

Back Stretch

times - - in what was said to be the largest transaction involving standard-bred horses so far in Louisiana was the sale two weeks ago of four head at Magnolia Park near New Orleans. The buyer was a new patron, Wilbur Martinez of LaFayette, La., into the racing picture. In addition to the four stars others will be purchased at Harrisburg by the well-known trainer Ike Bailey. Interesting to Marltrimers is that one of the four was Lucky Scheel, a brown horse 3, 2.10, by Dusty over horse 3, 2.10, Miss Marrow G., which has been raced under the ownership of Dr. George Bishop of Charlotte, N. C. Dr. Bishop, as our readers know, is located with Dr. Hagyard, Davidson and McGee at Lexington, and he picked up a good one and sold him for a big price.

The Swedish horseman, Olof Walenrus of Stockholm, was one of the active buyers at the yearling sales held in Lexington some weeks ago. He purchased six yearlings that cost him \$21,700. Mr. Walenrus says that harness racing is going to be one of the most popular sports in Sweden and that he expects to be back next year for a much larger contingent.

One of the top breeders in the United States, a man whose success is based on his ability to pick the right blood lines that will nick, is Charles W. Phellis of Greenwich, Conn. This year he won the Governor's Cup with Althea 201 2/5. Her dam is Lura Hanover by Spencer Scott 1.57 3/4 owned by Mr. Phellis, and she won the Hambletonian in 1949.

Forty-six years ago Thomas W. Murphy turned in one of the great driving achievements of the sport when he won with the 2-year-old filly Native Belle at Lexington in 2:07 3/4. She was the first 2-year-old to win in 2:10, which is the present standard of speed by which top colts are judged. Murphy is now in his 73rd year, and although many years retired as a driver, he still takes an interest in harness racing and advises Leonard J. Buck, proprietor of Allwood Stables, Far Hills, N. J., on colts to purchase. One of them is Kimberley Kid 3, 1.59 4/5, one of the world's leading money winners.

Edwin Keller in Hoof Prints has the following regarding one of the recent races at Lexington, Ky., where Joe O'Brien was a catch driver - Few greater ex-amples of race driving have ever been seen than that of Joe O'Brien, the 37-year-old reinsman from Alberton, Prince Edward Island. Handed the mount back of the 2-year-old free-legged pacer Billy Stet, from the stable of Frank Erwin and owned by J. D. Owen, Houston, Tex., Harry Healey won 28 two-minute rides, 20 of them behind the world's champion trotter, Greyhound, Ervin, aged 50, and the only active driver among the top five, has taken seven two-minute rides this year, the same number as Joe O'Brien, Shafter, California, reinsman, who is in 13th place in the all-time sweepstakes with 15. Training Ervin among the active two-minute drivers is Del Miller, Meadow Lands, Pa., who is tied for sixth place with 23. Harry Fitzpatrick and Harry Pownall each have 21. Tom Berry 19 and Wayne Smart 15. Fourth place in the all-time standings is held by the late Harry Healey with 28 two-minute rides, 20 of them behind the fabled Dan Patch. The late Dr. H. M. Marshall is fifth with 24.

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old S. Sorenson, formerly of New Glasgow, P.E.I., and now living in Fairview, N. S. - - "I am writing you as a reader of the Back Stretch and a former resident of the Fair Isle. I have been attending the races on the North Commons, Halifax, and have made the acquaintance of many very fine sportsmen, including Roy Kidney. I have seen him race and think he has a lot on the ball with horses and is a very clear driver and seems to be able to get a lot out of a horse. I liked his driving with Baron, a very popular horse here. Also at Amherst on August 4, 1948, he drove Harold L. Gratton, a bad actor that he paid \$50 for. He told me he won the 30 class \$1,000 stake with this outlaw in three straight heats with 11 horses in the field." (That was his only start that season).

"I have followed him with that grand old pacer Kerwin Hanover 2:14 1/5. In his four starts this year he finished and I have never seen him pace as fast in his life as at Bridgewater Exhibition. He was 1-1, both heats in 2:16 in a field of nine horses. In Class A on the Commons he was 2-1-1. In his next race due to an accident he was 5-5-4 and last Saturday he was 1-1-1. I think Roy is one of the immortals of the game, he used to ride the runners at the old Halifax track and spent some time with them at Woodbine. He was sent there by Frank Adams of this city and he could boot home a pretty fair thoroughbred. I think we should take our hats off to him for the humane way that he destroyed that grand old trotter Heatherbell 2:08 1/4 and Hal Britton 2:09 to save them from further abuse. Wishing you all the health in the world."

