

# DOWN THE BACK STRETCH



Three young men, David Constable, Davis Campbell and Jackie Ferguson, left for Toronto early this week where they will change their occupations as caretakers of harness horses to caretakers of thoroughbreds (runners). One of them, David Constable, gave great promise as a driver last year and many will remember when he drove April Bud to a win in the classified trot Old Home Week April 20, his miles being in 2:15.45 and 2:12—the latter a new record and tied with similar miles by Patrick Budlong (G. Turner) and Mt. Carroll (F. McAduff) as the fastest mile trotted in the Maritime provinces in 1955. The young men have excellent reputations as caretakers and given more experience would have turned out to be successful race drivers.

They were recommended by Cam McLean, manager of the Co-Op Super Market of this city, to the J.H. Stafford Stable, who operates one of the largest and finest race stables of thoroughbreds in Canada. Mr. McLean who is an ardent race fan and splendid supporter of the sport here, paid the stable a visit last year and there were about 150 horses there, 30 of them racing and they also have brood mares and colts.

At present the racing stable is at the old Woodbine track where the boys will act as groomers and stay with their charges. In about three weeks they expect to move to the new Woodbine track which cost several millions and will be one of the finest in America. Mr. McLean is hoping that the boys will take their new avocation seriously and eventually become trainers themselves as there is a great future in it.

Doug R. Neal, manager of the Saint John Exhibition Association and Saint John Raceway, writes us under date of April 12 that they have been doing extensive work to the track, grading the new surface which was put on last fall. Owing to the lateness of the season it will be early in June before it is perfected and he hopes that it will be seconds faster and be one of the finest ovals in the Maritimes.

Racing will probably get under way about the second of June and later on we will be in a position to give the exact date. About 75 horses are being exercised and brushed daily and within two weeks they expect to increase that number to 100. Six new stables are under construction, four of them practically completed and the other two will be ready by the time racing starts. With this new stabling there should be no congestion and all horses racing at Saint John will have excellent accommodation.

**BIG OFFER**  
If you have the goods you can get the price. Dr. A.B. Thompson, prominent owner and breeder of New York State, has just turned down an offer of \$25,000 for his crack 3-year-old pacer Goldworthy 2, 2:02 4/5, the largest sum believed ever offered for a pacing colt in Central New York.

At Roosevelt Raceway April 4, Goldworthy made his first start of the new harness racing campaign and just toyed with his opposition. Last year as a 2-year-old he took a record of 2:04 at Vernon Downs and in his final race at Lexington,

Ky. raced to a new mark of 2:02 4/5. He now joins the stable of the noted Grand Circuit reinsman, Curly Smart, and is pointed for the \$70,000 Messenger Stake at Roosevelt June 27th.

**CRACKING DOWN**  
New York State Harness Racing Commissioner George P. Monaghan is cracking down hard on reinsmen for infractions of the rules at Roosevelt Raceway. Last week Al Burton was suspended for driving in and crowding another driver. Warren Dennis for swerving back and forth in the stretch in a way to interfere with anyone trying to pass him and Gene Daisy for violation of the rule against jostling, hooking a wheel or otherwise interfering with another sulky driver.

We were a bit surprised to see Warren Dennis being called on the carpet for swerving back and forth in the stretch. He has a great reputation as a driver and should have known better.

Other suspensions just published were Mrs. Alice Knipper, Modesto, Calif., \$25. fine for causing disturbance in a paddock; A. D. Richardson, New Orleans, La., \$10. fine for indiscriminate use of the whip; Joe Clark, Zion, Ill., five days suspension from driving for violation of Rule 18, sec. 1—reining a horse out or sitting down in front of him; take up abruptly all other horses so as to cause confusion or interference among the trailing horses; Glen Hawkins, Springfield, Ill., \$10. fine for violation of Rule 17, sec. 4—refusing to drive when programmed.

We were delighted to have a letter from William B. Murray, Bonnie Brae Farms, Wellington, Ohio, thanking us for our story about Bonnie Brae Farms and their stallion The Widower. Our friend Bill states that the director from District 7, U.S.T.A. are taking up the matter of the care of Ed Geers' race with the state of Tennessee and they expect that arrangements will be made so that the Geers Memorial will always be taken care of in a proper manner. Bill ends with, "We have some top mares here now for breeding, Pleasant Surprise 2, 2:02, Floating Dream 3, 2:00 3/5, Maggie Counsel, dam of Meadow Rice 1:58 1/5, the Miracle 2:05 4/5, Gay One 2:02 1/5, etc. Don Millar has a beautiful Widower filly here from Evana Hanover by Nibble Hanover. The mare also has a nice filly by Tar Heel 1:57."

