

Back Stretch

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Fitzpatrick, splashed to a head victory over Red O'Brien with Good Time a half length back. Prince Jay and Mighty Sun taking the next two places. Final figures show that 302,650 fans attended the 40 day meeting, an increase of nearly 12 per cent over 1950 despite the deluge on the closing day. The total mutuel handle was \$17,487,000, an increase of nearly 30 per cent over 1950. The 70-year-old El Shively, the man who drove Rodney and other greats to their records, won the driving title on percentage. Joe O'Brien won the most dashes—18—Benny Schue won the most money—\$48,981, with \$43,240 of it won by horses from Hayes Acre Stable. Dannie Boy, Dal Yum and Prince Adios each won five races. Pronto Don (Schue) set a new track trotting record for the mile of 1:59 3/5.

Figures from Yonkers Raceway reveal that during the 1951 season there were nine new track marks made for age, sex and gait. The track pacing mark of 2:03 was twice lowered by White Mountain Boy and then by Good Time to 2:02 2/5 but the trotting figure of 2:02 2/5 made by Martha Doyle stood. (Martha was driven to her record by Joe O'Brien and Lawrence Sheppard of Hanover Shoe Farms and Del Miller, were first to apply for bookings to the new stud, Demon Hanover. Demon is a product of Hanover Shoe Farms - - - Franklyn Stafford has taken the pacer Wayzoff 2:03 2/5 to Pine Ridge for winter training. He is by Royal Napoleon 2:00 3/4 and his dam is Jane Azzoff 1:59 1/2. The chestnut pacer broke down in the Nassau two-mile pace after showing fine form at Yonkers early in the summer.

Good Time, the pony pacer, has moved into second place in money earnings for harness horses. His total is now \$208,000. Goldsmith Maid, that raced in the 1860's and 1870's, is in third place with \$206,000, and topping them all is the trotting mare Proximity with a bankroll of \$253,000.

The Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association has announced two important colt stakes to be raced Old Home Week, August 11th to 16th, 1952. N. 1 is a Two Year Old Trot and Pace, conditioned, purse \$1200, two dashes, to be raced August 12th. No. 2 is a Three Year Old Trot and Pace conditioned, purse \$1200, to be raced August 11th to 16th. Both will consist of two dashes of one mile each. Horses must be Canadian owned and stable in Canada on or before January 15th, 1952, and trained in Canada after closing date.

Colonel Jim Calkin has very

kindly sent us the following - - - During Earle Avery's recent visit to Woodstock we were fortunate to get the Grand Circuit Trainer-Driver alone for half an hour and obtain a few facts interesting to us all. Earle will again train in Florida and expects to have south the following: for the account of Pleasanton Farms of C. T. Black, Berryville, Virginia, his leading patron—Major Hal 2:01 2/5, Jean Chief 2:05 4/5, Betty French 2:08 2/5, Sally Fingo 2, 2:08 1/5 and the two-year-olds, Watchim's Daughter, Bonnie Fingo, Jane Fingo and Hasty Fingo. For David Blair of Deal, N. J., Earle will have a 2-year-old of Dominion Grattan. His yearlings will comprise the following: for Simson Bros. of Bridgewater, Me., he will have Hans Hanover by Ensign Hanover; for Mr. Black's account he will have Victory Mon by Foot Mon; for Mrs. Black, Bert Fingo; for C. W. Knibb of Providence, R. I., the filly Buea Hanover by Dean Hanover; also for Mr. Black, the yearling, Watchim's Ollie.

For Earle's own account Uhlehn Fingo, whose mother and grandmother Earle campaigned so successfully a few years ago—they were sisters to Uhl Abbe 2:08 4/5 and Miss Uhlehn Volo, who fans will remember on our circuit. For the joint account of Earle and H. M. Fry of New York, he has that sensational trotter of last winter's training colony, Foz, Rosecroft. This horse is one of the best trotters Earle has ever handled and he and Mr. Fry refused several tempting offers for him and as is so often the case under these circumstances, the horse went lame; fortunately it was not of a permanent nature and he is now reported sound and ready to train. With no further misfortune we will hear more of this one a few months from now.

