

### Hunter's Corner

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 fair. Over one thousand delegates were in attendance. Some 400 were Canadian representatives including 25 from the Maritime Provinces. A delegate from Mexico was also present. It was an eye opener to learn of the pressing and varied problems confronted by our sister provinces of Canada and the States to the south of us. We are beginning to realize that many of our problems interlocked and are to be solved only by co-operation by all the provinces and States concerned.

Each Province and State also have individual problems and headaches the remedy, if one can be found, has to be worked out by themselves. I talked to a biologist from Pennsylvania. The following is a condensation in brief of what he told me: "We should have acted on our deer problem 15 years ago without waiting for public opinion to be formed. The suggested remedy to open the season was as well as bucks. We are too late starting. The deer ate themselves out of house and home and we have lost our position as one of the deer states. Instead of an annual kill of one hundred and ten thousand we have dropped to one yearly take of forty thousand and we'll never recover it in my lifetime."

It was quite natural to inquire why this should be the penalty of delayed action. The explanation was quite simple. The deer had become so numerous they had consumed 90 per cent of the young growth and saplings on their range and had stripped the taller growth of branches as far up as they could reach - approximately 5 feet. This was a disaster. The deer had become so numerous they had consumed 90 per cent of the young growth and saplings on their range and had stripped the taller growth of branches as far up as they could reach - approximately 5 feet.

Nature moves in a mysterious way at times and often an advantage may have extremely beneficial results. In other instances, our introduced skunk and raccoon for example have thrown a sizeable monkey wrench into Nature's original plans for this Province. Both species are inclined to dig out of hand in rich agricultural areas with disastrous result in both the wildlife and farming realm. In the western provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, myriads of flocks of maharads have decided they don't want a diet high in proteins and what could be better than wheat, barley and oats. The sad part of it is the farmer has to foot the bill and is squawking louder than the ducks. U. S. wildlife men at the Conference complained, in a joking way of course, that our Canadian ducks have taught their local ducks the same bad habit and the "Farmer's Lament" is now heard in the States to the south.

The crying need of water was stressed by all participants in the delegates from the United States. Water levels are dropping at an alarming rate. The suggested remedy is storing the water at its source by the construction of dams and reservoirs. Leaving it to the heaven is not good enough in this age of change and advancement. It was very evident at the series of wildlife conferences in Montreal that "Co-operation", a word used quite glibly up until four or five years ago but with no thought of doing anything about it, is now being really being put into effect. The atmosphere in the sessions just concluded speaks volumes for the future welfare of our wildlife and also for us humans lucky enough to be living on this great North American Continent.

### Praises Drama

VANCOUVER, (CP) - Adjudicator Andre Van Gysengham Thursday night termed as "a most sensitive piece of work" the Vagabond Players' presentation of "Flight into Egypt," third entry in the British Columbia regional trials of the Dominion drama festival.

The adjudicator said the handling of the George Tabori drama was "an example of really careful work."

Population of Venezuela in 1954 was 5,604,000, an increase of 13 per cent from 1950.

### Back Stretch

stables and other appointments are modern and excellent. Levi Harner's and some of the other large stables winter at Bloomsburg and some of the biggest colts stakes in the east are raced at Bloomsburg Fair every year. Don will be in charge of tea head which he expects to race at Saratoga, N. Y. Here are some of the horses that he will race... Janie Kay, a 4-year-old trotter by Balkan Hanover, that took a record of 2:13 last season; Bold Dean, a 3-year-old by Dean Hanover 1:58 1/2; Pagnor, a 3-year-old by Norris Hanover 2:02 1/2; Venus, a 3-year-old by Hoot Mon 2:00; Perfect Hanover 3, 2:09, a 4-year-old pacer by Nibble Hanover 1:58 1/2; Juggernaut 4, 2:05 1/2, a 7-year-old trotter by Bombs Away 2:04 1/2; Hoot's Sister, a 2-year-old trotter by Hoot Mon 2:00 and three others.

Don's training and driving abilities will receive full scope with the above excellently bred trotters and pacers. A modest fortune is represented in the prices paid at auction for them or even the stallion fees for their sires. Friends here who have watched his achievements in the past three seasons will feel confident, we are sure, that Don will do well with this material. We may mention that this stable is noted for the high class equipment such as harness, sulky, coolers, etc., provided for the race horses, and capable grooms to look after them. In a telephone conversation with his parents, Don stated that he liked his new employers very much and that they have done everything they could to make him feel comfortable and at home in his new surroundings. We are always proud to see Maritime drivers gaining new honors in their chosen calling and we can point with pride to many of them. We have always congratulated them in this column when their ability was recognized and it is a pleasure indeed to do the same for Don.

