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### Ladies Curling Club Elects New Slate Of Officers

Mrs. Stirling MacDonald was named President of the Ladies Branch of the Charlottetown Curling Club at a recent club meeting. The former president, Mrs. Frank Clarke resigned following a successful term of office.

Mrs. W. R. MacNeill, chairman of the ways and means committee reported that plans are being formulated for the holding of a public bridge during the latter part of November. A general meeting of the club will be held on Nov. 1.

The Ancients believed that the Emerald had strange powers and when placed under the tongue gave a person powers of foresight.

### Back Stretch

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did not have nearly as much luck as Mabel but he could go the route and if he happened to draw the pole it was a terrific battle from wire to wire. Brush was Mabel's strong point. At a signal from her driver, Walter Cox, she could shift gears and as one writer puts it—"pump more gas into the carburetor and move from low to high speed at any instant in a race. In the 22 contests between Mabel Trask and St. Frisco, grit and staying power were matched against brush. Usually it was brush that won in the game that Cox played Mabel's fast pick up was an ace in his hand. He gave Geers and St. Frisco the lead and played the trailing game. Geers' only chance of winning a race from Mabel was in setting a pace that would bring her into the home stretch too tired to make a winning spurt. Of the 22 contests with Mabel, St. Frisco won nine but he forced her to a record of 2.01 1/2. His own mark of 2.01 1/2 at the time the world's record for trotting stallions—was made in a contest with Mabel Trask.

Dude Potempkin, the dam of Early Dawn, was one of the best trotters in Maine and after moving to the Maritimes was also top here. She took a record of 2.07 1/2 and was by Peter Potempkin 2.13 1/4, dam, Lady Pine 2.13 1/4 by Archdale. She still holds the track trotting record of 2.09 1/2 at Alberton, made July 5th, 1939, and she was driven by Lloyd O'Brien. Dude is also the dam of Buddy Budlong 2.15, Dudy Budlong 2.11, Feather Duster 2.12 4/5 and Judy Kalmuck 2.16 2/5. She is still owned by Lester Johnston, Fortune, whose ownership she was in when the above were bred.

There was only a few Canadian buyers of yearlings at the colt sales in Lexington, Ky. Of the 363 head sold four went to Ontario and one to Prince Edward Island. John Langford of Chatham, Ont., paid \$1,800 for the King's Counsel filly Crafty Way and \$1,600 for the Chief Abbedale filly Zella Chief. Lloyd E. Cumminford, Delhi, Ont., bought Darn Quick by Darnley, for \$450 and W. R. Slack of Hagersville, Ont., \$350 for King's Counsel, for \$350. Comm. G. H. Buntain bought the Chief Abbedale colt Suffolk Chief for \$1,800.

We are delighted to have a letter from Don Calbeck, who acted very efficiently as a patrol judge at the Charlottetown race track this summer. Don is with Defence Industries, Valleyfield, Que., and likes the work fine but missed the fall racing on the Island. They have matinee races up there in

the different towns nearly every Sunday but so far he has not had a chance to take in any of them. Thanks, Don, we are glad you are keeping in touch with the sport through Down the Back Stretch.

The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Harness Racing Club will be held in the Fox Pavilion at the Exhibition Grounds next Wednesday night, October 31st at eight o'clock. Every breeder of colts who can do so should attend this meeting. The President, Dr. R. F. Seaman, the Secretary-Treasurer, W. G. Gillespie and the Directors have given a great deal of time and energy in featuring colt stakes each year and the past year's was the greatest meeting of all time with \$3,800 offered in purses and in addition coolers as trophies to the winners and each non-mopsey winner receiving \$10.

A new two-year-old pacing record was made by Royal Bank, owned by F. A. Ryder of Moncton, and driven by Harley Harrison—2:19 1/5, also a new pacing record for three-year-olds was set up by Dr. J. A., owned by Dr. J. A. Donahoe of Truro and driven by Ray O'Brien—2:12 2/5. Other winners were: Two Year Old Trot, New Forest, owned by Mrs. James Poulton and driven by Len O'Meara, best time 2:33 2/3; Three Year Old Trot, Jackie's Pride, owned by Pound Bros., Charlottetown, and driven by Dave Pound, best time, 2:25 1/5; the third heat was won by Frisco the Great, owned by Reg Sonier of Summerside and driven by Don McNeill. The Four Year Old Trot was won by Tyndall Semple, owned and driven by George Woodside, Fredericton, N. B., but the fastest heat—the first—was won by Tartan, owned by Major T. B. Rogers, Charlottetown, and driven by Ike Moreside—2:16 4/5. The Four Year Old Pace was won by Abner the Great, owned by James Heffel, Summerside, and driven by George Sobey, best time 2:13.

We notice where Power Bros. are offering for sale the handsome pacer Tennessee Sue 2:06 1-4 by Martinique, by Dillon A. worthy, dam, Pacing by Slick Goods. She was purchased in 1947 and raced particularly well the next season. This is a sample—Classified Pace, Montague, Aug. 25—Tennessee Sue (Wisener) 1-1-1 Lee's Nightmare 2-2-2, Vella La Vella 3-3-3, Gay Law 4-4-4, time, 2:11, 2:12 1-5, 2:13 2-5. She also won races the following season and was probably the most admired pacer at the Charlottetown track. Also offered for sale is Direct Volo 2nd 2:16, six-year-old son of Bennett Volo 2:04 1-4, dam, Dairy Direct by Grattan Direct. This horse is somewhat double-gaited and probably might take an even faster record on the trot. Daisy Direct is also the dam of Director 2:12 2-5, Black Lock 2:08 and Merrywood Girl 2:09 2-5.