It certainly is gratifying to his many friends to see his marked ability recognized by so many prominent owners. We all knew that Earle could handle a horse to perfection and go a short mile but this recognition of his colt training ability is a direct result of his outstanding successes with the get of Pleasanton Farms and others that he took green, broke, trained and drove to records better than 2:10. May 1952 he was another good year for this native New Brunswicker - - - Like many others here we would really enjoy having a visit from Earle but we know that it is not possible with the many activities he now has. However, his name stands prominently on the record books at Charlottetown for having driven the fastest mile ever paced over that track—2:05 1/2—with Bud Wenger, August 20th, 1936.

And here's another letter from Thane Belyea, Fredericton, N.B. - - - George Woodside brought Linda W. by Playdale 2:04 1/2 and her yearling colt by Jollity 2:05 1/4, from the Island this

Minor League Hockey Program Begins Tonight

Jack Dempsey Plans Talent Tournament

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 — (AP)—Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight boxing champion, said today he is launching an international new talent heavyweight elimination tournament. His associates in the venture will be Nat Rogers, Andy Neiderreiter and Max Waxman. Co-operating with promoters in various American and European cities, the Dempsey outfit plans to stage annual heavyweight boxing tournaments for heavyweights who never have fought professionally. The winner in each city will receive \$1,000 and the runner up \$500. Rogers is a former matchmaker in Madison Square Garden, Neiderreiter was the matchmaker for the Tournament of Champion Organization which functioned in New York several years ago and Waxman is a longtime friend of Dempsey's.

Details Of Grand Champion Capons

Details of the breeding of the twelve grade special capons which won the Grand Champion award at the Royal Winter Fair for Dingwell MacLeod of Vernon, were given yesterday by F. M. Nash, District Inspector, Poultry Products. The winning chicks were purchased from the Government Approved hatchery operated by Dillon and Spillert, Charlottetown, P.E.I. from eggs supplied by Ivan Dawson, Bedeque. They were the progeny of a Barred Rock, New Hampshire cross, the parents on both sides being the product of R.O.P. breeding. The breeding pen of New Hampshire Red females which produced these chicks were R.O.P. stock produced by Lloyd Burns.

week. Linda W. is out of the dam of Tyndall Sempie 2:15 1/5. The colt is called Full Boot. Henry Bishop of Fredericton has purchased Cash 2:14 4/5 from Lloyd McKinney, Gagetown, and Lloyd has bought Bonus Abbe by Bert Abbe 1:59 1/2, at the Lewiston sale. Buddy's Best, a three-year-old full brother to Sandy Budlong 2:14, arrived from Prince Edward Island last Thursday. This makes three full brothers owned in Fredericton. Sandy and Buddy's Best, owned by John D. Forbes and a yearling full brother named Donald B., owned by Sgt. Clowes Bishop, Dr. J. T. Akins is the proud owner of a very promising yearling by Federal, dam, Leah Guy 2:07 1/4. It was bred by Leonard Barrieau, Lakeburn. Among the sales recently made is the pacer Jeff Budlong by Calumet Budlong 2:02 3/4 dam, Charlotte B. 2:09 1/4, by William A. Clarke to G. W. Perry of Upper Kent. N. B. Mr. Clarke retains Alpine Hanover and Bowden Square. Among the horses being stabled at the Fredericton track is Charming Guy and Miracle Bill, both owned by Fred Clarke. A trade this week was Golden Starlight, owned by Frank Pineau, for Silver Hanover, owned by Gordon Graham of Perth. N. B. Silver Hanover is the sire of Cadric Hanover 2:15. Although he has had several chances to sell his pacer O. Volo 2:10 1/2 to parties for ice racing, Herb Chase refuses to part with him. No doubt if he was raced on ice he would buzz over it pretty well. - - - Thanks, again, Thane, for your news.

