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### Invitation To School Children "HI KIDS"

The management of the Islanders Hockey Club which will represent Charlottetown in the Big Four, invites the school children of Charlottetown, Parkdale and Spring Park, to be guests of the Club at a hockey game which will be played Tuesday afternoon, October 10th at 4 p.m.

"Murphy" Chamberlain, team coach, will have two squads in action, and during the game he will be making decisions about the final make-up of his team for the opening game of the season. This game will not be for "peanuts"; it will be the real thing; with referees, linesmen, timekeepers and penalty box. In other words, the players who make the best showing, will win or clinch a place on the Club line-up.

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### Back Stretch

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September, then went for a trip to Maine, visiting Old Town, which is his home town. Very few of his old school friends were left, but those who were gave him a very welcome greeting. Most of the time was spent with his daughter at Greenville, Moosehead Lake. He came home feeling much refreshed from his enjoyable trip but said he regretted that he could not make Old Home Week this year. We trust he will be with us next year.

The well known horseman Roddie Ford of Hunter River, has traded his pacer, Miss Admiral Mac, with Frank Daniels, Lawrencetown, N.S. for Royal Tell 2:15 1-3 that has raced very consistently at Truro this season. . . Willard Kelly on a recent trip to Sydney took over three very promising colts to Dr. Hugh MacDonald, all two-year-olds, one by Calumet Budlong 2:02 3-4, one by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1-3 and the other by Playdale 2:04 1-2. The colts which Dr. MacDonald took over some months ago have done well. A three-year-old has been a trial mile in 2:23 and looks like a real prospect for 1951.

There were a lot of surprises at the Sydney race meet last Monday night. One was the winning of the first race on the program by Mack Stout from Quick Lick, Jack Clyde, Cobblestone and Prairie Pete. Mack Stout is owned by Abe Jabalee and the time was 2:18. Then again in the fourth race Ohio Hal headed Cyclonic, Argot Pointer, Miss Knox and Annie Scott that finished in that order, time 2:11 5-5 a new record for Ohio Hal, owned by P. J. Cadegan, Glace Bay and driven by Worrall Lewis. In the 5th race Prairie Pete came back strong and headed Cobblestone, Jack Clyde, Quick Lick, and Mack Stout in that order, time 2:14 4-5, which must be close to a record for Pete, owned by Roddie Andrews, Port Morien. In the final event of the night Cyclonic (MacDonald) showed in front with Argot Pointer second, followed by Miss Knox, Ohio Hal, Ensign Joe and Annie Scott, time 2:12 2-5. Cyclonic is owned by the Battle Todd Driving Club, Sydney Mines.

The end of the racing season — and we wouldn't be surprised if it is a perfect afternoon, Monday, Thanksgiving Day, for Lee Praught's really good four events program. The entries appear on this page and you can judge for yourself what a battle it will be in each of the classes.

We had a short chat with Don Seaman on his recent visit to Roosevelt Raceway. He came away greatly enthused with the plant and the friendliness shown him by horse owners, top trainers and in fact everyone he met. He had a chat with Sep Palin, Johnny Simpson and other well known handlers of the ribbons, but his principal interest, of course, was in Joe O'Brien. Joe is trained down very fine, said Don, and he has about twenty horses in his string and there are so many calls for his services as catch driver that he has to pick and choose. As Joe is one of the boys for the trophy he naturally does not want to take a very poor horse, but sometimes he good naturedly does so. Don saw the \$50,000 trot and the masterful drive given Pronto Don by Sep Palin that led to victory. Joe told him to be out early and see Proximity — the world's greatest money winning trotter and practically unbeaten queen of the turf — warm up. It took three miles jogging and four heats to get the kinks out of her. When she first appeared one could not imagine her being able to trot a fast mile, but that is the way they get her ready every trip and but for a little mistake on the home stretch she would have copped the \$50,000 event.