From Jim Harrison, Columbus, Ohio, we have the following: Frank Ervin, veteran Aiken, S. C. reinsman, has moved into second place on the roster of drivers of two-minute harness horses, marking the first change in the standing of the top two since 1938. Ervin's time trial mix in 1:58 and 1:59 behind Parker Byrd and Phantom Lady at Lexington, Ky., recently, increased his lifetime total to 37, two more than Thomas W. Murphy with whom he had been tied for second. The leader is the late Sep Palin, who drove two-minute miles, 24 of them behind the world's champion trotter, Greyhound, Ervin, aged 50, and the only active driver among the top five, has taken seven two-minute rides this year, the same number as Joe O'Brien, Shafter, California, reinsman, who is in 13th place in the all-time sweepstakes with 15. Training Ervin among the active two-minute drivers is Del Miller, Meadow Lands, Pa., who is tied for sixth place with 23. Harry Fitzpatrick and Harry Pownall each have 21. Tom Berry 19 and Wayne Smart 15. Fourth place in the all-time standings is held by the late Harry Healey with 28 two-minute rides, 20 of them behind the fabled Dan Patch. The late Dr. H. M. Marshall is fifth with 24.

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year-olds and 4-year-old for years and it has been one of the most potent means of developing many of our best trotters and pacers. There is no question but it has played the largest part in encouraging owners to keep good brood mares and to breed them to the several good stallions which we have here. Prince Edward Island in respect to the breeding and development of colts has been very well named the "Kentucky of Canada" and that is a reputation we don't want to lose. You only have to look over the summaries of Maritime races and those in nearby Maine to see horses raised and developed here winning a good share of the purse money. The Association has been fortunate to have at its head Dr. R. F. Seaman, President, and W. G. Gillespie, Secretary-Treasurer. These two men and their board of directors work untriflingly in the interests of futurity racing and it is up to other horsemen to support them to the fullest extent.

As usual Maritimers were among the buyers at the Standardbred Horse Sales held in Harrisburg, Pa., this week. There were over 1000 horses consigned, everything from yearlings to aged trotters and pacers. The yearlings were mostly from Hanover Shoe Farms and it was expected that some of them would bring very high prices, particularly a filly full sister to Butch Hanover 2, 2:02 2/5, owned by Sol Camp, that Joe O'Brien drove to that record at Lexington. Some information has come through from Roy Bevan as to the buyers - - Jim Ferguson, the live wire of the Sydney race track who bought half a dozen pacers at Richelleu sale recently, has fortified that circuit with some more for himself and others. They include Judge Morris 2:09 2/5 a trotter by Nibble Hanover 1.58 3/4, dam Lady Zombell 2:09 1/2. The catalogue states that he is a much faster horse than his record shows and has been timed in 2:07 in several races and has the best of manners - - Black Majesty 2:05 3/5 is a 9-year-old pacer by His Majesty 1.59 3/4, dam Oneida Strathmore 2:03. She is the dam of four others in 2:05. He is a black stallion and his lifetime winnings over \$28,000. Looks like a valuable stock horse when racing.

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HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

OPEN SEASON ON FUR BEARING ANIMALS

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P. J. Cadejan, Glace Bay, bought Trot Master 3, 2:08 1/5, a black pacer colt by Brown Prince 4, 2:00, dam Sally R. Abbe 3, 2:11 3/4. She is the dam of four with records better than 2:10. He was raced through the Illinois circuit last year and this year started at 18 fairs including mile tracks Springfield and DuQuoin and has been out of the money only once in two years. Has been separately timed in 2:04 this year and is a 2.24 class pacer for 1955. Looks like the real goods - - Garth Truxax 2:09 4/5 is a 4-year-old trotter, brown stallion by Traxax 3, 2:02 1/2, dam Caroline Wyatt 2:06 1/4, a sister to General Douglas 2:01 1/2. He is a sound, good-mannered trotter eligible to the 2:19 class.

Heber Sweeney was the buyer of Mighty Boy with the following records on half-mile tracks: pacer 2:02 3/5, t. 3, 2:09 3/5. He is a 9-year-old bay horse by the world's greatest sire, Volomite 3, 2:03 1/4, and his dam is Arion Girl 2:02 1/2, dam of three in the 2:05 list. He has been in Earle Avery's stable for a couple of years and at time of sale was racing at Yonkers. His pacer record was taken last year. He is an exceptionally well-bred horse and should make a valuable stallion - - Len O'Meara was the buyer for Mrs. Mustacalis of Impact 2:05, a 7-year-old pacer stallion by Chief Counsel 3, 1:57 3/4, dam Hollywood Donna p. 2:05, dam of three in 2:05. There were no particulars given re his racing record at Lexington. Some information has come through from Roy Bevan as to the buyers - - Jim Ferguson, the live wire of the Sydney race track who bought half a dozen pacers at Richelleu sale recently, has fortified that circuit with some more for himself and others. They include Judge Morris 2:09 2/5 a trotter by Nibble Hanover 1.58 3/4, dam Lady Zombell 2:09 1/2. The catalogue states that he is a much faster horse than his record shows and has been timed in 2:07 in several races and has the best of manners - - Black Majesty 2:05 3/5 is a 9-year-old pacer by His Majesty 1.59 3/4, dam Oneida Strathmore 2:03. She is the dam of four others in 2:05. He is a black stallion and his lifetime winnings over \$28,000. Looks like a valuable stock horse when racing.

