

Back Stretch

These stables are particularly well built and as good as can be found at most any race track anywhere. We understand some equipment was destroyed in the fire. For the Exhibition Association it is a big loss because a barn like it cannot be duplicated now at anything like the price it was built for.

A total of \$105,114,749 was wagered during the 86 nights of racing at Yonkers track, N.Y. this season. The attendance mark was 1,688,793 persons. These records far exceed any of the past and without doubt are tops for any of the American night racing plants.

Clarence Gaines of Gainesway Farm, Lexington, Ky., added another 10-minute record holder to his great band of brood mares by his purchase of Josedale Alate 1:59 for \$6,500 at the Harrisburg sale. Mr. Gaines also has several other 2:00 brood mares including Jane Azoff 1:59 1/2 that was formerly owned by C. H. Horton, Murray River.

The Standardbred Horse Sale at Harrisburg set a new high record this season, something over 1,000 trotters and pacers selling for \$1,782,500. The 22 yearlings by Adios 1:57 1/2 brought an average price of \$10,471. The top youngster was Noble Adios, purchased by Paul Wikom of Chicago, Ill., for \$34,000. One of the remarkable high averages resulted for the get of Hoot Mor 3, 2:00, the 17 yearlings by him ranging well over \$9,000 despite the fact that 13 were fillies. Hoot Mor is the sire of Scott Frost, and Joe O'Brien gave a 2:00 2-year-old world's record trotting to.

Delvin Miller, who had the largest racing stable the past season, dividing it up with Jimmie Jordan, racing part of it at Roosevelt Raceway and other places, has received a new record for a stable, the winnings amounting to \$684,318. The heaviest winners were Harlan 3, 2:00 4/5 and Stenographer 3, 1:59 1/2. Miller is a very powerfully built man but no doubt he found the strain of racing so many horses too big a burden so he sold a large number of his horses at the Harrisburg sale and Jimmie Jordan will be on his own this year. Miller has a real fortune in his ownership of Adios 1:57 1/2.

Italy must be in a fairly prosperous condition as we notice from time to time that horses are being purchased in the United States to race or use for breeding purposes in that country. The latest is Ford Hanover 4, 1:58 2/5 winner of the Kentucky Futurity and unrated at three, that has been sold to the well known Italian buyer Gianni Gambi and has been flown to Italy along with Princess Rodney 2, 2:01 and Thyme 3, 2:05. Ford Hanover has earnings of \$66,205 and the Princess mare was co-champion 2-year-old trotting filly last year with Stenographer and was runner up in this year's Hambletonian. Gambi was formerly a champion distance swimmer and winner of international contests in several countries. He attends personally to the training of his horses and has acquired a lot of experience in that respect. He also buys horses for other owners in Italy and has driven in races until recently. The most noted trotter he drove was the exported Tara 4, 2:00.

Cecil Alexander, well known horseman and member of the Saint John Raceway, left Wednesday morning for Delaware, Ohio, where the 7th annual fall speed week will be held November 30, December 1 and 2. Cecil is no novice at picking horses. He has been at it for over 30 years and has owned and raced some of the very best. We won't be a bit surprised to see

him coming back with a half dozen trotters and pacers to brighten up the racing picture at Saint John. The past season has been a wonderful one there, with greatly increased crowds and interest right up to their Remembrance Day races. It is possible that quite a number of men in Saint John will take an interest in the sport and there is nothing to stop them as there is lots of money floating around there.

Here are a few of the horses that will be auctioned at Delaware: Denny's Counsel p. 2:02 4/5; Favoniana Chief p. 2:02 4/5; Angela p. 2:03 2/5; Ed Wilson p. 2:03 2/5; Leon Grey p. 2:03 2/5; Merry Copper p. 3, 2:04 2/5; Volo Chief p. 2:04 2/5; Ensign Mile p. 2:05; Jerry Chisholm p. 3, 2:05 2/5; Mel Harris p. 2:06 2/5; Kenneth Tryax p. 3, 2:06 2/5. And here are a few of the trotters: Dunblane 4, 2:06 3/5; Dave Quinn 2:07 1/5; General Tompkins 3, 2:07 4/5; Guy Gay Song 2:12; Confidential 4, 2:12; Nellie Spencer 2:12-2/5; Victory Trail 3, 2:14; Wanda Key 2:14 2/5; Dixie Scott 2:14. In addition to the aged horses there are 50 choice yearlings by some of the best sires in the United States. Several good horses have come to the martimes from this sale in the past and we hope our friend Cecil will bring some more.

