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## Back Stretch

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rots here in 1936 and equalled the track trotting record of 2:10 1-4. Also H. C. Salter, an enthusiastic horseman and a great authority on breeding, Premier Smallwood was unable to be present but was represented by his daughter, Miss Clara Smallwood, who is an ardent horse lover. Maritime horsemen will recognize and remember with pleasure the exploits of several of the horses that raced there.

The fastest training mile of the season is reported from Orlando, Florida, mile track where Charles Lacey, trainer of the Saunders Mills stable, Toledo, gave Egan Hanover his head and he finished in 2:11 2-5. Egan Hanover and his stable mate Baraway, winner of the Kentucky Futurity and \$74,000 in cash during 1949, are being pointed for the \$50,000 Golden West Trot at Santa Anita, Saturday, June 10th. Both will be shipped west in the near future to complete their training in California. Onolee Hanover, that shares the world's trotting record for mares on a half-mile track with Proximity 2:01 3-5, has been brought back from retirement and has trained up to a mile in 2:20. She will also be taken west and is entered in the big stake. Onolee Hanover, it will be remembered, was developed by Wendell Wathen, Fort Fairfield, Maine, and sold for a long price two years ago.

The late Art Heinrich, noted harness horse writer who paid a visit to Old Home Week here in 1946 and gave the province a lot of publicity, will have his name perpetuated by a stake that will be raced annually at Saratoga Track, New York. Mr. Heinrich was one of the old school of writers, most of whom have passed on. There are still a few, like L. G. Duffy of The Harness Horse, to carry on the traditions of the past.

A ten year old mare, Barbara Fritchie, that broke her leg at Saratoga track last September, is receiving steady work and will be a starter there in June or July. She won in 2:09 3-5 the night of her misfortune. The Grand Circuit will be raced at fourteen tracks this season and the purses total over \$2 million, this being the third year that they have topped two millions. Scotland is the leading sire of Hambletonian winners with four. His companion at Walnut Hall, Volomite, has sired three. The 57 eligibles for the 1950 Hambletonian are sired by 21 different stallions. Dean Hanover has seven and leads the others.

The fastest time made in matinees so far this season at Orlando was a mile in 2:15 by Seargent Yorke and the driver was Nat Ray, who must be close to eighty years of age. Ernie McTague and Johnny Conroy will remember Nat Ray very well as they saw him drive many races in the winter of 1914-15 at Toronto. The fastest mile at Del Mar, California, to date was turned in by Rush Over. He is a three-year-old pacing colt that the movie actor Charles Coburn, paid \$17,500 for. Jack Rodman drove him in 2:13 3-5 with the last quarter in 31 2-5 seconds. The fastest mile by a two-year-old in the Jon O'Brien stable at Del Mar was 2:27 with the last eighth in 15 1-2 seconds. Foxboro, Mass. track will open earlier this season. The date has been set by the Massachusetts Racing Commission as August 21st.

A sad fatality occurred at Dufferin race track recently when the 39-year-old trainer-driver Gerald Payne of Muncy, Indiana, died without regaining consciousness following a race accident. It occurred on the first turn when Guy Mac, the leading horse, fell and Pine Ridge Louie, Bad Boy and Red Stone following behind came together in a scrambled mass. Payne was the only driver seriously hurt. He was rushed to hospital but never rallied.

President H. J. Kennedy of the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association tells us that just as soon as weather permits equipment will be used to put the track in condition for training. President Kennedy realizes that horses must get regular work soon in order to prepare them for the night racing meets which start in June. A big program of construction will also get underway very shortly, and among

## Hunters Corner

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Cats are alright in their place but they kill countless song and game birds every summer to say nothing of rabbits up to half grown and better. Many farms sport four and five cats where one would serve the purpose for which they were originally intended. How often one hears a country dweller remark: "Our old Tom takes to the woods every spring and we never see him again till the snow flies". I'd be willing to bet a tidy sum that when he does appear back he's fat and sleek as any stall fed steer.

Take 2 Hunters Corner. A few evenings ago I was giving a pair of German shorthairs a run before fastening them up in their kennel. For an audience I had a little four-year-old lad from a house a few doors up the street. I said to him: "Don't you wish you had a dog?" "No" he replied, "we have a cat at home". The following conversation took place: "Cats are no good". "Cats ARE good". "What are they good for?" "They're good to drink milk and eat ham-bur". That lad summed up my opinion of cats in a very few words. I'm willing to admit that one can become very much attached to a house tabby and as I remarked earlier cats have their place. There are however a lot of cats gone wild, or semi-wild, that the countryside would be better rid of. Sometimes owners of cats will take litters of kittens to the woods and let them go rather than dispose of them in a humane manner. Sportsmen would be doing our wildlife a very great favour if they saw to it that all cats running wild were eliminated. Complaints are still coming in regarding hunting dogs running at large. Young rabbits will be making their appearance anytime after April 1st and dog owners would be well advised to keep their hounds on leash until the snow flies.

## Bowling

### Y'S MENNETTE BOWLING LEAGUE

March 23rd

- Team No. 1—1845—2 points.
- Team No. 4—1906—3 points.
- High single, Mrs. Barrett, 207
- High three, Mrs. Barrett, 493.
- Team No. 2—2695—5 points.
- Team No. 3—2153—0 points.
- High single, Mrs. Wilkins; 287
- High three, Mrs. Wilkins, 573

### Y. M. C. A. Ladies Friday P.M. League

- Team No. 1—2572—2 1-2 points
- Team No. 2—2579—2 1-2 points
- Team No. 3—2571—5 points
- Team No. 4—2248—0 points
- High single, F. MacKenzie, 242
- High three, M. Ives, 620.