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Hunter's Corner

bers would be printed in the spaces and a 'player' would be handed a pencil and with eyes closed repeat, "Tit tat toe, where ere I go if I shall miss I pitch upon this." The player would then bring the point of the pencil down hoping it would be on a high number instead of missing the circle altogether. That's what Hun shooting boils down to in a 40 mile per hour wind.

Huns and pheasants are prime game birds at the moment. Single Huns rocketing from alder swales look almost as big as Ruffed grouse and act like grouse at times. A 16 or 17 ounce bird makes for a hefty haul.

The rabbit season opens on Monday, November 15, and despite the all time record number of foxes we have with us, the prospects for top bunny hunting are extremely bright. The sharp frosts of the past week will tend to put rabbits in prime condition. There are some who would like to see the rabbit season open on November 1st as formerly but there is no comparison in the table qualities of the month and one taken on the fifteenth, especially with the sharp weather we have been experiencing this past week. I saw a rabbit in mid week that was nearly half white.

In swamps, where the little Princess Tina, owned by Mrs. A. Langille, Union Mills was the winner, with Ramona Chips 2; time, 2:17 2/5. Dash No. 3 was won by Hero's Child, W. B. Nevils, Harland, with Tim Oshanko 2; time 2:22. In the 4th and 8th dashes Scott Cash was a double winner with Cedric Hanover placing second both trips. Time, 2:17 4/5, 2:20 2/5. Scott Cash is owned by L. Barrieau, Lakeburn, N. B. Dash No. 5 was won by Roxy Mae, J. Monteth, St. John, 2:25. Dash No. 7 was won by Mr. Carroll, N. Ginson, Mars Hill, Me., with Pure Gold 2; time, 2:21. In the 9th dash Panama Chief, A. Langille, Union Mills, was the winner with Peter Lee Brewer 2nd; time, 2:17.

The death of T. Gordon Ives this week was a great shock to his many friends throughout the Province. Gordon was a very likable man and a very obliging one. The writer has known him quite well for many years and our first acquaintance was when he was managing the Montague race track. This he did for several years and all the meetings that we attended there were well put on and greatly enjoyed. Gordon had a flair for fast horses and owned several and one or two of them raced in the stable of the late Jack Irving. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family in their sad loss.

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speedsters with the powder puff tails have been quite scarce this last few years, I have observed deep trodden runways in the mossy turf . . . promising rabbit signs. Rabbit hunting is a sport all its own. No bleak marsh or shoreline stretching into the distance with a Norwester bouncing hail pellets off ones chin with a tantalizing skein of geese or ducks on a far skyline. Or climbing fences and crossing endless stubble fields as one heads onward at days end with burning heels and legs that feel as if they are about to part from the hip sockets. As one Yankee hunter I initiated into the thrills of Hungarian partridge hunting remarked: "You build your fences awful high coming on night." More truth than poetry in that.

One doesn't require gale force winds with snow squalls to assure good rabbit hunting. There is something both soothing and relaxing to stand on a wood road meandering through a swamp with a bright winter sun blending clean white snow and dark green spruce into a picture of perfect harmony. There is something unforgettable in watching a woodland crossing with the tang of spruce in ones nostrils and the sweet chimes of the beagles ringing in ones ears. Combine this with the feeling of expectancy one has that a white wraith may any moment cross the opening in front with a noiseless speed that makes the hunter wonder, if he misses, whether he fired at a target or a mirage.

It's good to see the lowly bunny coming back in such encouraging numbers. One wonders how many manage to survive let alone make a comeback. After all is said and done its the field mice on which Brer Fox depends upon chiefly for his meat ration. Nevertheless, he's an opportunist and will take what comes his way in fur, fish or feathers. In reality it was the introduction of skunks and racoons to this garden province that really upset Nature's balance. We'd have more waterfowl, Huns, grouse and pheasants if skunks and coons had never set foot on Island soil.

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Says AL Missed Boat In Picking Kansas City

NEW YORK (AP)—Bill Veeck left for Chicago Thursday, declaring the American League had missed the boat in picking Kansas City over Los Angeles as a site for the franchise of the Philadelphia As.

Veeck, former Cleveland and St. Louis owner in the junior circuit, said the American League will be sorry for passing up a golden opportunity.

"Conrad Hilton and an associate, representing enough money to pur-

chase the entire American League, wanted to buy the Athletics if they could get permission to shift them to Los Angeles. This deal was blocked," Veeck declared.

Hilton's name did not figure publicly in any dealings for the Athletics and the Mack family said several times the offer to move to Kansas City by Arnold Johnson was the only solid money one received, except for a local syndicate which was rebuffed.

ALBERTA MP DIES

VERMILION, Alta. (CP)—Robert Fai, 63, Social Credit member of the House of Commons for Battle River-Camrose for the last 19 years, died Thursday following a lengthy illness. He was born in Keokuk in County Mayo, Ireland.

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