In the Golden West Trot in California that was won by Scotch Victor (J. O'Brien) in world's record time, Kimberly Kid 1:59 1/2, one of the best trotters of 1954, met with an accident which severed two arteries and cut the cartilage in his right front foot when the 4-year-old's foot went into the trotter Jaimie's bike. This has caused his retirement for the season but the veterinarians expect that he will be able to return to action next year.

One of the Sol Camp's stable's most popular grooms died suddenly at Hollywood Park November 10th. He ran after his horse which a gust of wind had blown off, suffered a heart attack and passed away in hospital shortly after.

When Yonkers Raceway closed for the season the top winning driver was Billy Haughton and that night he won with the 4-year-old filly Bluet Hanover. It was his 152nd winning drive of 1954 and it can be safely stated that he has set another record of winning dashes and has more than \$400,000 in earnings for the owners of the mounts during the year. The thirty-year-old driver won races with more than 40 different horses.

Castleton Farm, Lexington, Ky., that Joe O'Brien was connected with some years ago, had the misfortune to have their leading driver, Curly Smart, sidelined last year. This year they plan to have one of the biggest stables and have hired the well known driver Fred Bach and will also have Billy Current, who was with them this season and of course Curley Smart.

Last winter Theo Turcotte purchased the fast but unreliable pacer U.N.O. for a reported price of \$1,000. He was a bad managed horse and nobody cared to drive him except Mr. Turcotte's son Ronnie, who by means of kindness

worked wonders with him. He would win races going long miles and showed much better than 2:10 speed but would make bad breaks and have other tricks that were not liked. Ronnie found that the horse was suffering from sore feet so he started poulticing them and caring for them with the result that he won the annual five-mile race at Quebec track from all the crack five-milers, eclipsing the time made by such stars in the past as Grantown, Tip Abbe, Duck Volo, Bifty Lou and others. There were 17 horses in the field and the favorite was Judge Adamson and the next favorite was Afton Prince. Not only did he win by a wide margin but he bettered the world's record by 12 seconds, covering the five miles in 1:25-2/5. His procedure was simple. He went to the top and stayed there. He covered the first quarter in 31 sec. the half in 1:04, the mile in 2:14. His next miles were in 2:17, 2:18, 2:19 and then the final mile in 2:14 2/5, with the last half in 31 seconds. The runner up of the event was a full 33 seconds behind the winner, certainly a most remarkable performance.

A couple of weeks ago he was again in action at Richelieu Park in the annual five miles marathon there and as usual he went to the top and stayed there. He got a serious challenge from Afton Prince at the four mile mark but that did not bother him and he very soon left him behind, Prince coming home a full 30 seconds behind the winner. U.N.O.'s time for the five miles was 1:28:3/4 with the last mile of the race in 2:13 and the last quarter in 31 seconds flat. We looked up the Year Book for 1953 and find U.N.O. took a 4-year-old record of 2:03 2/5 in 1950. His sire is Palmer Cold Cash by the former world's champion Cold Cash 1:58 1/2. In 1953 he made eight starts and had two wins, totalling \$210. His all time winnings were then \$6,853.

Secretary Al Weil of Roosevelt Raceway has announced that the owners are planning to spend \$8 million to build the best appointed harness racing track, with a glittering grand stand and club house designed to attract crowds of 50,000 and over. The plans for the new layout have been prepared and they call for triple deck stands connected with escalators and elevators as well as stairways. The present grand stand and track will be demolished and an additional 40 acres has been purchased to permit the new building program. The present grand stand faces north, the new one will face south. In the past crowds of up to 30,000 people have jammed the inadequate Roosevelt plant. Predictions are that with the new stands as many as 50,000 spectators will pass through the turnstiles. The net profit for the track this year was \$880,000.