Saratoga Raceway, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., where Don plans to race, is one of the most beautiful and finest equipped harness tracks in the United States. It was there last September, that J. Henry DeWitt won his two pacers, and in conversation with the writer he spoke of the fine reception he received and the pleasure it was to race there. Prominent among the shareholders is Frank L. Wiswall, Honorary Secretary of the United States Trotting Association, and one of the largest shareholders is E. Roland Harriman, whose Arden Homestead stable is so well known.

Stanley Dancer, one of the top drivers in America, has a new method of getting his horses accustomed to the starting gate. At the New Egypt, N. J. track Dancer has 48 horses prepping for the word, and he uses an improvised gate made of bedsprings and an angle iron mounted on a pick up truck. The result is a contrivance similar to the starting gate and we understand that it is giving surprisingly good results. A picture of the horses scoring behind it is shown in the Sunday issue of the New York Times, March 13th.

And here's a letter from Eddie Ryan from Ontario, who was one of our best fox farming helpers from 1922 until he went to World War 2 in 1941. "No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me. There is a fellow here in Acton who is very anxious to know the breeding of a horse named Mighty Sun. I think your friend Joe O'Brien drove him. I think this fellow knows his horses better than he knows his geography as when I told him who and where I would write to find out, he said, 'Where is that, in the West Indies?' If you haven't got this information at hand, Colonel, don't go to any trouble about it as it is just not that important. If you will put it in the Back Stretch I will get it for him, as Buck Davey sends me The Guardian and that is the first thing I read. I was sorry to hear of the death of Johnny Williams. I knew him quite well. Hoping you are in good health and with best regards to yourself and Mr. McLure." Thanks, Eddie, we are awfully glad to hear from you and so will many of your friends here. Mighty Sun 1:58 1/2 is an 8-year-old stallion by Volomite 2:03 1/2 and his dam is Margaret Castleton 1:59 1/2. Margaret was given her record by the daughter of the owner of Walnut Hall Farm. His total winnings are \$63,743.30 and he is owned by the S. A. Camp Stable of Shafter, California, and was driven by Joe O'Brien.

We mentioned in this column recently the culinary exploits of Alvin Brewer of Houlton, Maine, who writes: "I thought it was about time I wrote to thank you for the paper. We had a few of those dinners at the barn this winter and somehow I got elected to do the cooking. Well, they seemed to enjoy them and I didn't kill anyone. We have quite a few horses here

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and a lot of snow. I have six head on the go at present, three of them are by Abner T. Clegg 2:04 1/2, namely, Mr. McGee 2:07, one of the best race horses anyone could wish to own, and we have a 3-year-old brother to him called Prince Edward, that acts real good right now. These two are owned by E. C. Wellington of Monticello. I have also a 4-year-old by Clegg called Lakeside Mity Linn, whose dam is Linn Mite by Volomite 2:03 1/2, formerly owned in your Province. She got a record of 2:11 at Woodbine Raceway last year and is owned by A. B. McGee, Augusta. Another good prospect is Butternut Jake, a 4-year-old that took a record last year of 2:19. Mr. McGee and Harry Bass are the owners.

"There is also a real prospect in a 2-year-old by The Abbot out of a mare by Protector, that has been eight in 22 seconds hooked to sleigh, and the last member of our string is Piper's Dream by Peter Piper, dam, Calumet Emerald. Bob Ryan is jogging his head, Colonel Dan 2:06 1/2, Lusty's Gaily Girl 2:10 1/2 and four green horses, and Bob Simonson has four head. They are Tab Direct 2:13, a very good colt last year, two 2-year-olds and Arnold C. Ralph Stackpole has five head, E. C. Wellington has Prince Edward staked in the \$5,000 Jolly Stake which will be raced in Truro. I hope he is good enough so that I can get down that way. I would like to know how fast they have been racing that stake other years?" To the best of our knowledge this is the first \$5,000 colt stake ever raced in the Maritimes and it would be difficult therefore to give comparison, but you might get a line on the possibilities of the 3-year-olds in the Maritimes by the fact that Bruce's Sister (by Abner T. Clegg) was the fastest of that age, Maritime bred, in 1954-time 2:13 1/2 at Charlottetown, and Bell Banks(3) won in 2:13 1/2 at Moncton, Sept. 6, 1954. We don't want to scare you away, but Jerry's Nightmare as a 3-year-old went in 2:09 at Charlottetown in 1953. The above are all Maritime bred. However, the stake might be won this year in 2:15 or slower, the above were exceptional performances.

One of the great pacers of the long ago, Kinney Direct, is living in retirement on a pleasant farm near Liberty, Kansas. Twenty-five years ago he was driven to his record at Lexington, Ky. Sept. 24, 1930, by Robert Parker, Time, 1:59. He raced for many years throughout the United States and Western Canada and was retired in 1935. He is in excellent health and enjoys wandering over his 20-acre pasture. At night he is fed sparsely ground food of corn, oats, bran, molasses and whole wheat oil meal and this diet has kept him in beautiful condition, looking many years younger than his real age. The days he looks forward to are those when his owner, Mrs. J. B. Reynolds, drives out from her home in Kansas City to visit him. She is the only one who ever gives him sugar and he knows her and remembers her from visit to visit, and the minutes his eyes light on her he comes ambling over for his treat. He was bred in Saskatchewan, and like other great pacers that dominated the 1930's, was by Merry Direct p. 2:06 1/2, dam, Del Kinney by Lous Kinney.

