

Back Stretch

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a recent trip to Saint John on business and found that the colt was being hand fed by none other than Mrs. Stiles. She says he is cute and they need not have any worry about naming him and his name is "He's Mine." The above may be helpful to other breeders in the Maritimes and we are grateful to Mr. Stiles for giving us the story and hoping that He's Mine will bring great pleasure to both he and Mrs. Stiles.

Enclosed also were some particulars of the Woodstock, N.B. track plans where racing starts the first week of June and continues through their regular Old Home Week, the dates this year being July 29 to August 3. A starting gate will be used for training the young stock and stables wishing to ship in should get in touch with A.L. Lelley, Manager, P.O. Box 511, Woodstock, N.B.

Johnny Doyle of Tignish, has sold his 4-year-old pacer Nellie Bangs by Jollity 2:05 1/4 to the writer of this column. She made a few starts last year and showed considerable speed in the get-away and had a summary in the Three Year Old Futurity of 2 - 3 - 6. She is a nice little chestnut and from what we have seen of her we like her very much.

Twenty-four years ago on an August afternoon in 1933 Allan J. Wilson of Boston, Mass., formerly of Cardigan P.E.I. and his associates rang down the curtain on a successful Grand Circuit meeting at Rockingham Park, N.H. Now it is expected that racing will return to Rockingham Park at the conclusion of the Foxboro meeting which runs 64 nights to August 29th. The addition of forty extra nights at Rockingham would keep the horses in the Eastern States and would bring additional stables of importance from outside points.

Last fall Sol Camp consigned Mac Primrose 1:58 1/4 to the Harborside Sales. Buyers were a little leery of him as he had been troubled with lameness. Now he is considered the bargain horse of 1957 because of a brilliant performance in winning the inaugural feature, a \$8,900 stake at Hollywood Park, Calif. in 2:05 4/5. His owner is Laurent Bourgon of Montreal. He went to the gate at \$9.00 and owner Bourgon is said to have made the price of him that afternoon.

Among the top drivers over half mile tracks in the United States is Billy Haughton and Stanley Dancer. They had quite a battle last year for honors and this year they are starting in where they left off. Haughton won the first race of the new season at Yonkers with King Volo, a smart 3-year-old colt by Poplar Volo 2:03 2/5, time 2:08. Dancer then won the second race with the trotter Citan, giving him a new mark of 2:07 1/5. Haughton repeated with a win in the third dash with Ask Walnut and Dancer came back to win the night's trot feature with the 4-year-old Magnus Hanover in 2:07. For the early opening and the cool conditions the times were considered excellent.

One of the most successful breeders of silver fox when it was king and of mink which now holds that position, is George A. Callbeck of Summerside, P.E.I. George also made a success of breeding harness horses and the reason for that goes back a long time, to an afternoon that the writer well remembers, in Madison Square Garden, N.Y. when the stallion Captain Aubrey 2:07 1/4 was put up for sale and was purchased by the Hon. John A. Richards of Bideford P.E.I. That same afternoon Helena Constantine 2:18 1/4, one of the brood mares of the King Hill Stock Farm where Captain Aubrey had stood, was also sold and bought by Hedy T. Fulton, Upper Stewiacke, N.S.

She produced Peter Pokey 2:06 and several others with records better than 2:10 and also Lady Helena passed into the hands of Ray Lidstone, Freetown, P.E.I.

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and he bred her to Clover Guy 2:07 1/4, owned by the late Captain John L. Read. The result was Guy Ann, that was purchased by George A. Callbeck and was given a record of 2:11 1/4 in 1933. Bred to Abner T. Clegg she produced Ann Clegg 2:06 1-5 and bred to Calumet Budlong she produced Ann's Dream 2:06 4-5 and Ann's Boy 2:10 3-5.

Realizing that a good trotting sire would be of great benefit to this province George made arrangements a few seasons ago with Alderman Frank Adams to have Watchim 2:06 locate at his farm. Our readers will remember the remarkable campaigns made in the Maritimes by this handsome trotter, who never made a mistake and still holds the track record at five Maritime tracks including Charlottetown. With limited service as a stallion he is the sire of three in 2:05 or better including Brown Bow 2:03, and ten in 2:10. He is by the world's greatest sire, Volomite 3, 2:03 1/4 and his dam was the noted mare Cita Worthy. At present he is Canada's leading sire of 2:05 and 2:10 trotters.

Just recently George made arrangements with Cyril Dauphinee of Halifax to have the brown stallion Ableway 3, 2:09 4-5 stand at the Ann Stables, Summerside. This horse was bred at Gainesway Farm, Lexington, Kentucky. His sire is King's Counsel 1:58, leading sire in America in 1956, and the sire of three in 2:00 and 52 in 2:05 including Solicitor 3, 1:57 2-5. Ableway's dam was the noted race mare Edna Brewer 4, 2:06 dam of five in 2:05, 11 in 2:10. Her dam was Margaret Spangler 3:02 1/4, winner of the \$75,000 Kalamazoo Derby and one of the great race mares of her era. She is the dam of three in 2:00 and five in 2:05.

Pages could be written about the antecedents of this stallion but the above will give breeders an idea of the perfection of his blood lines. Prince Edward Island has been well named—and I believe it was the writer who did name it—the Kentucky of Canada, and our farmer friends deserve a great deal of praise for the fact that they have continued to breed through the years racing a stock that has made its mark on every track in the Maritimes and farther afield. This season a man well acquainted with the situation states that there will be between 100 and 150 foals born in the Garden of the Gulf and a few years later they will be making harness racing history.

During the annual meeting of District 11 held in the Brunswick Hotel in February, members presented a proposal of having a school for track officials. Don R. Millar, Executive Vice President of the U.S. Trotting Association, made the promise that such a school would be held early this Spring. In line with that commitment he has now set up an official school for the Maritimes and it will be held at the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, N.B. on Saturday May 4th at 10:00 a.m.

All licensed officials in the Maritimes and all track managers are being asked to be present and feel sure that those who can will be there. It is an excellent opportunity to get an explanation of knotty points in the rules from a man who understands them thoroughly. Due credit must be given to Mr. Millar for the interest he has taken in Maritime racing. This will be his second flying trip to the Maritimes from far away Columbus, Ohio, in three months and he must be a man of strong constitution to stand the travelling he does, yet he always seems fresh and in the best of humor.

That good pacer Ann's Dream 2:06 4-5 has been purchased from the estate of the late J.C. Curran by Willard MacDonald of Summerside. We hope Willard will have the best of luck with her as he is one of our best supporters of harness racing.

WATCHIM - 2:06
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VOLOMITE 3-2:03 1/4
Sire of 33 in 2:00
Sire of 211 in 2:05
MARGARET SPANGLER 2:02 1/4
Dam of 3 in 2:00
Dam of 5 in 2:05
PETER THE BREWER 4 2:02 1/4
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