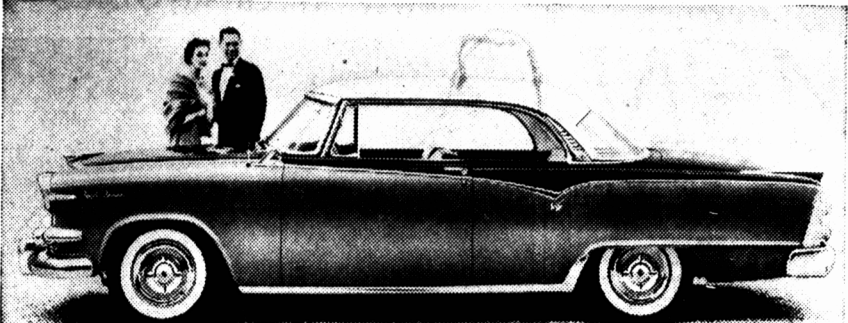
Referring again to Cecil Alexander's trip to Ohio and his ability to pick race horses, back in the Spring of 1935 he bought the pacer mare Betty S. 2:07 from parties in Ohio and her campaign that year was outstanding. These are some of her starts: At Sydney, July 17, she was 1-1-1 in 2:11 1/4, 2:12 1/4, 2:13 1/4; on July 31 at the same track she was 1-1-1 in 2:10 1/4, 2:11 1/4,

2:13; at Montague, August 7, she was 7-1-1 in 2:11, 2:09, 2:12 1/4; at Charlottetown August 20 she won all three heats in 2:09, 2:10 1/4, 2:09; at Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 10, she was 2-1-1 in 2:08 1/4, 2:11 1/4. Many of our readers will remember the great racing program at the Charlottetown Exhibition of that year and to refresh their memories we give the results of the different classes.

Aug. 20, 2:12 Trot and Pace—Betty S. 1-1-1 Marjorie M. 2-2-3, Heatherbell 3-3-2, Catherine C. 4-4-4, Morning Express, dis. Time, 2:09, 2:10 1/4, 2:09. Betty S. was owned by Alexander & Lawson, Saint John, N. B. 2:15 Trot—Alan Harvester 1-1-1, Miss McTyrre 5-2-2, Lusty Frisco 2-4-4, Mr. Equine 4-3-5, Calumet Bee 6-5-3. Time, 2:11 1/4, 2:13. The winning owner was E. B. Avery, Woodstock, N.B. 2:24 Pace, First Division—August Queen 2-2-1, Bob O'Boy 4-1-2-3, Martindell 1-6-5-2, Josie the Great 3-4-6, Balbo 7-3-4, four other starters. Time, 2:15, 2:14, 2:19, 2:19. The winning owner was C. W. MacKenzie, Turro. 2:24 Pace, Second Division—Jack Hardy 1-1-1, Real Great 2-3-2, Bud Cole 3-2-3, Harvey Aubrey 4-4-4, Roy Volo, Jr. 5-5-5, three other starters. Time, 2:14 1/4, 2:16 1/4, 2:15 1/4. The winning owner was Fergie Baxter, Brookline, N. S.

Two Year Old Trot and Pace—Hi-Sox 1-1-3, Guy Ann 3-2-1, Miss Victoria 2-3-2, Reymonette 5-4-4, Starrett Volo 4-5-5, Queen Helen 6-6-7. Time, 2:26 1/2, 2:25 1/4, 2:24 1/4. The winning owner was George F. MacDowell, Summerside. 2:15 Trot and Pace—I'm Alone 1-2-3-1, Patrick Direct 2-1-2-2, Maxine Great 4-1-3, King Spruce 3-4-4. Time, 2:13 1/4, 2:12 1/4, 2:13 1/2, 2:16. The winning owner was Stanley Lewis, Point Edward, N.S. 2:18 Trot and Pace—Abner T. Clegg 1-1-1, Star G. 2-2-3, Trixie Volo 4-4-2, Winnie Winkle 6-5-4, Signal Senator 3-3-4, Joe the Great 5-6-7. Time, 2:10, 2:09 1/2, 2:12 1/2. The winning owner was Alderman Frank Adams, Halifax. 2:25 Trot—Peggy Longset 1-1-1, Peter S. 2-3-2, Slim Dillon 3-2-3, Nancy Sue 6-4-5.