We were delighted to have a letter from our friend Orin Jardine of Chatham, N.B., dated October 2nd, in which contains the good news that he is now recovering from the illness which confined him to the Chatham hospital. Orin will have to go slow for a time but eventually he will be back in harness again. In it he has the following news. . . My son recently won a race with Abelard 2:10 1-5. I think he will be a good horse as a five-year-old, especially when he gets acclimatized. Mr. Roll Scott of Gaspe and Campbellton is at present at our track with Mr. Phillip 2:09 1-2. He is racing at Sussex Thanksgiving Day. Alphonse Napke, New-

castle, left Sunday for Truro with Eddie Scott 2:04 1-2. He will be raced by Johnny Conroy in the one and one-half mile Free For All on Monday afternoon, Thanksgiving Day. Orin sends his best regards to the Gallant Brothers, Well McNeill, Jiggy Arbing and all other horsemen friends. . . Thanks, Orin.

We have received a copy of The Canadian Horse for September, an illustrated magazine devoted mainly to thoroughbreds. On the cover is a picture of the head of Dr. Stanton 1:59 4-5, one of the world's greatest money winning pacers and winner of all three heats of the Canadian Pacing Derby at Hamburg, Ont. this season. The "Doc" was originally purchased for \$500 and converted from a trotter to a pacer by his owner Lindy Fraser of Forrest, Ont. On the bottom of the cover is "The Kentucky of Canada" — see page 8. This story is by Frank Power, well known harness horse writer of Halifax, N.S. and it is devoted entirely to Prince Edward Island as a harness horse racing centre. It also features Charlottetown and its track and the great contents that have been held over it. Mr. Power is one of the best authorities on harness racing in Canada and has a facile pen, which is shown to very great advantage in this article. It will certainly be widely read and quite a surprise we are sure, to the thoroughbred owners and readers of the magazine, to learn that the smallest province in the Dominion has contributed so much to harness racing. There is an excellent photo of Joe O'Brien driving Brewer's Gallion 2:02 1-3 at Santa Anita.

Our good friend Dick Hegan sends us a clipping from a New York paper which sums up the season's campaign at Roosevelt Raceway. The curtain was drawn at Roosevelt Raceway Saturday night as 17,191 fans braved the first blast of the fall winds to witness a splendid program of racing and to wager \$755,985 on the results. The season had extended from 108 nights during which only 22 races were rained out. The attendance figure was 25,173 on June 7th. The top price for a winning horse was for the two-year-old Albert Dean, which returned \$92.40 and the lowest price paid was \$2.80 for two dollars in Proximity. The Ontario driver Lindy Fraser grabbed both ends of the daily double with Lee Early and Victory McElwain for \$40.00. Two drivers drove four winners one night, Wayne Smart turning the trick with Breeze On, Scottish Pence, Aimee Scott and Mighty Song on May 26th and Johnny Simpson (ieing with Shady Hanover, Marry Gal, Make Way and Mighty Dexter. There were three race wins scored by the drivers nine times. Simpson led the way with three on May 22nd, July 25th and July 27; Stanley

Dancer and Eddie Cobb did it twice, while Joe O'Brien and Franklyn Safford accomplished it once. The final tabulations showed Johnny Simpson as the leading driver, scored by the Universal Drivers Rating System. He made 218 starts, was 57 times first, 38 times second, 36 times third for 681 points, giving him a percentage of 415. Joe O'Brien finished second with 374 with Ben Turlington and William Myer tied for third with 345. The remainder of the reinsmen who made 300 were Henry Thomas with 320, Robert Walker with 319 and Franklyn Safford with 308. Driver Smith, who had the high average of 479 had to be ruled out because of insufficient number of starts.

Truro's racing card Monday night was one of the best of the entire season, fast time was made in many of the events. Race No. 2 was won by Aubrey Budlong (Allen) from Judd, Polly Reynolds and four others including Miss Donna Mae in 2:11 2-5. Race No. 3 was a victory for Lady Abner, owned by Claude Smith, Bradabane, and driven by Cyril Smith, Hunter River. She headed such pacers as Lombardy Peter, Alice T. Clegg, Merle Direct, Lady Worthy 2nd and Josedale Victory Miss and took a new record of 2:16. Race No. 4 was won by Royal Tell, driven by Cyril Smith, in 2:18 from Kerwin Hanover, Quaker's Bay, Baron and three others. The five-year-old pacer Seven Up Direct showed real form by winning both dashes of the fast pace, the first from Gay Law, Single Streak and Victory Dale in that order, time 2:12 4-5, and the 8th and final dash with Gay Law, Victory Dale and Single Streak in 2:10 3-5.