He was range raised and ran about freely over it until his year-old form when he was trained lightly. As a 5-year-old he was a sensation, winning 15 of 16 races and 43 heats. At Milwaukee, Wis., he took a mark of 2:02 1/2. In 1936 he cut it to 2:01 1/2. It was at Lexington, as mentioned previously, that he beat 2:00. His all time record is 92 heats won with earnings of \$25,000. Most of his races were for small sums of money over Canadian tracks. It was when he had reached his top form that he was sold to Mr. B. Reynolds of Kansas. Kinney Direct was retired from racing and has enjoyed that retirement as mentioned above, ever since.

Quebec City Raceway was the scene of some fast miles in 1954. A total of ten pacers and five trotters stepped miles in 2:07 or better. Twenty-one miles were paced and 9 trotted. H. B. Chief 1:58 1/2, a former world's champion gelding in a race, topped them all by pacing ten miles in 2:07 or better, seven of them better than 2:06. Maritime pacer Skelter 2:06 1/2, owned by Bob Brown, Woodstock, N.B., paced in 2:06, and Bay State Pat owned by Andrew Perry, Summerside, P.E.I., paced in 2:06 1/2. Among the trotters that went heats better than 2:07 were Baron Key 2:05 1/2, with three, Vic Song 2, 2:03 1/2 with two, Brewer's Galton 2:00 1/2 with two, Bonnie's

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peted. A 14-year-old girl gave a thrilling exhibition of trick riding with a specially trained Palomino owned by her. She will be featured in many of the greatest shows in the United States the coming season. The Orlando Chamber of Commerce also gave a buffet supper to the horsemen at the Angelbill Hotel. They are a wideawake body of men who make a practice of being friendly to the different organizations that come to their beautiful city. The people there are very friendly and we just might mention one instance, where a man about my own age asked me where I came from and I said, Prince Edward Island. He said, "That's where I buy my turnips. They have the finest turnips I can obtain anywhere." He also bought potatoes from Prince Edward Island and spoke very highly of them.

Great reports are coming out of Pinehurst, N. C., where Earle Avery is training the largest stable that he has ever had. The 2-year-olds from the Clearview Farm Stables of Winthrop, Maine, Meadow Vance, Egyptian Princess and Countess Byrd have caught the fancy of those on the sidelines. Topping the aged list is Hillsota 2:00, winner of \$43,870 last year and all time winner of \$109,581.73. He was the highest priced horse sold in the sale last fall, being in the dispersal of the late William E. Miller stable. It was a splendid tribute to Earle to be selected as the driver of this valuable horse for the coming year.

One thing that always impresses me about these meetings is the very fair viewpoint taken by all the Directors who represent such an enormous extent of territory. The Maritimes are given special leeway where matters come up that could be prejudicial to them. Just an instance of this - where a motion was made by Mr. Emmett Tassi of California, that the presiding judge and two other judges must be members of the U. S. T. A. This would mean a hardship to us in the Maritimes, so we were not included in that regulation. An important rule adopted by the Board will limit the size of starting fields on half-mile tracks to eight, and to ten on mile tracks.

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In a recent column it was stated that at the bingo held in St. Andrews Parish on Mt. Stewart on March the seventh, the door prize of \$25.00 was won by Mr. Lyman Jay, this we regret was an error as the prize was not won by Mr. Jay but by his daughter Miss Lyra Jay. Miss Jay who is one of Mt. Stewart's most popular young ladies has a host of friends all of whom were happy when dame fortune smiled so broadly upon her.

Mr. Joseph S. MacKay of Savage Harbour was a visitor to Charlottetown on Thursday, where he was the guest of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis MacKay.

Master Billy MacIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine MacIntyre, Savage Harbour, is under the weather. It is the wish of all that this bright young chap will make a speedy recovery and thus be able to resume his studies in the very near future.

It is pleasing to note that the condition of Mr. MacLeod Douglas of Mt. Stewart is reported as showing some improvement. Mr. Douglas, a widely known and successful merchant, was stricken suddenly with a heart attack some two weeks ago and since then has been under treatment at his home in Mt. Stewart.

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Signing officers for the Legion of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary of the Bank transactions were appointed; being the President, Comrade Marcellus Goteil and Comrade A. H. Stewart. The question of certain repairs to the Legion Hall was discussed and the Branch Executive will meet during the present week with the Executive of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary to further discuss this matter. The question of membership dues was also discussed and it was decided that the first Monday in April, being the date of the Branch meeting would be the deadline for paying Branch dues. The meeting then adjourned in the usual manner.

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