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Happy Boy 4-5-8, Aliset 7-7-4, Uscita L. 5-6-7. Time, 2:17 1/4, 2:16, 2:16 1/4. The winning owner was Frank H. Calbeck, Summerside. 2:21 Trot and Pace—Foxy Pete 1-1-1, Fireglow 2-2-2, Diamond Mac 3-3-5, Jolliet 7-6-3, Keystone 4-4-4, two other starters. Time, 2:15, 2:13 1/2, 2:13. The winning owner was Dr. A. McIsaac, Sydney, N.S.
Free For All Trot and Pace—Toll Gate 1-1-1, Dermot 2-2-4, The Great Guy 4-4-2, Marjorie M. 3-3-5, Calumet Brownie 6-5-3, Sampson Hal 5-6-7. Time, 2:08 1/4, 2:08 1/4, 2:12 1/4. The winning owners were Sweeney & Verge, Bridgewater, N.S. 2:18 Trot—Calumet Bee 5-1-1, Alan Harvester 1-2-2, Mr. Snoures 2-4-5, Helen D. 3-5-3, Bonnie Cameron 4-3-4. Time, 2:14 1/4, 2:11 1/4, 2:13. The winning owner was H. B. Verge, Bass Corner, N.S. Three Year Old Trot and Pace—Leta Kalmull 1-1-1, Holly Britton 2-2-2, Dominion Belle 3-3-3, May Cape 4-4-4, two other starters. Time, 2:23 1/4, 2:22, 2:26. The winning owner was

Willard Kelly, Charlottetown. Owners of trotters and pacers in the United States and Canada are apt to forget that this type of speed which made its first appearance in America has spread to the most remote parts of the world and some of the fastest horses are performing in such countries as Australia and New Zealand. A dispatch from Australia dated Oct. 11 states that the 7-year-old pacer Johnny Globe won the New Zealand trotting cup of two miles at Christ Church, N.Z. the day previous in the world's record time of 4:07 1/2, beating the previous record of Highland Fling by three seconds. Johnny Globe 1:59 1/2 is one of New Zealand's four pacers in the 2:00 list. Highland Fling 1:59 1/2 is another. The other two are Gold Bar 1:59 1/2 and Haughly 1:59 1/2, the former a stallion and the latter a mare. They were mated and produced Brahman, New Zealand's fastest two-year-old. Johnny Globe's performance in 4:07 1/2 in the £7,500

(equal to approximately \$20,000), was sensational. It was a handicap event and he started from the back mark 48 yards behind. He has a mile mark from a standing start of 2:01 1/2. The Australians would like to pit him against the fastest pacers in the United States or Canada. The track where he took his record is six furlongs, or three-quarters of a mile.

BAN IS LIFTED
SAIGON, Viet Nam (Reuters)—The Viet Namese government Tuesday lifted a ban it imposed Monday on the current issue of the American news magazine Time, which carried a feature article on Ho Chi-Minh, the Vietnam Communist leader.

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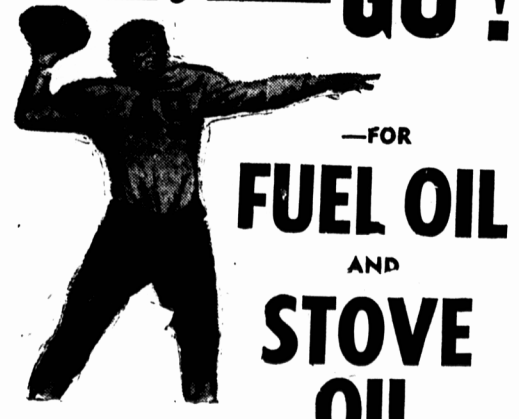
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