

Back Stretch

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up places, which no doubt pay quite well as he races for big purses. Everyone that knows Bob will be glad indeed to hear that he is getting along so well. Last week we mentioned Del McTavish, Rankin McLaine's friend, as a top driver at Yonkers. Now we

Harry Clukey, well known to Maritimers, is having a real good season and at Yonkers we notice his name frequently in the winning column. On the night of October 21st he won the BB Pace, purse \$3,000 with Winnie Direct in 2:07 4/5, and on October 22nd he

won the BB Pace, purse \$3,000 with Fair Honor in 2:06 1/5, and again on the night of October 23 he won the B. Trot, purse \$2,500, with Irish Sweetheart in 2:09, so Henry is doing all right. He has the honor of driving the fastest horse paced in the Maritimes with Walter Dale 0:07 1/2 at Fredrickton, Sept. 15, 1937.—2:02 1/5.

Horsemen are reminded that the closing date for the "Jollity Three Year Old Trot and Pace" for a guaranteed purse of \$5,000, sponsored by the Truro Raceway, Ltd., Carl MacKenzie, Secretary, Truro, N.S., is November 15th. Several horsemen spoke to us about this stake and they had the idea that it was only for colts by Jollity. This is not correct. Any foal of 1952 that is foaled in Canada is eligible, no matter who the sire is, and it only takes a \$10 bill to enter in the biggest colt stake ever promoted in the Maritimes. It will be a great guessing contest from now until 1955, as to who the winner will be. Will it be a three-year-old owned in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or P.E.I.? It's anybody's guess and judging by the three-year-olds that have shown up this season, over half a dozen of them that can pace around 2:15, we wouldn't hazard a dime as to which province will carry off the lion's share of the \$5,000.

The season now drawn to a close has topped all previous campaigns in 2:06 miles, a total of 47 registered thus far, the best record since 1938. Direct Rhythm, owned by W.G. Reynolds, Louisville, Ky., started it off back in May with a trip to Santa Anita, Cal., in 1:59 1/5. He then stepped over the four 2:00 miles this season, with one against time at Lexington in 1:56 1/5—the fastest mile paced in the world in 1952. Another son of Billy Direct, Tar Heel, paced the second fastest mile of the year—1:57—and also had four 2:00 miles for the year. In addition Dudley Hanover, Prince Adlon Sampson Hanover and Star's Pride each had three 2:00 miles, and Good Time, H. D. Hanover, Wilmington Star and Ford Hanover two each. Among the above 19 newcomers to the select list were six three-year-olds, the pacers Adio Abe, Meadow Rice, Poplar Dell, Thunder Clap, Wilmington Star and the trotter Sharp Note. Drivers of 2:00 miles were Frank Ervin and Johnny Simpson with six each; Del Millar, five; Harry Fitzpatrick, Harry Pownall and Clint Hodgins, four each; Benny Schue, three; Al Winger and Ed Leonard, two each. In the 47 miles in 2:00 or better were in races, the remainder in trials against the watch.

Maritimers who knew Nat Ray in the days of his glory when he was racing over the Canadian circuit and at the ice races in Toronto, will be glad to know that he is recovering nicely at St. John's Hospital, Yonkers, N.Y., from concussion suffered when he was thrown from the sulky while driving the pacer Sergeant York, that bolted for the paddock at the three-quarter mark. He had been previously hurt some weeks before at Roosevelt Raceway while driving the pacer Truth. Nat Ray was the man that first recognized greatness in the pacer Grattan Royal. Grattan Royal had been purchased in the fall of 1911 as a two-year-old by Charlie Barrett of Park Hill, Ont., at the Chicago auction, and developed by Charlie and raced by him at the Dufferin Park races the following winter. Nat bought him for a patron of his, paying the then big price of \$5,000, and he gave Grattan Royal his record of 2:06 1/4. Unfortunately Grattan Royal met with an accident which permanently lamed him before he could show the really astonishing speed he had on tap. Nat told the writer that he has actually timed him eighths in 13 2/5 seconds and believed that he would have beaten 2:00 by a big margin had he stayed around.