George MacDonald has kindly sent us the latest Foxboro Raceway news. Last Monday night Frankie Daniels made his first win since arriving there, Aubrey Budlong being first to the wire over a good field in 2:11 2-5, which exactly equals his record. Crusader Chief was unplaced in the 2:10 class which was won by Bold Salute in 2:08 2-5. He was up against a very fast field. On Tuesday night Abner Britton was third in the 2:12 Trot won in 2:11 2-5. He had previously won there about a week ago and Hedge-wood Chief was 3rd in the 2:11 Pace with Vella La Vella 6th, time 2:09 4-5. The three-year-old pacer Shining Hour won the 14 class pass for Worrell Lewis in 2:11 3-5 which is a new record for Shining Hour.

### Hunters Corner

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There is a special freshness that contributes to one's peace of mind in that "darkest hour before dawn." As I walked slowly, skirting the field's edge close to the hardwoods, the sweet smell of clover was in the air and the dying leaves on the beeches rustled softly in vagrant air currents. It felt good to live on a morning like this and I thought to myself: "It's worth getting up for this even if no geese come". I found the opposing 'rig' half way round.

Four faces gazed at me from a cleverly camouflaged pit. They had 42 decoys set out. Our set-up of 13 looked like Kindergarten stuff in comparison. I figured if the geese decided to come to this field they'd come anyway, decoys or no decoys.

I knew then and there we were at a disadvantage. Geese generally come to the largest 'stool' of decoys. Our conversation was brief. "Are you from town?" "No, we're not from town". We rigged out on the opposite side of the field. In a setup like this geese have a tendency to steer clear of the trees and swing to the outside of the decoys. A party of four is too large to shoot from the one blind as we split up. Our two guests were placed at the head of the 'rig' while the Kid and I took up position at the tail-end.

We made ourselves comfortable and got set for the long wait. A half hour before daybreak we had other visitors. Two characters arrived and took up position at the end of the field to our left. One doesn't need to be a Sherlock Holmes to take the measure of another hunter or group of hunters. Shortly after daybreak a hawk scaled over the field and one of them let belows at it regardless of the fact that it was a good 150 yards away. As the scared bird left at the high port the shooter called out to a companion: "Did you see that hawk's feathers hanging after I fired?" Can you imagine anyone expecting geese any minute and taking a shot at a hawk?

At approximately 7:30 A.M. they got tired and left. It was a lucky break for us. Fifteen minutes later came the pulse stirring chime of geese on wing. The chorus gathered volume until the very air thrummed but it seemed like ten minutes before I spotted them clearing the trees. They hooked in over my right shoulder, not 30 yards distant. What a chance for a double! If I shot then our guests at the head of the 'rig' wouldn't get a shot, neither would the hunters on the opposite side of the field.

In my mind's eye I can see them yet, and always will, big black feet dropped for the landing, powerful wings cupped and snaky black necks topped by the prominent white throat patch arched in an S curve, and every goose in the flock of 15 calling as if their throats would burst. They were on the outside of the decoys and a good 55 or 60 yards from me when I gave the word: "Take 'em". The quiet of the morning was broken by the deafening tattoo of massed gunfire.

I didn't get my double. I had to be content with one. Out of the corner of my eye I saw the Kid pop one with his first shot. The flock broke clear over the 'rig' on the opposite side of the field and the earth seemed to open up like a land mine had been set off. We had four down; they dropped two. Days later a hunter, who was set out in a field a quarter mile distant, said it sounded like twenty men cutting loose with automatics.

In the following twenty minutes four more flocks came in... one with close to 90 birds in it. One flock of 30 was frightened away when one of our guests got excited and started his movie camera going. He said later they looked so good coming in he wanted a picture of them... something really lasting. He got something there. I see that space is running out on me. Suffice to say that the other flocks came in at a wrong angle and the Kid and I had no further scoring chances. One of our guests got one while the group across the field brought down five, making a total of seven for their 'rig'. Incidentally no geese were dropped from the big flock. The boys on the opposite side drew the bulk of the geese to their 'rig' but they were good sports and deserved all they got. Poor sportsmanship on the part of either group could have spoiled the shoot. This column will not forget this goose hunt for a number of reasons and it will go down on the records as one of the top notchers of a long hunting career.

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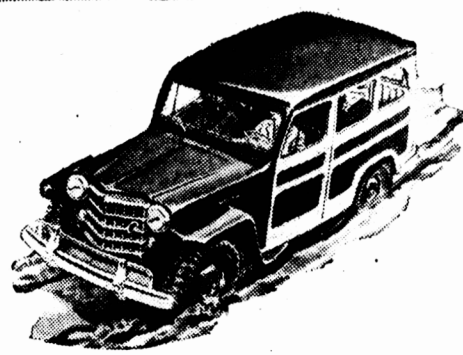
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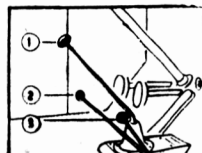
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