

Back Stretch

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It would be very difficult to secure sufficient land to convert their tracks into three-quarter milers.

Earle Avery, well known Maritime reinsman from Woodstock, N.B., who has spent the past few years racing in the United States, particularly at Roosevelt and Yonkers, plans on having one of the top stables this year. He was fortunate in making connection with the Woolworth Bros. of Winthrop, Maine, who last week purchased the four-year-old pacer Knight Star 202 2/5 from Gray Bros. of East Providence, R.I. for \$16,000. As a two-year-old he took a record of 2:04 1/5 over a half-mile track and was a winner of the opening and in the Fox Stake at Indianapolis, Ind. Knight Star should take a record better than 2:00 this season on a mile oval. Winthrop Bros. are building up a very powerful stable and their horses, with those owned by C. T. Black of Berryville, Pa., and others, should

place Earl well up in the money winning column of 1954.

We had a phone call last evening from a horseman friend who wished to know if Jerry's Nightmare had paced the fastest mile ever paced by a three-year-old in the Maritimes at Charlottetown Aug. 4th, 1953—2:09. Looking through our Year Books we find that on September 17, 1936, Volrida 3, by Volomite, won the Three Year Old Pace at Fredericton, N. B. in 2:08 1/2. She was driven by Henry Clukey and was owned by Sullivan & Mawhinney, Machias, Me. That same afternoon the Free For All Trot was won by Heatherbell in straight heats, owned and driven by the writer. Time, 2:06, 2:08 1/2, 2:09. Johnny Conroy won the 2:25 pace with Baronette with 3-1-1. Killarney, 1-4-3. Time: 2:08 1/2, 2:08 1/2, 2:10. He was owned by that very fine sportsman, the late Hedley T. Fulton, Upper Stewiacke, N. S.

The following day the 2:14 pace was won by Signal Senator with 1-1-2, Dolly Azoff, 3-9-1. Time:

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led States Trotting Association was held at Orange Court Hotel, Orlando, Florida, March 1st and 2nd. All but two of the directors were present, including Messrs. F. C. McCreary, Henry DeWitt and the writer for the Maritimes. The statements for 1953 were read and showed the Association in its strongest position since its inception. There were more horses raced, more money raced for and more tracks in operation than ever before. The president and other officers were re-elected. President L.B. Sheppard spoke briefly and in his remarks stated that he was pleased to see that in the recent Morland investigation of race tracks in New York by Governor Dewey's Commission not one single instance of wrong-doing was found in connection with the harness horse racing, the drivers or owners.

The extremely well-bred pacing mare Jean Henley 2:08 1/2, whose sire and dam both had records better than 2:03, has a filly foaled by Josephale Hooser 2:06 1/4. The proud owner is Sam Kennedy, well known horseman and haberdasher of this city.

When spring rolls around and the horses start to work out we are confident that there is a pacer owned by Hon. Douglas MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works, that will receive a lot of attention from the fans. He is Colonel Budlong. The Colonel was on the trot last year and showed a lot of speed but would jump. At his new gait we look to see him take a record better than 2:15 this year and that belief is shared by his trainer, Alfred Lowery of Montague.

Our readers will notice that Harold P. Cudmore, Brackley, is placing his splendidly bred stallion, America's Bud, in service at the farm of Roy MacMillan, West Point, P.E.I. He admired this horse very much and regretted that an accident prevented his racing as we are confident that he would have taken a very low record. His sire, Calumet Budlong's performances are well known and he is the sire of one 2:00 pacer and also the sire of many of the best performers in the Maritimes and U.S. today. Miss America's sire, Abbedale 2:01 1/4, has probably been the greatest sire of pacers that have been racing in the past ten years, and so there is every reason to expect that America's Bud will beget worthy performers.

Cmdr. George H. Buntain, secretary-treasurer of the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association, writes from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he and Mrs. Buntain are vacationing. "We are enjoying our visit to Florida and in conversation with people here I heard there was a trotting track nearby. Yesterday morning I started looking for it and out in the wilds I came across it and much to my surprise when I drove in, there were all the Castleton Farm horses. This morning I drove out again early to see them work out and had a chat with Curly Smart, who is in charge. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Van Lennep, arrived a bit later. The site is an old running track discarded since 1922. It was taken over last fall by Castleton and in five weeks stables for 40 horses, and a beautiful building for sleeping quarters for the caretakers had been built, trees taken out of the mile track, the ground levelled off and now it is a going concern. They have a lot of land and plan to build another five-eighth mile track with grand stand, etc., and have races in the early spring. I must say that Castleton when they start, do things in a big way. I enclose a list of their horses that are training here but they are not beating 3:00 to date....