After the accident Grattan Royal was sold for a song to a party in Ohio, but a few years afterwards when Charlie Barrett noticed that three colts from mares bred to him while in his ownership showed tremendous speed, he made a trip to Ohio and bought Grattan Royal back again and our readers know the rest. He is on the record books as one of the really great sires of fast pacers. Nat, although driving regularly every season and we have never noticed him in the accident list until just recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James Poulton, who were accompanied by Len O'Meara on their recent trip to Yonkers, have returned. While there Len purchased the seven-year-old bay gelding Royal Scott, Jr., 2:07 3/5, eligible to the 2:18 pace for George Gregory, Charlottetown. This horse was turned over to the trot this season and has every appearance of being a good one for the slow classes of 1955. He will arrive here later on. Len spent some time when our old friend Bob Ryan, who showed him around and introduced him to other drivers. Len enjoyed his trip very much and liked Yonkers Raceway and the good racing there.

We were pleased to receive the following from a young Summerside horse lover who is now living in New York and following the racing there with great interest. We hope when the season opens next year that he will drop us some notes from time to time as he has the faculty of writing interesting harness horse news and comes from a family of horse lovers....

"In the course of the past two weeks I have witnessed two of the year's outstanding events in the world of the harness horse: these being the last race and last public appearance of Good Time. On Thursday night, October 30, Good Time lowered his own track pacing mark at Yonkers from 2:01 to 2:00 4/5. Driven by Frank Ervin and prompted by the running horses Pete and Repeat, sent from Kentucky especially for the occasion, Good Time flew the quarters in :30, 29 3/5, 30 2/5, and 30 4/5. The night was extremely cold with an icy wind blowing up the stretch. And, to make the attempt

Sport Echoes From Prince County

We had the pleasure of attending an exceptionally fine banquet at the armen's mess of the local R.C.A.F. Station Thursday night. Representatives of baseball, soccer, softball, track and field, golf and tennis were there and a large number of trophies and other awards were presented to the various athletes. The R.C.A.F. station in Summerside had what was probably their banner year in sports in 1952 and one Maritime and three Island titlists marched to the head of the parade to receive the trophies emblematic of these worthwhile achievements. W/C Dilworth made the presentations.

The station sports authorities made a happy choice in their master of ceremonies. F.L. Gibson, chairman of the sports committee, acted in that capacity, and proved to be a Wayne and Shuster rolled into one, keeping the gathering in constant merriment by his facile wit. Gibson is, we hear, quite a soccer player, but he can certainly use his head for more things than bouncing a soccer ball around.

Ross Burns' Island champion baseball team received the Physical Fitness trophy from James Hogan, Jr. By the way, we'd like to take this opportunity of congratulating Ross on his new role as sports editor of the R.C.A.F. Albatross. Flight-Lieut. Burns does a bang-up job with his pen, as he did as a coach of the Maritime intermediate champs. No drooling or namby-pamby stuff, but straight from the shoulder, criticism where he thinks criticism is due.

Fact is, he took a crack at "Sport Echoes" in one of his columns, and as we missed that issue, we didn't know a thing about it until Fiks called our attention to it last night. In an unguarded moment, we made the statement or maybe it was just conjecture, that the R. C. A. F. Royals of 1952 were apparently a low grade of intermediate Island champions. We backed up this opinion with the fact that Bathurst, particularly in the Royals game, seemed to be a big edge on the Airforce crew, while N.B. champs have always been clay pigeons for our 1948-51 aggregation from Summerside. Then we said we'd wait and see how Bathurst made out with Bear River, N.S. top dogs. Sure enough, Bear River did beat Bathurst by a 6-8 score in a sudden death affair.