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The minor league hockey program, under the organization of the Amateur club and assisted by several other organizations, will commence at the Form this evening with games between teams in the same age brackets. The evening's activities will get underway at six o'clock with the paperweights taking to the ice. The authorities expect that there will be about 12 teams in this age bracket. They will have the use of the ice for one hour. At seven o'clock the pee-wees will work out and it is expected that there will be twelve teams of them. From eight to nine it will be the bantams with between 10 and 12 teams of players in action. The midgets are expected to start play about 9:30 and remain on the ice for one hour. All boys of Juvenile age will turn out at 10:30. All teams must be on the ice at the appointed times and the players should all be in the rink at least 20 minutes before they are to go on the ice.

Freelton, P.E.I. who has had an entry in R.O.P. for some years, and sired by Barred Rock R.O.P. Approved cockerels produced by W. J. MacDonald and Son, Covehead Road, P.E.I. The Burns strain of New Hampshire are excellent egg producers as shown by R.O.P. records. They are fairly good meat type, the males showing well developed breasts for the breed. The MacDonald strain of Barred Rocks are also good egg producers as well as being of excellent meat type. The above purebred strains have been used for the production of crossbred chicks for several years, the progeny developing into good egg producers and excellent meat birds. The two strains, when mated, appear to "nick", giving to the progeny the characteristics of their parents to produce eggs in quantity and meat of the highest quality. In the production of birds to secure the top award at the Royal Winter Fair, the breeding behind the stock, although playing an important part, is not every thing. The art of feeding to grow and finish birds of the highest quality is also most important. However, if birds do not possess that inherited ability to make use of good feeding and management methods, they will not, even with the best of care, develop into birds of top quality such as the birds winning the Championship Award at the Royal Winter Fair. The R.O.P. breeding and showing the results of the art of feeding and management by Dingwell MacLeod.

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CMG, Chairman who receives a salary of \$12,000 a year, Stanley G. Nelson who receives \$10,000 and A. J. Boudreau who also receives \$10,000. "I have pleaded on many occasions in this House for an increase in the amount paid to railway and other pensioners who are on a starvation allowance for the rest of their days. I could not get even a dollar for them, and I think that the government is making a mistake in voting thousands of dollars to men who now have high salaries. They should give the money to the men who need it at this time. They should pay it out of their wonderful \$600 million surplus. These men who are in a difficult position these days should be given consideration as well as those who now hold high positions such as civil service commissioners."

Earlier in the day, Mr. McLure sided with Conservative members from Ontario and British Columbia in opposing the Government's policy of knocking out the word "Dominion" from Canadian statutes. "The word 'dominion' was acceptable to the Fathers of Confederation and of all the provinces whether they joined the union in 1867 or 1873", Mr. McLure said, "it is a word with a fine tradition behind it. It has always been good enough and is still good enough for the people of Prince Edward Island and it certainly is good enough for me," he told the House.

Tropical Park Attendance Up

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 14 — (AP) — Attendance at Tropical Park is up 10 per cent and the betting volume up 25 per cent over last season, officials of the Miami Horse Racing Track reported today. For the first 12 days of this season, a total of 98,537 persons wagered \$6,495,545. This compares with an attendance of 86,162 and parimutuel play of \$4,737,431 last season.

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Hunters Corner

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pocket. All went well until her Ladyship decided it tasted so good she'd sample one of his fingers. They've got sharp teeth, every bit as sharp as a rabbit's, for like a rabbit they eat browse when the snow covers the succulent grasses and other forms of vegetation. For all their apparent friendliness they weren't taking any chances. If one made a quick move or attempted to lay hands on a single bird, it was ten feet away in a single bound. We were rather surprised to learn that there was only one buck in the lot and he was the puniest member of the herd.

As we walked to where the car was parked night shadows were beginning to fall, the snow sang a frosty tune beneath our boots and our cheeks and ears tingled as the thermometer dropped swiftly. A cold night was in prospect but we had no fears for the welfare of these four footed aliens to our shores. They'd be as warm and comfortable bedded down in a snowy thicket as we would be under blankets in a heated house. Mother Nature looks after her children in her own way — a way that makes us poor humans with all our scientific knowledge, sit up and wonder.