**VODKA**  
Vodka, the trotting champion of New Zealand, is being given daily jogging or light workouts by his owner-trainer-driver at Roosevelt Raceway. A picture of him appears in last week's Long Island Sunday Press which shows him as a tall, well proportioned, good-looking trotter. Both hind feet are white up nearly half way to the kneejoint. The markings are so similar as to be most unusual.

Somehow we are hoping and probably many others in the Maritimes, that Vodka will fulfill the sanguine expectations of his owner and justify his being brought from the other side of the world to New York to race against the best trotters in America. He will have the handicap of unfamiliarity with the Gate and half mile tracks, but no doubt he will become accustomed to them, at least we hope so.

Continued on Page 7

## MANTLE KNOCKS IN 4 RUNS

# Yankees Trim Boston 7-1; Chisox Still Undefeated

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
New York and Boston, voted most likely to succeed in the American League pennant race, met for the first time this season Friday and the Yankees came off with a 7-1 victory. But Chicago's unbeaten White Sox, also figured in on the flag fight, remained in first place with a three-run rally in the ninth that beat Kansas City 6-3.

Cleveland, the fourth club in the probable pennant picture, won its first by knocking Detroit to a third straight defeat 3-1. And Baltimore in the National League, Roger Craig retired the first 16 men he faced and finished with a four-hitter for a 5-0 Brooklyn victory over Pittsburgh. Chicago Cubs won their first pairing a four-hitter by Sam Jones with a six-run first inning in a 12-1 romp over Cincinnati.

Mickey Mantle drove in four runs, three on his first homer, as New York got the best of Willard Nixon, only pitcher to beat the defending Al champs four times last season. Mantle aggravated a thigh injury—which left him lame for the '55 world

series—in beating out his RBI bunt.  
**HURLER 4-HITTER**  
Whitey Ford was in charge all the way for the Yankees, spinning a four-hitter and striking out six while walking four. The only Boston run came on Milt Bolling's pinch-homer in the sixth. It was Boston's second hit. Both clubs now are 3-1.

Early Wynn permitted a Detroit run in the first on a single, walk, infield out and Harvey Kuenn's sacrifice fly, then shut out Detroit the rest of the way for a five-hitter. The Tribe, which had lost two to Chicago, had six hits off Neil Garver, scoring the winning run in the fifth on Al Smith's single.

A pinch, two-run homer by veteran Ron Northey triggered the White Sox' winning rally off reliever Tom Gorman. Gus Zernial hit an eighth-inning homer to tie it at 3-3 for the As, who won their first two games. The Sox had led until the eighth behind the pitching and hitting of Dick Donovan, who smacked a two-run homer in the fourth. Millard Howell won in relief.

Gus Triandos swatted a two-run homer in the seventh to give Baltimore its first victory. Clint Courtney homered for the Senators off winner Jim Wilson, who gave six hits. Loser Dick Brodowski allowed the same number. Both went the route.

**SHACKLES PIRATES**  
Craig, a 25-year-old righthander, didn't give the Pirates a hit for 6 2-3 innings. Then Frank Thomas doubled. The Dodger youngster struck out eight, fanning six of the first 19 he faced, and walked only one. Junior Gilliam drove in four Brooklyn runs with a two-run homer off starter-loser Dick Hall and a bases-loaded single off Lino Donoso.

**Probable Pitchers**  
NEW YORK (AP)—Probable pitchers in today's major league baseball games (1955 won-lost records in brackets):  
National League  
Brooklyn 002 001 200-5 7 0  
Pittsburgh 000 000 000-0 4 2  
Craig and Campanella; Hall, Face (7) Donoso (7) King (9) and Atwell, Kravitz (7). L-Hall. HRs: Bkn-Gilliam.  
Cincinnati 000 000 001-1 4 2  
Cleveland 001 001 13x-12 18 2  
Chicago Fowler, Jeffcoat (1) Acker (5) Kennedy (7) and Burgess (5) and Landrith, L-Fowler. HRs: Chi-Banks, Irvin.  
New York 000 000 100 0-1 5 2  
Phil 010 000 000 1-2 7 2  
Hearn, Grissom (7), Wilhelm (9), Ridzik (10) and Westrum, Katin (7), Hofman (10), Wehmeier, Meyer (10) and Seminick, W-Meyer, L-Wilhelm. HR: Phil-Greengrass.

