13 mares. That practice will not be followed in 1957 and Scott Frost will be prepared for an early debut at the Santa Anita meeting in April.

### IN THE MONEY

William R. (Billy Haughton) of Brookville, N.Y., still considered a harness racing "youngster" at 33, continued to dominate the sport's race and money winning departments in 1956. Haughton won the money title for the fifth consecutive year and the race winning crown for the fourth straight time, according to figures announced by The U.S. Trotting Association. The former farm hand's 1956 earnings were \$572,945 and he won 167 heats. The totals in both instances were slightly above his own record-breaking pace of 1955 when he banked \$599,445 and won 168 races. Haughton won the money title comfortably but his 167 wins barely withstood the late challenge of Stanley Dancer, New Egypt, N.J., who wound up with 163 victories.

Runner-up among the money winners was John F. Simpson of Maitland, Fla., who earned \$455,301. Two other drivers topped the \$400,000 mark, Dancer with \$425,161 and Joe O'Brien, Shafter, Cal., with \$422,618. It was the first time

that more than two drivers had earned in excess of \$400,000 in a single year. In the race-winning column, William D. (Bud) Gilmour of Ridgeway, Ontario, was third with 139 wins, 24 more than he had in 1955 when he finished in the same place. Joe Lighthill, Troy, O., was fourth with 121 and Louis Rapone, Caledonia, N.Y., fifth with 116. Haughton campaigned principally at the metropolitan New York raceways, Yonkers and Roosevelt, but also made side excursions to tracks in all other parts of the country. His principal money winners were the 3-year-old pacers Bachelor Hanover and Belle Acton who collected \$80,375 and \$75,495 respectively and the aged pacer Duane Hanover who banked \$78,663. There was only one change in the ranks of the top ten money winners. Eddie Cobb of Washington, C.H., O. jumped from 25th to 7th with earnings of \$241,851 replacing Clint Hodgins.

And here's a list of the leading money winning drivers and race winning drivers:

Leading Money-Winning Drivers (\$125,000 Or More)			
Rank	Name	Age	Residence
1	William R. Haughton	33	Brookville, N.P.
2	John F. Simpson	36	Maitland, Fla.
3	Stanley F. Dancer	29	New Egypt, N.J.
4	Joseph C. O'Brien	39	Shafter, Calif.
5	Delvin G. Miller	43	Meadow Lands, Pa.
6	Hugh A. Bell	54	Winter Park, Fla.
7	Edward Cobb	36	Washington C.H., O.
8	William M. Myer	40	Harrington, Del.
9	James W. Jordan	51	Orlando, Fla.
10	Franklin E. Safford	47	Southern Pines, N.C.
11	Clint Hodgins	49	Glendebury, Ont.
12	Luther H. Lyons	37	Cranewood, Del.
13	James H. Cruise	39	Mid. Vernon, O.
14	William D. Gilmour	24	Ridgeway, Ont.
15	William Robert Walker	52	Orlando, Fla.
16	Walter Sanders Russell	56	Stevenson, Ala.
17	Thurman Wayne Smart	52	Delaware, O.
18	William T. Hudson	41	Pompano Beach, Fla.
19	Howard F. Beissinger	33	Hamilton, O.
20	Frank Ervin	52	Pompano Beach, Fla.
21	Earle B. Avery	62	Pinehurst, N.C.
22	Ralph N. Baldwin	40	Longwood, Fla.
23	Joseph F. Lighthill	28	Troy, O.
24	Thomas Winn	53	Northville, Mich.

## Ted Schroeder Warns Aussies Seixas And Flam To Be Faced

By WILL GRIMSLEY  
ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—Former Davis Cup star Ted Schroeder returned to familiar stamping grounds Thursday and warned Australians that Herbie Flam and not Vic Seixas was the American most to be feared in next week's challenge round. "Everybody is talking about Seixas having the best chance of scoring points for the United States," said the onetime U.S. player. "I consider Flam America's No. 1 man. "Herbie is the most underrated player in tennis. He has an unorthodox game which bothers most topflight players and he never quits swinging." Schroeder came here to do a radio commentary on the matches as he has done for several years. He also writes a newspaper col-

## Art Aragon Is Suspended

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—State boxing commissioner H. B. Morgan slapped an indefinite suspension Thursday on third-ranked welterweight Art Aragon for trying to fix a fight in San Antonio, Tex.

Richard Goldstein, boxing buddy of Aragon from Los Angeles, drew a 30-day suspension. Under National Boxing Association rules, both fighters are automatically suspended in all states except New York.

"It's another case of a big-time fighter not wanting to take a chance of being whipped by a little-time fighter," Morgan told reporters. Goldstein testified at an investigation in San Antonio that he was offered \$500 and threatened with death if he didn't take a "dive"—fake losing the fight—in the third round. Aragon denied any deal with Goldstein. Morgan's stiff punishment came following a grand jury investigation and lie detector tests taken voluntarily by both fighters.

## Hungarian Soccer Team Will Not Return Home

GENEVA (AP)—The 16 players and the trainer of Hungary's national junior soccer team announced Monday they will not return to Hungary. Most of the players are under 20. They have been on a tour in Switzerland for several weeks, and were here when the Hungarian uprising was crushed by the Russians.

Ten of the players have obtained playing contracts with professional soccer teams in England, Germany, Belgium or Austria. The others and the trainer, M. Vincze, have decided to remain permanently in Geneva.

### EISENHOWER SPEAKS

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower will press a button at nightfall tonight to light the 67-foot national community Christmas tree. Signaling the beginning of the Yule observance, Eisenhower also will speak briefly at 6:15 p.m. AST over CBS radio and ABC radio and television.

The biggest upset in tennis history," he said.

The first two singles matches are scheduled for next Wednesday with the doubles Thursday and the final singles Friday. The draw is scheduled for Christmas Day.

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