This is the season of the year when one, if he is so minded, can take stock of how many pheasants. Huns, Ruffed grouse, etc. have come through the hunting season and ascertain what our prospects of sport with any particular species are for the hunting in 1952. A fresh fall of snow makes a ready blackboard. One doesn't have to see the live bird or animal to know that it is somewhere in the vicinity if its footprints are visible.

The hunters who expressed a fear when the pheasant season was announced, October 1st till November 11th, that it was too long and would result in this species being shot out, or nearly so, had their worries for naught. There are lots of pheasants left. Even in several heavily hunted areas it's not unusual to see as many as five cocks in one bunch.

Last week a farmer confided to me that he had two coveys of pheasants on his farm and he didn't think there was a bird shot out of either.

He was quite positive that a flock of 12 at the rear of his property was intact but wasn't so sure a covey of eight or nine at the front of his farm hadn't lost one of its members. Another farmer in the Royalty expressed surprise that a bird so highly coloured and large as a cock pheasant could hide so easily and effectively. He stated that the birds in his district, despite heavy hunting by both resident and nonresident gunners, were not only holding their own but actually increasing in numbers. Evidence keeps piling up that the pheasant is far from being a desirable character. Within a week

Eight Cleveland Players In Army

CLEVELAND, Dec. 14—(AP)—Cleveland Indians may have finished second in the American League, but they are way out in front of the American League in contributions to the military. When rookie catcher Hal Naragon reported for induction Tuesday, it brought to eight the number of the Cleveland players now in the armed forces. There now are 29 American League players in military service. The Indian's eight equals the combined figure of the three other first division clubs—New York, Boston and Chicago. Besides Naragon, the tribe has lost one other player since the close of last season, outfielder Stu Lockin. The rest are pitchers Dick Weik, Al Aber, Hal Saltzman and Leroy Wheat; and outfielders Jim Lemon and Herb Adams.

Mickey Mantle To Succeed DiMaggio

COMMERCE, Okla., Dec. 14 — (AP)—Mickey Mantle went rabbit-hunting today not outwardly excited at the prospects of taking the place of baseball's great Joe DiMaggio in the New York Yankee outfield next season. "It's been rumored a long time that I'd be expected to take over in centrefield," Mantle commented on his nomination by manager Casey Stengel to fill DiMaggio's old position. DiMaggio formally announced Tuesday his retirement from the game.

Bowling

Following are the results of the Ladies Y.M.C.A. Bowling on Friday afternoon: Team 1—Total 2288; pts. 29 1/2 Team 2—Total 2480; pts. 25 Team 3—Total 2405; pts. 20 1/2 Team 4—Total 2566; pts. 15 High single, Mrs. Ives 259 High three, Mrs. Ives 642.

I received an eye witness account of two cock pheasants destroying a black ducks nest and another killing a young rabbit less than a week old.

The pheasants that ate the duck eggs picked the contents out of a hole made in one end just like a crow does or a barnyard biddy that has taken to egg eating. The one that had the young rabbit was banging it around like a hen does when it catches a mouse. This farmer came upon the bird in an open patch in his woodlot and the old cock lost the rabbit when it tried to run through some close growing bushes. The duck nest was destroyed at West Royalty and the rabbit killed in the Montague area.

The pheasant is not a sporting bird in the accepted sense of the term but is tops when dished up on a platter. A young cock makes for delicious eating. By young I mean anything up to two years old. An old timer with spurs an inch long and sharp as lances had better be steamed or par-bolled before roasting. I am willing to admit that next to the honking of a flock of wildgeese a big multi-coloured cock pheasant bursting from cover with the throat wide open and cackling his head off is next in line of sporting thrills. However, will the delicious meat that rounds out his spacious frame and the thrill of his cackling take-off compensate for the harm he allegedly does to other species of valuable game? Time will tell but if the cards are down against old ring-neck, what can we do about it?

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