The horses are: Insured 2:05, Thunderation 2:03 1/5, Dutch Dandy 2:00 3/5, Earl's Song 2:00, Paul Braden 2:04 2/5, Isola's Ensign 2:02 4/5, Tulane Hanover 2:15, Earl's Ensign 2:06 1/5. The rest are two and three-year-olds: Worthy Choice, Fire Fighter, Rosa Knight (full sister to Knight's Dream), Lord Victory, Miss Glamour, Judy Jewell, Queen's Adios, Smart's Choice, Sweet Folf, Fleet Worthy, Word of Hanover, Thunder On, Victory Flint, Viva America, Abbe's Ensign, Navy Command, Cutty Sark, Tower Light, Mary Frost, Lady Janice, Scotland Worthy, Handoms Perk, Sweet Talk, My Scotch Bell, Hoot Suite, and Mist of Scotland.

The annual meeting of the Uni-

Hunters' Corner

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Chukkar was shot in mistake last fall in a district west of Summerside. This bird was reported at the time but the information was kept confidential until recently.

The covey of 7 or 8 birds at Orwell was practically wiped out a few days after the season on Huns and pheasants opened on October 10th. They were standing in a tight cluster on a little knoll on the east side of the Sensee Road and an easy gunshot from the highway. A farmer pulling man-dogs saw the performance. A prowling car stopped, opposite the birds and two tall men got out and ripped into them with shotgun blasts. Two members of the covey escaped and flew into some shrub bush along the shore.

The men walked over and picked up the kill. Both stood for a few seconds examining the birds they held in hand but when the farmer started to walk across the field they rushed to the car and pulled out in a cloud of dust. The pair of Chukkar that survived the blast wintered safely. The same farmer has 20 of the Sydney Chukkar in a building near the house and this pair have been hanging around the orchard and chit-chatting with their penned relations. Chukkar can easily be mistaken

for Huns on the covey rise. Like the Huns they are swift as bullets on wing and only split seconds are allowed for identification. The most conscientious sportsman could make a mistake when the birds are airborne but in any case he wouldn't make a killing... maybe one bird but more likely a clean miss. There was no justification for the infraction just described. Shooting into coveys on the ground is not considered good sportsmanship. If a man has a large family and wants meat for the pot, that's a horse of another colour. I'm speaking now of Huns... not Chukkar.

A close-up shows that Huns and Chukkar partridge are different as daylight from dark. They are considerably larger than Huns... between a Hun and a Ruffed grouse... and are beautifully coloured. They have bright red feet and beaks, red on head and sides with prominent black markings down the sides of the neck. When running on the ground they hold themselves perpendicular and weave in and out. They are natural Square Dancers. I'm afraid those two buccos would have their own trouble trying to persuade me that they mistook that covey for Huns if I happened along at the time. I'd have been just as liberal with them as they were with the Chukkar.

Chukkar show a preference for scrub and it is quite probable there are a lot more of them on the

rounds than the coveys known to exist. For instance last fall farmers living at Morell, Gladstone and Fortune reported coveys of strange birds on their land. They insisted they were neither Huns nor pheasants. A covey of pheasants that are only half grown in late September could be mistaken for something else.

Local sportsmen are expending considerable time and energy in their efforts to improve our upland game bird hunting and deserve co-operation by all concerned to the fullest extent. Chukkar partridge are gamey birds, swift of wing, and rank with the Hungarian partridge when it comes to outwitting hunters. Furthermore they pack more meat on their frames than do the Huns and it is also of a highly edible quality. I am of the opinion that once they obtain a foothold they'll be able to look after themselves. Any species of game bird that has to depend upon the hunter's for-

bearance and generosity for survival will never reach 1st base. The sole reason that Huns and pheasants have withstood heavy hunting pressure and increased both in numbers and territory is because they can hang the 'Indian sign' on the average hunter.

A hunting dog has to be above average to cope with those elusive birds satisfactorily. There are very few A plus dogs on the rounds. The average are hard pressed to Grade B. Adverse winter conditions and cold, wet breeding seasons are two factors that worry the birds more than do the hunters. Hungarian partridge are beginning to pair off. The coveys wintered well and are more numerous than was generally supposed during the open season. Huns continue to astound both hunters and farmers when, after the hunting season closes, full strength coveys emerge from seemingly nowhere. More power to them.

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