**American League**  
Chicago at Kansas City: Fisher (0-0) vs Dittmar (12-12)  
Boston at New York: Susce (9-7) vs Turley (17-13)  
Washington at Baltimore: Stone (6-13) vs Wight (6-9)  
Detroit at Cleveland: Miller (2-1) vs Garcia (11-13)

**Auto Painting**  
If your car or truck requires attention our fully equipped repair and painting departments are ready to serve you.

**Notice**  
**YORK RIFLE CLUB**  
**SHOOT TONIGHT**  
**APRIL 21**

Ernie Banks, who hit 44 home runs last season, got his first of 1956 with a man on base as the Cub slugged Redleg Art Fowler in the first. Monte Irvin also had a two-run homer in the Curbs' 18 hits. Jones, tops in NL strikeouts in '55, fanned nine, including a one-two-three job on Ted Kluszewski. Wally Post and Gus Bell in the fourth inning. He didn't give a hit until Roy McMillan singled in the fifth.

In a night game, Milwaukee played at St. Louis and New York Giants were at Philadelphia.

**No Surprises In Wood Memorial**  
NEW YORK (AP)—There were no surprises Friday as the entry box closed at Jamaica with C. V. Whitney's Head Man and eight other three-year-olds entered in today's \$50,000-added Wood Memorial.

The 1 1/2-mile event is the richest and most important of the eastern three-year-old races preceding the Kentucky Derby. Head Man is expected to be an odds-on choice under the guidance of Eddie Arcaro. Six Wood winners have gone to cop the Derby, and if all nine start the purse will total \$61,500, the winner collecting \$42,900.

Head Man, and Mrs. Lloyd P. Tate's Jean Baptiste, probable second choice, are among the six horses in the field eligible for the Derby gallop May 5 at Louisville.

**Ch'town Bowlers In Third Place**  
SYDNEY (CP)—Harris Wall led the defending champion Moncton quintet to a two-point lead in four rounds of the Maritime C.N.R. bowling championships here Friday.

The aggregation won 14 points of a possible 16, to take a slim lead over Halifax, with a 12-4 record. Charlottetown was in a third-place tie with Edmundston, N. B. Both had 10-6 scores.

**Car Radios**  
We carry a good selection of sets to suit your car.  
All Types Installed and Repaired.  
Drive in our Safety Zone and get prompt attention.

**Body Repairs**  
**Auto Painting**

**CHARLOTTETOWN GOLF CLUB**  
The Golf Club Grounds are closed, until further notice.  
**G. G. WOOD, President.**

# Sports

The Charlottetown Guardian, Saturday, April 21, 1956

## Sports Arena Closes Doors On Active, Successful Year

The Sports Arena closed its doors for the winter season last night with a final skate that was attended by about 400 fans of the blades.

The session brought to a close a successful and active year at the Arena which saw nearly 110,000 people pass through its portal for meets, ice sports and ice shows.

The skating sessions which were held on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings drew 48,815 paid admissions and 25,000 more fans turned up to see the ice show, school sports, skating meets and exhibition hockey games.

The second greatest draw at the Arena was the Island Senior B Hockey League which packed in 35,518 paying customers to watch 40 games. This is an average of nearly 890 per game.

Considering that when the season began even the most ardent supporters of the hockey league believed even the playoffs would do well to draw 1,000 fans the 890 figure is astonishing. The crowds attending the league games were comparatively small in number at the first of the year but picked

up as the season progressed. Attendance reached a climax in the final game of the year when the Parkdale Flyers and St. Dunstan's drew more than 3,000 fans who saw Parkdale win the Island championship.

During the summer extensive improvements will be made to the Arena and when the winter season opens this coming October patrons will be able to enjoy the various activities in even greater comfort.

## Don MacLeod Tops Pre-Season Baseball Poll

In a pre-season poll of coaches and sports writers who cover activity in the Greater Boston Baseball League Charlottetown's Don MacLeod was picked to share honors with a Harvard player as the outstanding player for this coming year and was given a solid vote of confidence to win pitching position on the league's all star team.