### Kinsmen - Kinette Bowling League Semi-final Playoffs

- Volomites—2951—5 1-2 points
- Moonlights—2693—1-2 point.
- Kinette high single, B. Duffy, 206
- Kinette high three, B. Duffy, 543
- Kinsman high single, W. Bryenton, 295.
- Kinsman high three, N. Higgins 709.
- Kygmies—2732—3 points
- Starlights—2806—3 points
- Kinette, high single, M. Sinclair 252.
- Kinette high three, M. Sinclair 627.
- Kinsman high single, J. Sheltoon 248
- Kinsman high three, J. Sheltoon 673.
- Northern Lights 2886—3 points
- Twilights—2851—3 points
- Kinette high single, F. Lord 252
- Kinette high three, F. Lord 656
- Kinsman high single, L. Duffy 311
- Kinsman high three, L. Duffy 778

### GIANT SEALS

Sea leopards are the fastest and strongest of Antarctic seals, and sometimes grow to a length of 15 feet.

The improvements that will appeal to horsemen is the addition of three new transformers and extra lighting all around the track.

The many friends of Don Seaman will be glad to learn that he is recovering nicely from an attack of pneumonia and is expected to leave the hospital next week.

## Lenten Guideposts

Personal Messages of Inspiration and Faith  
Edited by Norman Vincent Peale

### TECHNIQUE FOR MAKING A DECISION

By Roger W. Babson

Harassed by a vexing problem, unable to think and pray over it in proper surroundings, Roger Babson one week day wandered into an open church. Out of this experience grew an effective technique for making good decisions. Mr. Babson, head of the Babson Institute in Wellesley, Mass., is a distinguished author and an outstanding business leader.

I was over 60 years old before I ever sat for a half-hour quietly alone in a church.

For some weeks I had been troubled in making a difficult decision. The problem involved several people, and I wanted to be fair to all as well as myself. It seemed impossible to find an opportunity to think and pray by myself in proper surroundings. At my office the telephone was always ringing, in my home members of my family were running about; it was winter so I could not go out into the woods by myself.

As I was passing a small Episcopal church the thought occurred to me that it might be open. If so, I would go in. The church was open and comfortable. A stream of sunlight poured in through the western windows. I sat down undisturbed in this sanctuary of peace and quiet beauty.

It took a little time for me to get acclimated to these new surroundings; but I soon did. I said a little prayer asking for help in finding a solution to my difficulty. Then I waited.

### The Answer Comes

Gradually the factors in the situation assumed their correct proportion, and the answer began to take shape. I arrived at a clear decision. Better still, there came a confidence and courage to act upon this decision. The whole experience was a revelation to me.

The success of this experience prompted me to tell my story to a group of people in my own church in Wellesley Hills, Mass. For our church was one of the many closed during the week. Then I suggested that it be opened during certain hours to any stranger that might be passing by. The idea struck immediate favour, and a plan was worked out to keep the church open for at least an hour every afternoon and evening.

But interested church members did not stop here. They felt that such benefits should be enjoyed by strangers and church members alike. Thus, it was proposed that laymen and laywomen be charged with the responsibility of opening the church during these hours. In this way 60 or more busy church members would have a chance to spend at least an hour a month in the quiet solitude of the church.

### Leave Other Thoughts Behind

The first step toward profiting from meditation alone in a church is to leave all extraneous thoughts at the door. The church is no place in which to worry. The real purpose of quiet meditation is to clear the mind of these cares, to refresh the soul, and to get into a mental and spiritual state where right solutions will automatically come to us.

When I first enter the church for meditation, it sometimes is from a sense of duty, I feel fidgety and out of place. I am in a hurry to "pay my pence" and go about my business.

But slowly repose and serenity come to me—whether I be in a great cathedral or a humble country-meeting house. This is especially true if the building is historic, but if not I think of the age of the Church for which it stands. The Church is the oldest organization in every community. This thought alone gives me calmness and poise.

I enter thinking of some special man or woman; but I leave thinking of manhood and womanhood. I enter thinking of specific things like a product or house; but I leave thinking of an industry or home. The Church teaches me to think more of the larger things and less of the unimportant things.

### A Broader Horizon

Meditation in a church broadens my horizon and makes me think of others in an unselfish and constructive way.

One friend of mine, who has kept our church open for an hour each month for years now, has had but one caller. This caller—although a stranger—happened to work in the same factory with my friend! As a result of this meeting my friend ever since has each day invited to lunch one of the employees of the office in which he worked.

Starting with the office boy, he went through the entire list up to and including the president of the company. This last luncheon was the greatest experience of all. For the president with moist eyes said: "I have been president of this company for twelve years and you are the first of the employees who has ever invited me to lunch. I was so thrilled that I cancelled a luncheon date with two prominent bankers to be your guest."

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inspired to greatly widen his circle of friendships.

### Need To Relax

Jesus went up on a mountain to make his decisions and receive inspiration. Through the ages spiritual power has been much more available under conditions of solitude and quiet. There is no reason why we shouldn't relax and let God talk to us. We have some very busy and able people keeping our church open, and I have never yet heard of anyone who followed the rules and received no benefit.

The truth is that for some as yet inexplicable reason, a vision comes to us when in quietness we go to God for advice and courage and comfort. Not only do we see clearly the right road to follow, but we become capable of better applying our own abilities. In fact, we make full use of our physical and mental powers only when we benefit from God's rays shining down upon us. Only under such conditions should we make important decisions.

And remember this motto: "After man's ways fail, try God's."

MONDAY — You don't need a great church to hold effective religious services. The story of Redcap 42 and the services he conducts at Track 13 in Grand Central Station shows how religion can be taken any place.

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