F.L. Burns counters with the reminder that his Royals took our "strong" intermediates with their ace pitchers, Stewart and Bernard. Our answer to this is that Reynolds and Lopat would have had trouble on the mound with the combination of old men and kids that made up the Holman aggrega-

even more difficult, in warming up Good Time popped a curb on his left hock. When the timers hung out :30 for the quarter it appeared that he would not lower the track mark. However, each time Ervin asked for more speed "The Pony Racer" responded, and 15,000 shivering fans cheered him home in 2:00 4/5. After a season of hard campaigning, and under the most adverse conditions this performance was nothing less than spectacular. Good Time was paraded for his last public appearance to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" and the applause of an appreciative crowd.

"On Hambletonian Day in Goshen I was privileged to have a close look at the world's leading money winning pacer. He is very small (14 hands and 875 lbs.), but extremely compact, standing over a lot of ground. His high rump, short legs, long neck, large, but finely moulded head, and his excellent, well-developed musculature strangely call to mind descriptions of the great progenitor, Hambletonian 10. He is virtually nerveless; completely relaxed at all times; never showing a sign of nervous tension. Frankly, I consider this to be one of his greatest assets. In harness he is lazy and slow moving when going the wrong way of the track, and his famous camel-like walk invariably draws roars of laughter from an audience. However, when turned in competition "The Great Killer" really gets down to business. It is then evident that he is a perfectly gaited machine, with the action and determination of a great champion."

Frank A. Ryder, Moncton, is sending his three-year-old pacer, Royal Bank, 2:12 3/5 to Earl Avery at Yonkers Raceway, New York and Earl will race him next season.

Earl Semple has returned to Kensington from a very successful racing season at the State of Maine tracks. He brought back with him to Kensington, Mona Clegg, 2:14 2/5, Dean Gallon, 2:11, Mary Merk 2:08 2/5 and four other trotters and pacers.

tion this year. We still can't understand how we ever held the Royals to seven games.

Perhaps it was not fair, however, to classify that Royal team on the showing they made in one ball game. Just as one swallow does not make a summer, one ball game does not show the calibre of a ball team. We'll concede this, Ross. The series that your boys put on with M.C.A. this fall was never surpassed for baseball thrills in the modern history of Island baseball. We've heard good number of fans say that same thing. So maybe the Royals were unlucky enough to have one of their worst slumps the day they played Bathurst here.

We didn't know until last night that the R.C.A.F. in Summerside has an athlete who played for the Ottawa R.C.A.F. hockey team that won the world's championship at the Olympic Games some years back. This is F.L. Dunster, who caught for the airforce softball team this summer, and coached the R.C.A.F. hockey squad last winter. Dunster says he will don the blades this year, and play for his team.

Speaking of major hockey in the Maritimes, does this Hughie Campbell pack a six-shooter, that referees seem so afraid to put him in his place? Last year we saw him push a ref all over the ice and get away without a misconduct. Wednesday night, Campbell pushed Gillis repeatedly and again he got away with it. If Campbell has a pushing license, then it should be made known so that other big bruisers can get one. Then the apping of the game for a full five minutes while the whole Halifax team disputed an Islander goal, while Gillis took it and argued back was a disgraceful exhibition. Gillis may be a smart referee, and an honest one, too, but we think it would be better if an arbiter was chosen who did not have the associations with Halifax down the years that Gillis has.

The Week at S.D.U.

Well, folks, last Saturday was indeed "All Saint's Day", and in view of the football score of 26-0 against the Acadians it is quite evident that the Saints were cognizant of that fact, and did much to make it a memorable one at S.D.U. The three tries of the first nine minutes gave all hands the ambition and esprit de corps which is necessary to provide that steam-rolling effect. Although the playing was not considered as being as good as that of two weeks ago, things still clicked in a very effective manner. They must have, for Paul Jay, Scouts Coyle and Sanka Gaudet each scored two tries with singles by Clarence MacDonald and Cogie Callaghan. Jack Reardon made good one convert and Pete Dunphy one penalty kick.

For the game today at Mt. A. the boys will bear the reassuring "Come on, Saints", as many of the student body will be present to lend moral support. This marks the first time that such an integration from the campus has taken place.