Don and John Simourm of Harvard University each picked up 3 votes as the outstanding player and the latter won the nod as the all-star first baseman.

Ed Buckley, who played some baseball for Summerside a couple of years ago, was picked as the other pitcher on the all-stars.

Don is a student of dentistry at Boston University and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacLeod of Charlottetown.

## FOR SERVICE

**A. G. SCOTT**  
"The horse everybody likes"  
Sure Highland Scott 1:59 by Scotland, A. G. Scott is one of the best bred and one of the best race horses raced over Maritime tracks in recent years. He will stand for season of 1956 at East Royalty. Mares will be met by appointment anywhere on Prince Edward Island. For real good colts bred to a real race horse. Outside mares given good care at reasonable rates. Phone Ch'town 7082.  
**SERVICE FEE \$25.00**  
Owned by Letcher Stables, Springhill, N. S.  
Leased by Orwell Morrissey, East Royalty.



## CHAMPION MANAGERS

Rarely caught in a silent mood, Manager Casey Stengel of New York Yankees listens to words of wisdom proffered by Walt Alston, right, manager of the world champion Brooklyn Dodgers, prior to an exhibition game won by Yankees 1-0. Casey may have more wisdom proffered by Walt Alston, to say if the two clubs meet again this year in the World Series.

## To The Public Of Prince Edward Island and Ch'town In Particular

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all of the wonderful people who have attended the Sports Arena during the past year. To all of you whose confidence in us has meant so much, mere words are inadequate to voice our thanks to all of you for your visits here. For you are more than patrons of the Arena—you are friends.

May the memories of the happy times you have enjoyed at the Arena linger on. During the coming summer extensive innovations will be made to the present facilities which we hope will add more to the comfort and enjoyment of you—our friends—in the future.

Sincerely,  
Management and staff of the  
**Sports Arena Ltd.**

## FAIRBANKS-MORSE

Rubber Tired—Ball Bearing TRUCK  
Because we expect trucks to take rough treatment, F-M spares no effort to make them as rugged as possible. The full-traced truck with heavy duty ball bearing wheels illustrated is made of No. 1 grade ash or oak, varnished, with lean parts painted moss green. Available from any of the 16 Fairbanks-Morse branches across Canada.  
1848 Barrington St. in Halifax  
Tel.: 2-6191

# Announcing! TEEN-AGE SAFE DRIVING ROAD-E-O

A National Project Of The Junior Chamber Of Commerce Of Canada In Conjunction With Imperial Oil Ltd., And All Canada Insurance Federation,

-- PURPOSE -- -- AWARDS --  
\* to emphasize importance of Safe-Driving  
\* to awaken interest of Teen-Agers in being Safe-Drivers.  
\* Large number of Prizes and Trophies for local competition.  
\* Local winners of First, Second and Third Place are transported to regional competition in Amherst, N. S.  
\* Regional winners proceed to Ottawa for Dominion Finals where Scholarships of \$1000, \$500 and \$250 are awarded.

Competition to be in new, standard-shift automobiles at . . .  
**CHARLOTTETOWN AIRPORT**  
**on MAY 19th**

**Teen-Agers!** Complete This Entry Blank And Forward RIGHT AWAY to BOX 454, Charlottetown.

Name ..... Sex .....  
Address .....  
School .....  
Licence or Permit No. ....  
Do You Have A Driver's License? .. Permit? ..  
Have You Completed A Driver's Training Course? ..  
Have You Been Guilty Of A Moving Traffic Violation As A Driver Of A Car Within The Last 6 Months? Yes ..... No .....

**To Whom It May Concern:**  
I hereby consent to allow my (son) ..... (daughter) ..... to enter the Teen-Age Safe Driving Road-E-O competition to be held on May 19th and I am in agreement with the answers given.  
Date .....  
Relation to Entrant .....  
Signed .....

New Cars Supplied And This Ad Sponsored by the following "SAFETY-CONSCIOUS" Automobile Dealers:—  
W. G. BARBOUR—Dodge - DeSoto DOWD MOTORS LTD.—Chevrolet - Oldsmobile - Cadillac  
S. R. JOHNSTON—Ford - Monarch ALLISON MacLEOD—Pontiac - Buick  
STEWART MOTORS—Mercury - Meteor - Lincoln  
Watch local newspaper for list of prizes donated by public-spirited firms and citizens. Prizes will be on display in uptown store window within a few days.