

Thousands jam track to see Gold Cup event

It was the climax of another great racing year; sure racing would continue for months, but never again in 1966 would fans see two miles like the fantastic ones put together by Andy's Son. The big horse of the Maritimes paced the half-mile oval in identical times of 2:04.1 as thousands of fans screamed.

But that wasn't the climax. It was only the start; just an excuse for the big event which came when a starry-eyed blonde proudly wearing the Miss Gold Cup and Saucer title soundly and thoroughly kissed the driver of Andy's Son in thanks for bringing her the much sought after crown.

That was the story that Friday night last August as Old Home Week was nearing its end. And it belonged not to the racing came alone, but also to the fantastic Gold Cup and Saucer Parade which had thrilled thousands of people that morning.

During the parade the eight jockeys competing for the Miss Gold Cup and Saucer title were seen by everyone as they paraded through city streets in their convertibles and many of the thousands followed them to the race track that night for another look.

It represented the biggest thrill of a lifetime for vivaciously lovely Rosemary Brown. For weeks she had been thinking and hoping, but so had seven other lovely people. The eight of them formed the select group known each year as the Gold Cup and Saucer Girls. The others were Lorna Vessey, Carol Foster, Patsy Leppin, Paulette Burke, Trudy Callbeck, Veda Waller and Cheryl Paquette.

They had been wined and dined, admired and desired, guests at cocktail parties and house parties, photographed and re-photographed and invited countless places. But the one place all of them wanted to be was in the winner's circle when the great Gold Cup and Saucer Race was over.

That night at the Exhibition Grounds was a typical example of what the race has come to mean to girls and fans, the owners and handlers and drivers and even the horses themselves.

Outside the track the grounds were ablaze with color as the giant midway of Old Home Week was in full swing. Outside the grounds the streets and highways showed a steady procession of people wending their way to the race. Old Home Week is in the blood of Islanders, but the Gold Cup and Saucer race is in the hearts of all Maritimers.

Thousands of them packed the stands and the standing room as they patiently waited through the preliminaries that on any other night would have constituted a top racing show all by itself.

Then suddenly the time had come. A hush settled over the crowd; a bugle note sounded on the night air; the crowd came to its feet as the solemn words of The Island Hymn rang out full of the happiness of Islanders and their promise of patriotism.

Once again it was Gold Cup and Saucer Race time.

BRIGHTON, England (AP)—Rev. David Copeslake, 26, held up a glass phial in his pulpit and told the congregation, "This is Indian hemp (marijuana). I went out and bought it yesterday. It's as easy to get as that." He later refused to tell police where he bought it, saying he wanted to gain the confidence of users, and was charged with possessing narcotics.

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Island veterinarian talks proper nutrition

By DR. H.E. KELLY,
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The statement that Standardbred racing has made great advances in the Maritime Provinces since the advent of night racing cannot be disputed. P.E.I. was one of the main strongholds of Standardbred racing from the time the sport was first introduced into this area. Breeders of animals have always placed a great deal of emphasis on past performance and confirmation on their animals in an attempt to propagate these good points. This is the first necessity in racing horsetelesh.

People who are associated with standardbred horses have also been very interested in nutrition. Unfortunately nutrition of the racehorse and horses in general has been the most neglected study in animal nutrition over the past 30 years. This animal has been classed with agriculture but the farming portion of agriculture has separated it into a class by itself and the general feeling is that standardbred horses are a pleasure and sport animal not an economic resource, resulting in institutions that do research on nutrition not having had the necessary monetary grants to conduct research in this field. Today most of the recommendations for nutrition in horses are arrived at by the association of requirements of other animals plus the limited amount of earlier information available on draft horses and ponies. A person making recommendations has a difficult job that is partially speculative.


Nutrition in the standardbred horse is very important and I feel is neglected quite frequently especially from the time of weaning until the horse is broken and trained. An animal that has suffered from the lack of any or a lot of nutritional requirements until it has reached two years of age can not be expected to perform properly the rest of its life. This rapid growth period is the most important period in any animal in that it is the foundation for what comes later.

Nutrients and nutrition are the usable portions of feedstuffs that an animal uses for body building and energy for work performed. I will attempt to discuss a few of the most important of these.

PROTEIN
The value of protein is determined by its amino acid content and how well this will take care of the horses needs. Some amino acid and protein formation takes place in the caecum and colon of the horse but there is a question of how much use this may be because it is beyond the main absorption area in the small bowel, therefore until these answers are found we do need to feed our horses a high quality protein. Protein which is superior to the protein we feed cattle. The need for protein is much higher in the young animal than the adult and a young foal that will have a heavier mature weight has a need for a higher protein ration. As an ex-

ample a foal of 200 lbs. which would have a mature weight of 1,000 lbs. should have a total protein requirement in the feed of 18 per cent. If this animal was expected to be 1200 lbs. when mature the total protein requirement would be 21 per cent. If this animal were 400 lbs. live weight the total protein requirement would drop to 11 per cent and 12.5, respectively. I have mentioned these figures to show that there is a difference as to the protein requirement. In practice protein levels of grain or concentrate portion of the ration are the ones given. The following are the recommended levels for Standardbred horses.
(a) From birth to weaning 18 per cent protein;
(b) From weaning to training 14 per cent protein;
(c) During training and racing 14 per cent protein.
The other feed that the animal takes such as milk while nursing and hay or pasture after weaning do adjust the total protein very close to the total protein requirements mentioned previously.
VITAMINS
It is not known which vitamins and in what amount should be added to a horse's ration. There is no danger in adding vitamins at a modest level and vitamin mixtures, with recommended levels are available. It may be true that part of the money used for this purpose is wasted but it is good insurance to be safe and add them. Vitamins will increase the cost of feed very little.
VITAMIN A
Vitamin A and its precursors carotenoids, are found in plants. Any animal on good pasture does not need any added to the feed but the race horse that is Continued on Page 3

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