Now that the mid-term exams are over and the sighs of relief give way to the ominous lull portending the realization that not as much was known as Mr. Fy thought, let's cast a glance over this time of strife and walling. There were many sure signs of mental preoccupation and toil which hit in different ways. For instance, Lorne Murphy was seen pacing back and forth on third corridor wildly gesticulating and muttering incoherently about the relationship of zygotes, subterranean propositions and Louis Napoleon! And at the height of the tension Max Callaghan kept hearing sub-conscious voices saying that he was wanted in the parlor. The funny part of it was that he actually found two girls of his acquaintance! He's either lucky or popular—one thing for sure he's psychic. More indicative yet of mental strain, is the story that at breakfast the other day, John Trainor and Emmett Roche while softening toast in their coffee, broke into a heated argument just because John liked better to dance the thumba while Emmett's favourite was the tango! And for the boner of boners Gerald Steele takes a bow, as he finds himself minus twenty marks for not writing a history exam. He's only young yet however, so there is still hope.

This past week has been Mass Week at St. Dunstan's. Started by the students this noble effort was initiated better to introduce all to the real significance of the Holy Sacrifice that there might be a better appreciation and love of it. Monday evening a film, "The Perpetual Sacrifice", very well explained and illustrated most of its aspects and its historical basis. Tuesday's religion class was devoted to a lecture on some part, and a discussion of the Mass in general. In addition, the regular dialogue Masses of the week were supplied.

mented by a commentary during the saying of Low Mass in which was mentioned both the part and its purpose.

In the discussions a couple of points were made very clear. To arrive at a greater love and appreciation of this our greatest gift, it is necessary to have a profound knowledge of it and strive with increasing effort to assist with devotion. Also belief in the Mass must be more than a passive acceptance of a truth, but it should be an active and motivating realization that it is the same Sacrifice as that of Calvary.

This Saturday night, the local committee of W.U.S.C. (World University Service of Canada) will sponsor a dance in the Holy Redeemer Community Centre. Funds derived will go to promote such undertakings as a scholarship for a guest student and financial assistance to needy students in under-developed countries, whereby they may have the means to help themselves. Everyone today is conscious of the threats of poverty, ignorance and communism which go hand in hand. The program of W.U.S.C. is a means through which the partial removal of these may be affected, and at the same time further international good-will.

Thought for the week: "If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation. When there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world." —Chinese Proverb

To all of you, from S. D. U., health and happiness.

FAMOUS FLEET

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### PROCLAMATION

As Chapter 1 Revised Statute of Prince Edward Island 1951, Section 23, Sub-section 7 proclaims November 11th as a Provincial holiday, consequently on that day it will be observed by the City of Charlottetown as a Civic holiday.

J. DAVID STEWART,  
Mayor of the City of Charlottetown

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS many young men and women of the City of Charlottetown gave their lives in the defence of Canada and the democratic world in World War I and World War II;

AND WHEREAS the memory of their service and sacrifice is a source of inspiration to all citizens as our nation faces new difficulties and dangers;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. David Stewart, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 8th to be Poppy Day in the City of Charlottetown, and urge that all citizens observe the day by wearing the memorial Poppy of the Canadian Legion.

J. DAVID STEWART,  
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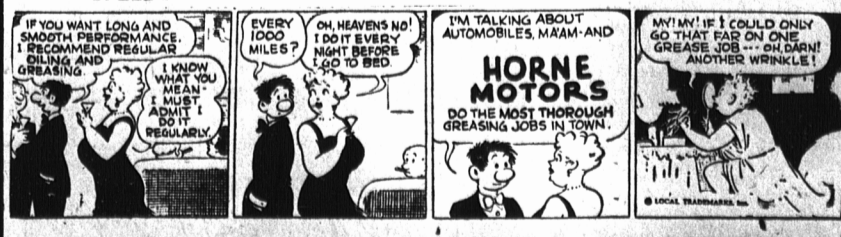
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