Our good friend Billy Connick, Woburn, Mass., writes that he was sorry he could not get down for Old Home Week this year as he had gone to Goshen for Hambletonian week and then to Baddeck, Cape Breton, for another week. While in Baddeck he listened to the broadcast of the races Old Home Week every afternoon and the race was good. He wants to know what became of a colt Harry Murphy had four years ago and ends by saying he hopes to see us next summer and the track with all its improvements. . . Our mutual friend Harry Murphy still has the colt you refer to. He is named Rosebud's First and is very handsome and certainly well bred, and Harry who is a great horse lover, would not part with him. Billy also sends us a copy of the Lexington Herald which has an entire page devoted to Thursday's races, September 28th.

The racing at Lexington, Kentucky, which commenced September 27th and concludes today with Joe O'Brien driving Brewer's Gallion in a \$3,000 stake, will, we believe, when all the reports are in prove to be one of the greatest in the long history of that famous

track. Here are a few of the top performances so far. . . Scottish Pence pacing in 1:57 4-5; Highland Ellen pacing in 1:58 4-5; Demon Hanover trotting in 1:59 4-5; Prince Jay (Joe O'Brien) pacing in 1:59 4-5; Royal Blackstone pacing in 1:59 4-5; Quilla Hanover 3, pacing in 1:59 4-5; Bud Mite — out of Miss Budlong — pacing in 2:00. At the end of the fourth day Joe O'Brien was leading all drivers in standings with three stake victories and six dash triumphs, one of them in winning with Brewer's Gallion in 2:02 1-5, making fifteen dashes won with him out of sixteen starts. On the first afternoon Joe drove the two-year-old trotting colt Mahlon Hanover, by Noble Hanover, to a win in a \$10,000 stake, setting up a new season's record for two-year-old trotters, time, 2:04. Joe also drove the three-year-old Mighty Sun to a win in the second heat of a \$3,000 pace for three-year-olds in 2:03 and the third heat in 2:02. The first heat was won by Tassel Hanover, a three-year-old by Dean Hanover, in world's record time of 2:00 2-5 for age, gait and sex.

### Hunters Corner

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had subsided a motionless dark blotch floated on the placid surface. . . we had scored on our first try.

Things happened fast after the initial shot. A second single black joined the first and then with a rushing sound of wing beats ten blacks came on with their throats wide open. They overshoot the decoys on the first try, then made a tentative pass from behind in broken formation that made a poor target and I motioned for the kid to hold steady. On the third swing they came in from the front and made a perfect target as they fanned out in line over the decoys.

It was each man for himself and I plucked two ducks on my end of the string and scored a clean double. I turned to my partner: "What do you think of that for shooting?" It was then I noticed two ducks with heads down moving in aimless circles near the edge of the pond on my left. I fired another question without waiting an answer to the first: "Where did those ducks come from?" "Those are mine Pop." Apparently I wasn't the only one who could drop a duck with each barrel. I had shot so many opening days with the Southport farmer I had gotten myself into the habit of believing such things couldn't happen. Six big blacks with six shots in less than ten minutes will long be remembered.

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lost one. This was a black duck that fell in the bushes a quarter mile away that we couldn't find despite an intensive search. Maybe we got a little too confident for toward the tail-end of the shoot we missed three singles in a row that should have been as good as in the game bag. Oh well, its the misses that make us appreciate the hits. Its a long time since I had a duck shoot as pleasurable as the one just related. . . .  
It wouldn't have been any trick to have secured our limit of seven each had we chosen to stay longer for at a quarter to seven while we were pulling up our decoys two small flocks came in with the intention of alighting but veered off when they spotted us. As it was we had all the ducks we needed for ourselves and a few of our friends. It's not always good policy to try for the limit. I didn't expect too much in the way of ducks on the opening day this year but in the hunting game it's the unexpected that often happens.

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